

## Parish Questionnaire

In an effort to understand why people attend Mass, attend Mass infrequently, or go elsewhere to be spiritually nurtured, we are in need of your help. Please take a few minutes to answer the following questions:

Please place an 'X' in the appropriate categories:

Gender =  Male  Female

Age =  Under 20  20-35  36-50  51-65  Over 65

Catholic =  Lifelong  Convert  How many years?

1. I attend Mass:  Every week  Almost every week  Once or twice a month  Seldom
2. I attend Mass because...
3. Have you ever stopped going to Mass for any length of time?  Yes  No
  - a. I stopped because...
  - b. I returned because...
4. What does the Eucharist mean to you?
5. Do you have family members or close friends who no longer attend Mass or attend Mass infrequently?  
 Yes  No
  - a. If yes, why?
  - b. Do they go elsewhere to be spiritually nurtured?  Yes  No
  - c. What attracts them to this place?
6. Is there anything that you think we, St. Mary's Parish, could be doing to be a more inviting / welcoming community? If so, what?

***Please use the back of this sheet for additional comments.***

*Please return completed questionnaire by placing it in the collection basket **by January 27**. You can also mail it to the Parish Office (Attn: Parish Questionnaire – 601 Jennings Rd., Van Wert, OH 45891). The questionnaire is also available on our website –[www.stmarysvanwert.com](http://www.stmarysvanwert.com).*

*Your Pastoral Council and Parish Staff thank you for your help and prayerful support. If you would like to talk further about any of these questions, please feel free to contact a member of Pastoral Council or Fr. Mike. We welcome your insight.*