

LIVING STONES LISTENING SESSION

TABLE ONE-SACRAMENTAL CARE

- Atmosphere that is welcoming, familial, relaxed, hospitable (20)
- Active laity: variety of ages, many parishioners participate of both genders/diversity. Many opportunities for the liturgical ministries- at least 20 per liturgy) (8)
- Sacred Space is designed to be inclusive and give feeling that liturgy is about the participants. (3)
- Music enhances prayer and participation. It is uplifting and vibrant and compliments the scripture and community (11)
- Stewardship (time, talent, gifts) is spoken from need and experienced through liturgy, homily, the community and councils. (13)
- The physical building provides space and the opportunity for celebrations of funeral receptions, weddings and all sacraments. (5)
- Sacraments are very celebratory and community centered. (2)
- Sacramental prep allows for relationship building between participants and pastoral team and participants and parish.
- Mass on campus regularly
- Liturgy creates opportunities for community building: variety of /# of ministers, blessing of children, participatory offertory, music ministry. (5)
- Blessing of children at the end of mass.
- Sense of Community (6)
- Treat confirmation as separate sacrament not combined with baptism and 1st communion ☺
- Unique involvement of University students and campus ministers in mass and sacraments. (3)
- Relaxed atmosphere that is focused on the Eucharist
- Would like a greater involvement of High School students at mass
- Continued use of our preparation for marriage (1)
- Would like a greater involvement with other parishes during the confirmation process.
- Proud of our bread looks like bread –not discs-It is made by us (4)
- Proud of our willingness to look at a variety of music choices and style (1)
- Proud of our celebration of liturgy is central to who we are as a parish (4)

TABLE TWO- CATHOLIC FORMATION

- Formation opportunities for all ages (13)
- Campus ministry (11)
- Formation opportunities well communicated via pulpit, bulletin, flyers, web and coordinated with University and Missoula communities. (1)
- Willingness of community to engage and assist in formation (2)
- Liturgy of the Word: gather and egress of children (2)
- Formation woven into or resulting from social gatherings. (11)
- Ability to host searches and retreats (1)
- Small group formation, bible studies

- Support for families for faith formation at home. (1)
- Personal evangelization/invitation (2)
- Recognize on going need for formation
- Programs to welcome others into fuller participation (3)
- Ways to collaborate formation while maintaining individuality of parish: youth, marriage, bible study. (12)
- Increase communication among staffs of local parishes to enhance collaboration.
- We are proud of being a parish that is home to Catholic Campus Ministry (2)
- We are very grateful for Fr. Jeff and his ability to integrate both CCCM and the parish (2)
- We have incredible resources of faith community
- Music ministry is faith formation singing scripture (1)
- Our faith formation facility (new building) (2)
- CCM benefit for vocations (3)
- We wish for small group formation in family groups e.g. Renew (4)
- We wish for DRE and a Religious Education Director leading home and/or church facility-based programs (1)
- We wish parish faith laity ministry would provide formalized training of Vatican 2 documents so our church continues to move forward. (7)
- Wish for baptism prep to be 6 week minimum
- Wish that we focused on protecting God's children without preventing people from participating. (finding a balance with Virtus) (1)

TABLE THREE-DEMOGRAPHICS

- CTK is any area of growth as evidenced by approximately 14% of UM student population is Catholic, growing each of the last 5 years, more infill in University district. Missoula County is growing. (12)
- Factors that contribute to the growth:
- Change in Missoula parishes
- Climate moderate,
- Excellent medical facilities,
- Retirement homes,
- Academic institutions are fiscal engines for communities,
- Outdoor opportunities,
- Welcoming, relaxed community,
- Exodus of young people in rural communities,
- Multi-cultural,
- UM is growing its grad program, students and out of state students,
- People move to pastors they can connect with,
- Jobs in education,
- Medical areas,
- CTK is close to campus,
- Easily accessible to students,
- Notoriety "river runs through" MCT, Authors, Artists, Nobel prize winners,
- Public education very good, private schools (1),

- Good environment to raise children,
- Students who come to the U don't leave,
- Great place to retire-easy access to services,
- Access to an international airport,
- Public transportation is good, bike and pedestrian friendly,
- tele-commuting-home based business.
- Impact of Growth on Parish:
- Need to engage young people and families (13),
- Number of young people/families in parish (4),
- People increase =groups increase (1),
- Means greater use of physical space currently adequate (1),
- As a parish grows larger it becomes easier for individuals to become anonymous (1),
- We need to get better at engaging (7),
- Need for CTK to develop groups as the need arises, provide opportunity to engage each other outside of mass (11),
- Negative impact of lack of parking, college students are not hear year around, U students not strong financial contributors, need for more priests, religious, lay leaders (10),
- Need for economic support (4),
- Recognize and affirm cultural differences and their value.
- Implications:
- Continued opportunities for growth-growth needs new programs (2),
- Young adult opportunities need to grow (2),
- Increased intellectual education of parishioners (5) :
- College enrollment will fluctuate in the future-may go up or down,
- Parish has to be responsive to change.
- College age students are choosing their vocations: marriage-priesthood, religious life (6),
- Many young families moving here with families struggle financially.

