

QUESTION ONE

What do you like best about our parish and what makes you continue to come back?

- Knights of Columbus, children's friends, friends
- Likes cross & baptismal font
- Alive, vibrant atmosphere. The school adds a lot. Sees some "old-timers", parishioner at St. Patrick's 30+ years then moved to south Anchorage
- Always been Catholic - close and convenient. Welcoming parish - all nationalities, always went to SEAS (x3)
- Atmosphere - checked out other parishes; family oriented parish
- Attending 26 years. It's our home parish. Like it best when there are lots of activities that focus on the church community going on.
- Back being involved in the music. I feel needed and responsible for the choir. Like best: opportunities for small community building and prayer groups. I like the families here-lots of kids.
- Baptized there as well as children. Home parish. Base - 1st place experienced, Family of God, Beautiful church-family atmosphere (x1)
- Became family to me, I've seen children grow up, friends grow old together (x1)
- Social activities-coffee, donuts, pancake breakfast, etc.
- Big liturgical events that SEAS does so well. The spiritual community. Friends that have been made due to the church events and community gatherings. Smaller group programs.
- Enjoyed Father Craig, like his message. (x2)
- Enjoys Fr. Ron's humor (x2)
- Mainstay Deacon Ken (x2)
- Mass times are convenient (x1)
- Deacon Ken's sermons are very thoughtful and interesting.
- Clean and modern-crucifix too much
- Child or grandchildren goes (went) to school at SEAS school. (x3)
- Close proximity to home (x15)

- Nice parish but not there enough to know pastor.
- Comfortable feeling - well rounded and different family age groups. Especially likes the activities-given the opportunity
- Community - (x 9)
- Administrative aspect needs to be addressed. Financial and parish "operation" needs to be done efficiently by others so priests can concentrate on spiritual. The parish needs an integrated education plan for all groups and ages. Develop a method to "form" teachers to be able to communicate the feelings of the church.
- Like the pastors. Like the care and compassion ministry.
- Perpetual Adoration
- Likes Fr. Tom
- We are creatures of habit. We go to the same Mass (Sat. 5:30PM), sit in the same section. Comfortable; know lots of people; have business associates. Involved in parish, school board, Eucharistic minister, welcoming committee; helped with couples wanting to be married-big commitment
- Welcoming (x1)
- Meets spiritual requirements.(x5)
- 5:30 Masses; new vessels, stations of the cross, crucifix
- Daily Mass-choir-crucifix-decorations-people
- Deacon Ken; active in men's prayer group
- Diverse different groups like RENEW, mom's group, Magi-smaller groups are good. Love Perpetual Adoration chapel-good atmosphere-likes Youth band
- Duty, obligation, plus liking to go to church.
- Everything-many mass times-previously in Dallas (difficult) not many masses in Texas parish. Very close location-SEAS
- Faith Formation appreciated, as there is focus on development of all ages. Enjoy liturgies-care by liturgical year to connect masses. Holistic approach-appreciate family aspect. Appreciates outreach ministries.
- Family atmosphere-feeling that you belong -comfortable
- Family centered activities. Spiritual opportunity (speakers). Like the various events the parish sponsors. Especially the Family centered events. (Esp. dinners) Appreciate that you can have a

mass dedicated to a Special Intention. Appreciates the Book of Intentions.

