

# St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church

## Master Plan Questionnaire Responses (Summarized)

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### 343 Total Responses

Age:	13-20	21-30	31-40	41-50	51-60	61-70	71+	Totals
Visitors	0	3	2	5	5	7	2	9%
Parishioners	13	8	28	48	53	64	28	91%
Coordinators	0	0	2	5	0	4	1	5%
School Parents*	0	0	8	7	1	0	0	6%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>13%</b>	

\* A separate survey was sent to all school parents.

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### 1. What kind of image should STMM project to our community?

STMM should project a visibly Catholic, more attractive, and vibrant image with better gardens. A family friendly image underscoring the value of our parish children through unity between the church and the school. Integrity, leadership, generosity, good citizenship, charity, kindness, understanding, loving, compassion, spiritual, active

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### 2. What are the greatest strengths STMM has that should be considered in planning for our growth?

The excitement and vitality of our dedicated priests have brought back parishioners and new families. Our pastors do a great job of relating the sermons to daily life and it is impacting our parishioners. A diversified parish family with many ministries and great physical facilities – specifically a strong Knights of Columbus council, a chapel available for daily Eucharistic Adoration, religious education classes, and a growing school.

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### 3. What aspect(s) of our current facilities most restrict the fellowship, ministries, worship, or education of the church?

We do not have enough space for meeting rooms or proper facilities for many of our parish ministries which is restricting our ability to offer more opportunities for fellowship, religious education, retreats, and evangelization. The Family Life Center needs updating and we lack a large gathering space such as a gym. Church areas should be enlarged and improved - Narthex, worship area, sound system, lighting, & a needed sacarium. The campus flow is disconnected with inadequate parking and signage and difficult to navigate. Access and usability for handicapped and elderly needs to be improved.

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### 4. What do you believe to be STMM's greatest need at this time?

General Needs:

We need a Spanish speaking priest and staff, more Masses in Spanish, and more overall Hispanic involvement. STMM should be more welcoming to new talents and have more opportunities to involve young families.

Facility Needs:

We need better outside lighting, more nursery availability, a new sound system, upgraded restrooms, a gift store, more space, bigger school, Tabernacle in the church, another fully equipped kitchen, bigger cry room, a choir room, and easier access for the elderly.

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### 5. What facilities at other parishes that you have seen or attended in the past did you like?

*"You need women involved who can create a beautiful church."*

Building / Space	Church	City / Location
Outside area with patron saint	St. Jude	Pharr, Tx
Child facilities	Humble Area First Baptist	Humble
Gift shop	Holy Name Catholic Church	Houston
Burial niches around garden area	St. Mark the Evangelist	Plano, Tx
Whole campus	St. Michael	Cary, N.C.
Education Building	St. Ignatius Loyola	Cypress, Tx
Dedicated music room for practice and Pre-Mass preparation	St. Pius X	Lafayette., La.
Choir room	St. Anne	Houston
Gym	St. Vincent DePaul	Houston