TABLE FOUR- STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES

- Large # of households giving nothing (3)
- 70% of total budget from 15% of households (4)
- Offer faith-based money management seminars (3)
- Awareness of economic times AND parish needs.
- Need to grow budget (5)
- Awareness of parish as a "business" >heat, lights, staff (6)
- Parishioners educate parishioners about financial consequences (7)
- Increasing engagement of community will resulting increased giving (33)
- Sign up for automatic withdrawal, names in a drawing for a free gift (t-shirt) (How many parishioners do this?) (1)
- To demonstrate what "your generosity helps with.." break-out expenses the "financial footprint" of parish programs (4)

- How has the giving pattern changed since the campaign? (1)
- How many Christ/Easter giver (count of giving; # of times a giver gives)
- Summer non-giving (3)
- Know that any gift is welcome and appreciated
- More sensitive to the real needs of the parishioners (1)
- Making, giving (passing baskets) more ritualized and formal especially at Christmas and Easter (1)
- Involving children in giving-making giving part of the experience
- Larger patterns of giving over time, geography
- Numbers don't count cash givers (although small)
- Parish has been great about being open with budgets and identifying needs. This is a strength.
- Misconceptions about diocesan support (1)
- Attitude towards giving
- Sharing staff resources for quality educated personnel among parishioners (1)
- Money follows the engaged parish (3)
- Re-examine whether people are really engaged, ownership (1)
- Over long-term, things have not changed that much. There is not good ways to convey urgency of financial crisis. (2)
- After the Bishop gives notice to financially troubles parishes- close parishes that are unable to resolve financial difficulties.
- Some way of encouraging people to give

TABLE FIVE; SOCIAL OUTREACH/SERVICE

- Aid to Needy persons-12 persons a month; bus tickets, rent, food cards etc. (7)
- Martha Ministry-meet weekly-ecumenical. Donate all items, prayer shawls, quilts, hats, toys, mittens, etc. 1,000s of items. (5)
- Habitat for Humanity (campus and parishioners) (2)
- Children's' Watson's Home (campus) (4)
- First Way Pregnancy-Collect items
- Central Street Residents-partners (1)
- Just Faith
- Parish Nursing (6)
- Western Montana Spirituality Development Council (1)
- Aftercare for ex-prisoners
- Poverello Box –collect box at church
- Collaborate in all these areas (30)
- Catholic Campus Ministry (4)
- Mountain Home
- Christmas Giving Tree
- YWCA
- Catholic sponsored low income housing on 3rd St.
- Intercessory Prayer Group by e-mail and website

- What makes this parish unique is the willingness of the parishioners to lend their time and talents to outreach. (2)
- A wish would be to create and/or participate in spiritual growth programs for incarcerated youth (2)

TABLE SIX; EVANGELIZATION

- A. Mass on campus, Kaimin, UC presence etc. (1)
- Intern program (3)
- Theology on tap (5)
- Aid to the needy (2)
- Catholic update
- Provide forum for students to study contemplative Christian values/ethics
- B. Invitation to greet each other at mass
- Suggestion to reach out and invite people/engage i.e. coffee hour (1)
- Mollie; adult Ed @UM Fr. Hogan teaching bible for dummies.
- C. Deanery website of events/activities in parish info giver (1)
- Reach out to divorced-have church come into the modern world, people who feel like they are in conflict with traditional catholic teaching,
- Invitation to students to have home away from home (dinner with parishioners) empower/employ parishioners with gifts of hospitality (5)
- Suggest that bishop be the face of welcoming at the beginning of year (1)
- Address head on difficult and contemporary issues, challenge faith, relevance of gospel today.
- Peace award-acknowledgements break down barriers to connect with other faiths.
- Suggest developing vocational choice/formation for students at UM who are at an age of making these decisions.
- Suggest the return of base commitments to Christ the King Parish e.g. CANA groups, Moms group, Martha Ministry (12)
- Sign language translator at liturgies
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TABLE SEVEN-WHAT ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT AND UNIQUE ASPECTS OF LIFE AT THIS PARISH

- The University we are all unique because we have college students that blend with the rest of the community. We are the home of Catholic Campus Ministry (13)
- Everyone can find a place to participate in the liturgy ex; seeing the youth on the altar (5)
- How the collection is handled. The collection is brought to the altar by the kids'-a baskets with sticks are not used.
- We hold the second Vatican Council Vision here and we have a pastor that embraces it by encouraging full and active participation (9)
- The fact that we have a stewardship council and are working on the engaged church-strength finders (8)
- We are a hospitable church-full of hospitality, greeted at the door when we enter by many. Our pastor is present also.

- We do a god job of embracing diversity, we are a liberal church, We have chosen as a Vatican II church to continue to hold hands at the Our Father, when we hold hands we recognize the living Christ in one another. (6)
- Only parish in Missoula that offers High School and College SEARCH
- College students helping with children's liturgy of the word and youth groups. Ability to connect with age groups (2)
- The paid parish staff is unique in Missoula. The priest can do his spiritual duties. Ex: working with the University students through Catholic Campus ministry. (2)
- We are proud of how many laity people it takes to complete ministry-9 people on the altar, 2 ministers of the table, 2-3 greeters, 3-12 musicians, 4 prayers of the faithful, the writers of the prayers, the bread bakers (4)
- We are unique because Fr. Jeff records his homilies and they are on the website as a podcast channel.
- We are flexible and have changed our CCM to meet the needs of the students this year and will continue to do so.
- We are proud of our facility and its multi-use-cursillos, SEARCH, Mardi Gras, funerals, weddings, religious Ed, prayer groups, Martha ministry. Our facility is named after the Arch Bishop Hunthausen (2)
- Music ministry-anyone can join, divers, psalms,
- Outreach programs
- Traditional and structured but very relaxed, welcoming, for ministers not afraid of messing up, prayers of the faithful, visits are at home
- Wedding preparation- companion couples, retreats, meetings, (1)
- Nursery
- Openness to be involved with other faiths
- Staff involvement; Sr. Doris (1)
- Building is non-distracting, drawn to the altar and the body of Christ (us)!