- Family feeling, friendliness and community involvement
- Family oriented, familiar with the people. First attracted by Fr. Scott in 1997 at a funeral. Liked it a lot.
- Family oriented, school associated parish likes style of church.
- Family parish/young parish-feels welcome -Great Parish
- Feel comfortable - like the connection with the school.
- Feel part of community. Long time members. Active involvement in R/E.
- Feeling welcome and family community (x3)
- Feels at home-Deacon Ken-a few folks still around since she started in 1979
- Feels comfortable. Has faith in mass. People friendly, feels like family.
- Feels like family because many people from our neighborhood go to St. Elizabeth.
- Fr Ron; friends; adoration chapel (we both participate); Fr. Tom's active, hands-on involvement; Deacon Ken's homilies
- Friendly (x3)
- Friendly atmosphere-lots of room esp. w/kids-parking nice-like Fr. Ron and Fr. Tom
- Friendly community, Sunday school for children
- Friendly Mass
- Friendly people; opportunity to see people I know; varied activities
- Friends, community. Deacon Ken has a great character.
- Goes to the Holy Spirit Center for Mass, though registered at SEAS. SEAS is so big and the responsorial psalm should come from the book and can't understand his response.
- Going to SEAS for 30 years
- Good community spirit-prefers Holy Spirit center
- Good community, friendly 5:30pm Saturday.
- Good friends-met at church-lots of people our age, with young children.
- Grandchildren and children; usefulness of parish; participation of people

- Happy to see more daily Masses. The staff, the priests. Fr. Scott was so excellent. The priests since have been good as well. Like all the programs that are offered to boost spirituality.
- Has vitality-is comfortable and friendly
- Have attended a long time. Catholic school attended by children, friends. Helped build a lot of stuff, crucifix, baptismal font
- History-been going to SEAS since '84. I know folks there and that's comfortable. Nice atmosphere. Nice appearance.
- Home visits
- Homey atmosphere-relaxed
- How the parish is family oriented. The Pancake breakfasts, the school, the Pastors and Deacon are wonderful.
- I appreciate the priests, deacon, choir, musicians
- I especially liked the process of RCIA and the sense of community that there is at SEAS. Also, though I was not raised in the Catholic faith, I find it very similar to the Protestant experience I was brought up in, I think most enjoyable though is the music.
- Educational experience. If I had a family that I was raising I think SEAS might be enough. It just isn't. Probably not anything you can or should do anything about. I just feel as though I've outgrown the Mass the way it is celebrated. It's just not my community anymore. Nice people, doing nice things and trying. I just need more. I'd like to explore Buddhism. I believe they live the gospel in a more authentic way. I think it's different than what I'm hearing every Sunday.
- I have always felt welcomed at this church; initially Deacon Ken's warm greeting 10 years ago, then by friends I made through the SEAS mom's group and now I am so excited to have Fr. Tom and Fr. Ron at our parish. I feel we have a very vibrant and caring community.
- I like our friendly priests. Father Tom, Fr. Ron and Deacon Ken. Everyone seems friendly and interested in others.
- The church is very close to our home. The environment is open, new style yet inviting. I come back because I believe that church is something Catholics do. The more you put into it the more you get out of it.
- I like the fact that there are numerous ministries

- I like the friendly atmosphere-everyone is made to feel welcome.
- I like the homilies during mass, they are very reflective. I like that church is open
- I like the people; I would like more opportunities to get to know other parishioners.
- I like the priests and Deacon Ken; their homilies are always interesting to listen to. I like the church's friendly atmosphere and the "small-town feel."
- I love our music ministries at all the Masses
- Interaction of people, lots of volunteer activities
- Involved with RCIA and know a lot of people
- It feels like home. Proximity, Have been members of SEAS for years.
- It is a very friendly place. It feels right for me.
- It is our home parish. People were very welcoming at the very beginning. Had a very good 1st impression
- It is our neighborhood parish; we have friends that attend the different faith educational offerings and Father Tom!!
- It's my geographic parish. Best: dedication to the Eucharist. The community, lots of friends and social gatherings.
- It's my parish. I really like Father Scott. I miss Sister Loretta.
- Feeling of togetherness. Likes the 9:00AM Mass, decorations, comfortable.
- It's well integrated with the school, which our children attend; we purposely chose to live in this part of town so our kids could go to SEAS. It's also very welcoming to families. Nobody gets too bent out of shape if little kids are squeaking or wiggling during Mass! Parishioners are very friendly in general, and the staff is also very friendly and accommodating. Fr. Tom, Fr. Ron and Deacon Ken are terrific people!
- Kids enjoy Sunday school. More people with children.
- Kids in School-Big family because of school and parents-loves the close family atmosphere.
- Know a lot of people. Like Father Scott, close proximity, continuity, don't feel like being fed, needs enrichment.
- Likes the community, singing and likes greetings from greeters and guests at SEAS. But also likes St. Benedict's for her son and likes Father Geibel's homilies. They are short and to the point.