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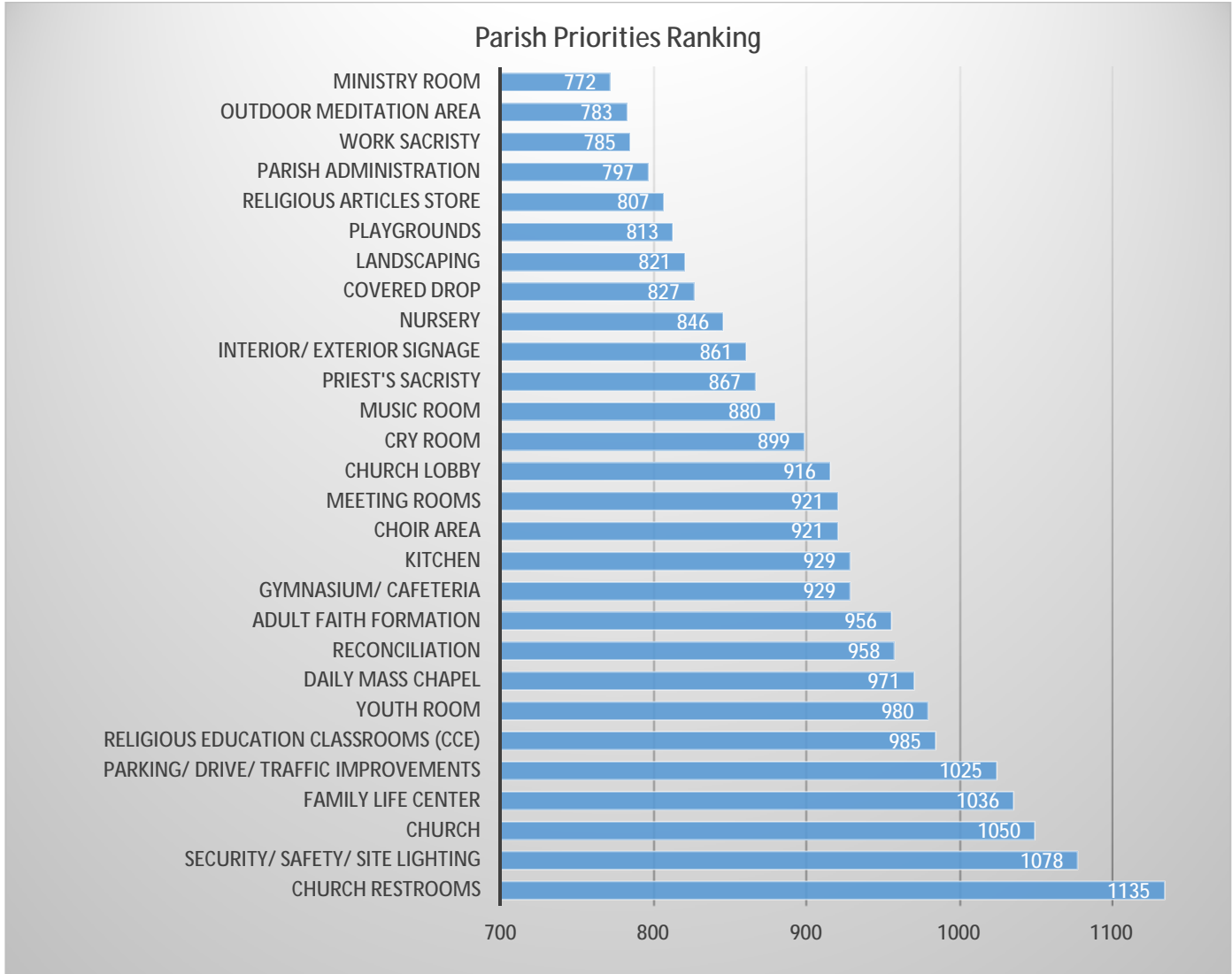
**6. What do you believe to be STMMCS's greatest need at this time?**

STMMCS should place more emphasis on writing, provide affordable day care, and youth counseling.

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**7. Please circle the number that best indicates your priority level (1-5) for improvements to, or addition of, these building areas in the Master Plan.**

(Calculations based sum of responses)



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**8. What are your dreams for the use of the STMM Parish property?**

We need more space for worship, catechesis, meeting spaces, a gym, activity center, larger admin offices, more restrooms, bride's room, additional confessionals, and playfields.

I would love to have a walkway with the Stations of the Cross outside.

I would like the areas remodeled or constructed to be multi-purposed such as a gym with meeting rooms all the way around with a kitchen to sell concessions.

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**9. Additional Comments:**

Provide a tour and access for parishioners to see all of the facilities.

We need more involvement and younger leaders. Make it welcoming and comfortable for our youth.

Please consider making available direct funds transfer for weekly donations.

Improve parking and traffic flow.

I would like to see a community hall available for private use for a fee.

I would like to see more times available for reconciliation.

Thank you Father Felix and Staff. Outstanding job!!! Thanks for offering all a chance to share ideas.