

**St John the Evangelist & St. Mary's
Windsor & Hantsport
March 20, 2018**

Communications

Emails for every family in larger communities.
More communication with Archdiocese, both Yarmouth & Halifax.
One webpage for the whole parish community with smaller pages for each individual building
One source to send in all announcements via fax, phone, email, text.
We will then turn around and send out the message via newsletter, email, text, etc.
Central communication (e.g. Facebook).

Faith Formation

Better teaching of the faith to attending members.
Teach why women can't be priests.
Teach why abortion is wrong.
Regular adoration needed
Expand the Family Life Program.
Going to Steubenville & other youth events as a bigger group.
Being encouraged to become part of the larger community.
Shared Alpha schedules and envelope collection.
RCIA should be available throughout all communities.
We can still go to church in our smaller communities.
Hospitality.
Faith Formation opportunities.
Must still have youth groups in each community.
Workshops and formation for specific ministries, e.g. Music Leaders, Youth Leaders, Family Life, etc.

Finances

More open information. "What is our financial status?".
Financial committee streamlining.
De-centralization takes away personal loyalty.
Priest should talk more about money.
Fiscal transparency. We should know what's happening with the finances.

Masses

Masses that cater to youth (praise & worship, rock music).
The priests can take turns.
2 Masses, Wednesday (morning & night), Friday, or Mass afternoons or after school
3 main ctrs for Mass: 4PM Sat, 9AM Sun, 11AM Sat(sic), 5PM Sun, Mass most weekends.
If we consolidate Parish, less Masses for Priest.
Draw on strengths of caretakers. (sic)
Half hour drive.
Up to one hour of driving.
For all Valley regions: 1 Sat.eve, + ? in day, Sun. 2 in AM, 1 eve.
1 in Windsor/Hantsport Sun. 9AM. Can't guess for rest of Valley.
Travel for priest should be age and weather dependent.
Some would travel to Kentville, some would travel an hour.
Communications, Family Life (good start), 15-25, Liturgy of Word.
Possible centralized training for altar servers.

Physical Structures

We can't afford all structures.
Keep enough buildings so that no one needs to travel more than 1/2 hour to get to Mass. (x2)
Consolidate churches, pool finance, to reconnect (?) to Faith Formation, less pressure on priest, geographic convenience.

Sacraments

Travel for Sacraments - ask the young people.
Reconciliation 1/2 hour.
Have smaller groups in smaller communities for preparation, then everyone come together for larger celebration.
Expand the Family Life Program.
Include Perpetual Adoration at Parishes.
Would like to see families together, whole families, preparing candidates together, then priest/deacon assess candidates.

Staffing and Volunteers

1 Administration in each Parish, Pastoral assistant.
1 rep. from each community on finance committee & council.
Reconfigure committee structures.
The ability to have paid ministry positions.
Import priests.

What is Working Well

Volunteers
Sunday morning 11AM has people coming together.
Great Confirmation program.
We have new growth of young families.
New learning opportunities.
First Communion students.
Shared Bulletin (x2)
Great Knights of Columbus.
Looking down from choir loft there seems to be larger attendance.
Shared priests is working well.
Lay readers.
Physical building is working.
Jesus is present in St. John's :)