- Like best the feeling of warmth and welcoming-also parish school, my children attend there.
- Like the 5:30pm Sunday music. Our family loves Deacon Ken, and homilies.
- Like the on-time services. The friendly and welcoming atmosphere
- Like the school (14 yrs attended) likes the sense of community.
- Like the school (son attends SEAS School) Major attraction: closest church.
- Like the site of parish, the liturgy, feels like community friends.
- Like the Sunday school program for her 2 girls.
- Liked Father Dan
- Liked Fr. Scott
- Liked Fr. Scott, Fr. Craig, greeters, community spirit, like traditional music, appreciates Kathy Harte
- Likes that there is time to socialize between Masses.
- Likes the community, likes the involvement of so many people.
- Likes the music; likes the physical church; liked Fr. Dan, likes the school; likes having the ability to have functions within the church-multi-purpose room, etc.
- Likes the parish
- Likes the Youth support activities, Knights of Columbus. Currently sponsors troop. Good teen group
- Live in the area and this is my parish. So this is where I go. Likes Fr. Craig's homilies. They are short but always have a message that I can take away.
- Location - close to home. Seems to be working for the family just fine.
- Location and friends or neighbors with other parishioners
- Location, it is close to home. People we've met, a lot of them through teaching CCD. Enjoy evening events for adults, bingo nights, etc.
- Location, like being active member of parish
- Location, nice physical plant,
- Location, school, friends-girlfriend attends. Loves Father Ron's sermons. Good AFF (Adult Faith) but cannot participate due to kids. Choir sometimes is not sinkable and more like a choir performance. Enjoys the traditional songs more.

- Location, likes the church, people that we have meet
- Location, the donuts, schedule, religious education church, schedule, pancake breakfasts. Can go before or after classes, likes priests and Deacon Ken, facilities are nice.
- Location, willing to look at things and attempts to be more open and develop.
- Longtime resident
- Works with Boy Scouts-cantors; likes parish
- Lots of friendly families. Good participation by the community.
- Love the adoration chapel! Deacon Ken is great. Enjoy the foreign priests. Likes the new cross and Stations of the Cross.
- Love the light in the church. I like the sermons. I like that there are several services available.
- Love the sense of family. Went to church in WY where she raised her kids, SEAS has a similar sense of belonging. Feel most comfortable at SEAS; checked out other Catholic & Protestant churches before settling at SEAS.
- Loved Father Scott, loves Matt Beck
- Loves Deacon Ken-retired AF-more relaxed atmosphere, meeting other friends at SEAS.
- Loves the community, likes to see the SEAS families at Masses. Teaches at SEAS school.
- Made to feel that we belong, warm parish-if you stay after Mass it's easy to talk to people, always welcome.
- Many of our friends are parishioners. We have been active in the choir for more than 20 years. Our three children received their elementary education at SEAS school. As teens, our three children have been active in the Youth Ministry program. All of us have been on the Resurrection trail hike for several years. We enjoy many of the parish activities. We're in the parish boundaries, so that makes it OUR parish. If there were problems, we would work to change things before we would leave...
- Mass
- Mostly the priest-ability to give decent homilies; community; getting back to the days of Fr. Dan and Sr. Loretta
- My parents became members in 1978 and now I and my children attend

