

Sacred Heart, Poplar Bluff

Synod of Synodality Questionnaire Summary

What Signs of Holiness do you see in our parish life and in your own life?

1. People praying together
2. Adding more prayer to daily life
3. We have a Father that brings a feeling of welcome to his congregation. Father Daniel is loving to all he comes in contact with and displays his love for Christ.
4. My family recognizes our blessings daily. God blesses us continuously.
5. Holiness is centered on the Eucharist. The hidden Lord in the tabernacle. When the votive candle is lit beside the tabernacle, I am home.
6. Personally, holiness is fostered through much prayer and being honest with God.
7. You are very passionate about God and it shows. You lift everyone up.
8. Praying rosary before mass.
9. My envelopes for St. Vincent De Paul and the St. Vincent De Paul food pantry.
10. People giving of their time and talents.
11. Fostering events to support others in holiness.
12. A desire that needs a push.
13. Parishioners are generous when the less fortunate need help.
14. I feel our parish home has grown in all ways with our parish family. Do we need more? Yes! But having Fr. Daniel has changed the atmosphere and the presence of God in our lives. It has most definitely in me.
15. The number one thing in holiness in our parish life is the St. Vincent de Paul Society and Thrift Shop. I have tried to avoid adding material possessions, been more financially generous, and tried to avoid being judgmental
16. Adoration is well attended. People are coming back to the Church after Covid. The parish continues to support St. Vincent de Paul. Plenty of volunteers for parish projects, several prayer groups in the parish.
17. Fr. Daniel is always available for needs. He fosters the spiritual life of all age groups.
18. I see parishioners reaching out to one another. Making people feel welcome to attend.
19. Eucharistic Adoration, Parish Mission events such as the recent presentation by Tim Francis. I work toward holiness by receiving the sacraments, adoration hour, evening rosary, and prayer.
20. It seems holiness has returned to the parishioners, I especially see it in mass.
21. Our priests and deacons exude holiness. Fr. Daniel works diligently to offer activities to strengthen our relationship with God and each other. By their example, I have been encouraged to become a better Catholic.
22. Holiness is obvious in our clergy, deacons, and nuns. The homilies and real life examples help to bring holiness into our daily lives
23. Participation in Adoration, Rosary before Mass, people in line for Confession, volunteers at Knights of Columbus activities, St. Anne's Funeral Dinner, refreshments at church functions.

24. Reverence and prayer before mass.
25. I see holiness in our parish life when I visit adoration. I feel like each day is a continuous prayers/conversation with Jesus.
26. I see in Church everyone smiling and greeting one another which shows their holiness and respect for the church and its members
27. We have Lenten retreats and the Church invites speakers to motivate us or enlighten us deeper in our faith.
28. The prayer groups that meet. The dedication of many parishioners. Good deeds that are performed
29. I see holiness in our pastor. In my life, I see holiness in reading my Bible daily
30. Parishioners donating weekends to repair church. Teenagers attending Stations of the Cross, children at adoration, Father visiting hospitalized parishioners, Deacon Nick sharing lives of Saints, parishioners opening homes to scripture study
31. Father Daniel makes the mass more engaging.
32. Church feels like my spiritual home
33. I see many working to help the poor and needy.
34. Holiness in adoration. Father giving the road map to holiness to the congregation
35. Priest's involvement with parishioners. Homilies always stressing kindness and forgiveness
36. Inviting speakers to educate, motivate and encourage. I have been going to mass often and doing regular confessions

What can we do to better encourage and help foster holiness in our parish?

1. Sharing more time together and then doing the same with others.
2. Somehow, give Father Daniel more time to sit down with his people for private conversations to better know his people.
3. Have a greater emphasis on the liturgy of the Eucharist. It should be the focus point of the Holy Mass. No need to rush through it. I attend mass for the Eucharist, Our Lord made present, and to consume him.
4. Please don't forget, not all people are on Facebook. Missed communal penance service because it was not posted in bulletin and not mentioned at mass.
5. Utilize any seminarian or deacon or young adult to help get the younger members (Jr. High/ High Schoolers) to be more active
6. Bible Study Group.
7. Doing a good job now.
8. Continue to spread the works of our Church and to participate in the extra activities that harbor different emotions and openness of one's heart and life to God. Parish Picnic, Movies on the grounds, parish retreats.

9. We need to have regular Sunday instruction as to the "why" and "how" of our beliefs. Knowledge of the first three centuries of the church are absent.
10. For holiness to improve we need better and correct communication our of parish office so the congregation knows what's happening
11. More priests, it is hard to foster when one priest is split up between parishes. I worry about priests' wellness when stretched so far.
12. Activities for young adults. Better communication when dealing with religious education between those who attend Catholic School and those attending PSR
13. Show kindness and mercy to others, especially those in our parish and strive to have more events to learn more about our faith and bring us closer to Jesus.
14. I think with what has already happened it will continue.
15. I believe the involvement of all groups has already fostered holiness. Attendance seems to be up, and parishioners feel that they are more a part of the community.
16. Nurture the connection with the Hispanic families. Remind them of time, treasure, and talents as ways to help parish
17. Help parishioners in need, because we don't know if they are sick, or stopped coming to mass. Some people don't volunteer. One group talked badly about others.
18. An article in the bulletin in each week of a Eucharistic miracle or a person's individual story of coming to the true faith.
19. Continue building meaningful relationships with parishioners.
20. I would encourage a full Church at every mass.
21. The Church is closed when there is no mass or adoration. I know this is for security reasons. Is it possible to leave he church open during the day for people to just pray and be in the Lords presence. We can have a security camera to make sure it remains safe
22. Invite people to special services; i.e. Lenten retreat
23. Some daytime activities, Bible studies, etc. Some can't drive at night
24. Help teens feel welcome. Bring back apologetics course.
25. Already achieving that with classes and speakers
26. Lead by example.
27. Eucharistic Adoration. More adult and young adult education. Encouraging small group scripture studies.
28. Inform people about classes on the faith.
29. Consecrate Russia to fulfill Our Lady of Fatima's Request
30. Annual or quarterly act of mercy/charity work: cleaning, picking up trash, visiting nursing homes, sponsoring free hot meal for poor community