- My wife belongs. We really like the whole parish community.
- N/A (x2)
- Needs the community-social and spiritual-feels comfortable at SEAS
- Neighborhood church. Both are Catholic. Meets their needs well.
- Nice parish, close to home, doesn't feel as welcomed-Byzantine Catholic Church-family more inviting
- Nice, warm atmosphere-Young daughter who needs spiritual base, greeters, music
- Offers a variety of masses, close to their house, CCD, like the bells @ consecration, stations of the cross-are nice, donuts, pancake breakfast.
- Open atmosphere and the opportunities to continue to grow in faith.
- Openness, traditional style
- Our parish-close. Nice families/good priests/good music-son goes to SEAS school.
- Parish makes me feel very welcome
- People
- People are genuine, K of C
- People that attend and the wholesome of the congregation
- People-generally well run-activities. Likes the quiet meditation environment.
- Pro-family, good community
- Proximity
- Proximity to home. Enjoyed Father Scott and Father Craig. Religion is a private matter and enjoys that SEAS allows him to keep his religion private. Would like priests to give a brief history on why/how changes are occurring during Mass. Why did we need a new baptismal font? Did we need to spend the money?
- Proximity to our home, there are some very nice people who attend
- Part time parishioner, she has a house in the Valley as well as a home in Anchorage, which she shares with her daughter and three grandchildren. Church close to home she really liked Fr. Scott. Fr. Scott was very friendly and welcoming and gave great sermons. Fr. Craig is very nice.

- Quiet place, not showy
- Relationships made, feeling of community due to becoming more involved. Miki Center-getting to know other Catholic families. Perpetual adoration chapel. Deacon Ken, doughnuts, music.
- SEAS has been my home parish for all my adult life
- SEAS school location, Mass schedule, and they enjoy the clergy.
- Sense of community
- Sense of community, location is close to home, Deacon Ken, and people in parish.
- Sense of community. Excited about Father Lilly
- Since kids are gone-don't attend SEAS very often. When they do-see good things happening
- Staff-enjoys everyone there. Went through RCIA-felt very wanted and welcome.
- Strong sense of community
- Sunday Mass, close location, enjoys Father Craig, very prompt, timely good for people w/schedules.
- Teach at Goldenview and know school kids from SEAS. To see school community and church community in different light.
- The Catholic faith and faith community.
- The Catholic faith. I don't like our Parish having so many changes. We need priest for continuity and long time.
- The community
- The community makes it nice.
- The continuing education program for children, the music liturgy.
- The family community, celebration of sacraments together. Strong sense of community. School community as well.
- The family history we have here-been going for 20 yrs. The Community of people are good.
- The homily on Sundays-likes the priests
- The majesty of the Mass and the welcoming way it is celebrated.
- The modern, alive, innovate feel to the parish. Semi democratic approach used with parish council, committees, volunteers (autocratic priest would drive me away); know many people at the parish.
- The parish is welcoming. The activities are varied for all parishioners. The pastors are caring.

- The people the family, friends created by the atmosphere at the school when we attended
- The people and sermons; the priests and their helpers with their smiles and hellos -means a lot!
- The people and the fact that I've gone there a long time.
- The people and the priests
- The people and the school. The monthly functions like spaghetti dinner...
- The people that I have come to know over the years--our children growing up together
- The people we have met over the years. Being involved in Parents Group
- The people, Father Craig, and the choir, pancake breakfast, flowers, decorations and activities
- The people, the community
- The people, why we came to SEAS in the first place. Open atmosphere and acceptance
- The people, the location, the friendliness. Keep coming back because of good Catholic upbringing. Choir feels like family.
- The priests and deacon. They are very warm and friendly people and good speakers. We also like the youth programs
- The priests, the people, Deacons-comfortable atmosphere
- The school
- The spiritual community of worshipers. Feels like we belong @ SEAS ever since the first time we attended. The activities and programs that we work on and participate in.
- The spiritual growth we receive and the joy of glorifying and worshipping God every Sunday. This sustains me throughout the week and gives me hope for the future.
- The stewardship: the opportunity is here to make a commitment. The school has enhanced the participation.
- The youth department. Angela and Matt have been wonderful. Their personal attention-very much appreciated.
- They like going to church.
- Variety and scope of activities and the outlook is very progressive. Likes the physical layout of the church. The youth programs are good to see. Friendly and capable office staff.
- Lives with her daughter. We take communion to her.

- Very nice people in our parish.
- Vibrant and involved congregation, Deacon Ken, Fr. Tom's energy and enthusiasm and leadership. I feel welcome, appreciated and valued.
- Warm and welcoming; well prepared, carefully thought-out homilies-my son attends SEAS school
- Warm positive atmosphere.
- We joined/came back because of Fr. Scott Medlock/the people
- We like church-lots of families in Parish-I like family atmosphere
- We like the way SEAS is going to have the same priest for more than 3 years. We like the direction SEAS is going in.
- We like the assembly of people. Fr. Craig's sermons. Deacon Ken has been a calming factor throughout all this priest change DON'T move him to another church.
- We like the community feeling, our friends are there. Close to our home and a variety of things to do.
- We like the priests and the fact that they address the children of the parish also
- We like the Sunday RE program. Mass times are convenient. The atmosphere is friendly. We enjoy seeing friends and coworkers. The donuts are great!:)
- We LOVE the Religious Education program! Progressive, broad-minded
- Went through RCIA this year-just finished up her last meeting. She said it was wonderful! She and her Husband were married 6 years ago at SEAS. They found it a nice community welcoming; always a friendly face there. Love Deacon Ken. They said he was very accessible and down to earth. Commented that it has been years since he had found a clergy person he felt he could talk to, but that he could talk to Deacon Ken. Fr. Petersen-their family priest from Nome-married them. The Engagement Encounter they attended was wonderful-it really helped them look at the full picture and not just the marriage event.
- Went to SEAS-liked Fr. Scott, still go out there even though not neighborhood parish. That's where we got married -Involved youth group is appealing.

- Young, newer parish, warm and friendly people. Believes SEAS has something for almost everyone/a wide variety of activities and ministries.
- Youth group (in previous years)-appreciates Matt Beck

QUESTION TWO

What would you like to see different?

- Administrative aspect needs to be addressed. Financial and parish "operation" needs to be done efficiently by others so priests can concentrate on spiritual. The parish needs an integrated education plan for all groups and ages. Develop a method to "form" teachers to be able to communicate the feelings of the church.
- "Deacon Ken's and Fr. Tom's" sermons can be overly long and repetitive, which makes going to Mass less enjoyable, especially with young children. It would be different and refreshing to have one Mass that has no music ("silent mass"). It's a nice change of pace and can make for a more peaceful and contemplative worship.
- 1.) Add votive candles 2.) Cry room/have parents make children behave 3.) Relics on display
- 8am Mass (during summer May-September)
- A 10-minute Children's homily at Mass once a month. Sometimes focus on toddlers 3-5, other times elementary age, and other times elementary times Jr. high range.
- A lot of priest's shifting. Makes it interesting but would like to see more continuity.
- A Mass on Sundays earlier than 9AM.
- A more definitive, detailed breakdown of parish expenditure, especially as it relates to school.
- A music director would be really nice, with experience in music AND liturgy, but I do not expect to see that soon. Playing music, directing music and the directing music liturgy are three very different roles. We have the first covered, but not the other two. Taking the entire acoustic tile off the ceiling would be even better. Jim Hall, the architect, has a fascination with "quiet spaces" for prayer. As a result, his buildings are very difficult to sing in, for the choir or the congregation. When they built the church, "no acoustic tile" was my #1 recommendation. Singing

entire songs, not just a verse or two. A song should be a story, or a parable, as it were. Stopping after the second verse is like reading only the first two verses of the Gospel. Are we in such a rush that we cannot hear the whole thing?

- A priest here more than 3 years; a condo next door for people to live close to church; better communication between staff and ministries.
- A priest who stays for the long term. Who is empathetic for family life and a depth of knowledge of our religion?
- A woman's group
- Accustomed to Holy Spirit family. St. Elizabeth celebrants are available but other priests not available. Pastoral team is available after each Mass-would like to see that at SEAS.
- Adults-bible study, more involvement of youth in music program.
- Another Holy water font at the center entrance. Bible study classes
- Area for table and chairs for coffee after Mass. Old traditional church (traditional design)
- At SEAS, would like more Masses, Holy Days and special occasions and Christmas.
- Better communication and input from parishioners and between groups.
- Better sound system in the foyer for overflow. Parking is difficult in the winter. Don't put names on the offering envelopes.
- Better training of readers lectors-There are some in jeans, some read too fast or not loud enough. Some bow to the ambo, not the altar
- Better Youth Group, something like disciple bible study. Father Scott did it more ways of involving parents, families, especially kids. Youth group seems like babysitting. They found another one that reads scripture and plays games. Haven't recovered since school problems and losing Father Scott all at the same time.
- Bible studies and timing during day (small group). Not changing priests so often. Why?
- Big effort to be more friendly change the Ministry Fair back to how it was done before in the Miki Center.

- Build a cry room have a Mass w/out small children.
- Can't think of anything (x4)
- CCD classes offered on other days than just Sunday!
- CCD times between young children and teens. Miss services when out on Boy Scout camping or Sunday AM CCD.
- Change the wine
- Children and others have trouble-understanding priests w/thick accents, even though appreciate multiculturalism. Also miss Miki Center Auction (less fancy) More affordable and accessible. Want to help w/events but want to be asked specifically-don't always know where to start, sometimes haven't heard back after stewardship sign ups.
- Children's sermons/homilies, children's Mass or have kids come up to altar for children's version of homily. Maybe have a children's choir. A little more variety to music program, guest singers, just for a change.
- Concerned about priest turnover; would like consistency
- Confirmation program offer to complete @ earlier age when children are still interested; a cry room for babies; possible Latin Mass occasionally.
- Consistency with the priest meaning I would like to see one stick around for a good amount of time.
- Continuity in our pastor, leadership, more cohesiveness in community. We need to make intentional steps to accomplish model better Jesus' teaching in terms of being hospitable, kind to others in our own community.
- Continuity of pastors, weekly Mass - evening or earlier am Mass (8am).
- Continuity of priest. More for families. Those families that are maturing. Confirmation program, more prevalent of what is going on in the church. More things for young and friends.
- Create a more meaningful youth community.
- Crying room, parish priests that stays. Also thinks it is strange that Father Craig thanks the choir when so many deserve thanks (lectors, servers, etc.)
- Doesn't like Archbishop. Father Craig is like the Lone Ranger; he has a lot to offer. He has so much to offer-but is too shy-excellent homilies.

- Different architectural design
- Different times for Adult Faith Formation. Particularly the men's. I hate getting up early in the morning!!!!
- Do more to keep youth involved
- Do not like standing after communion. Would like gospel music included in the choir. Don't move priests around so much
- Don't know (x2)
- Don't like standing after communion, no time to pray.
- Donuts in gym instead of foyer after Mass so people can sit and visit
- Downfall of parish-too big!
- Earlier Mass (6 or?). Can be distracted by small children, has trouble hearing sometimes - maybe a design error?
- Earlier Mass on Sunday
- Eliminate the ringing of the bells when the Eucharist is raised, the crucifix is too big, and the US flag should not be on the altar.
- Encourage parents of small children and infants to use the nursery. Their disruption distracts from the service.
- Everything is fine (x2)
- Feels church is cold-would like to see more friendliness-not so much changing of priests. Do not like holding hands-during prayers! Do not like new communion routine!! Want to kneel after communion and talk to our Lord. Not wait for everyone to pray-feels some people are leaving church because of it. Very strong feelings on this
- Finger fonts @ every exit vs. the single font at the back of the church. The youth program: certain teens need invitations to join, you just can't expect the kids to just show up, there has to be an introduction.
- First thing to do is ask "How can we help you?" the last thing to do is ask for money
- Fr. Dan back
- Fr. Tom is a very enthusiastic speaker, very warm and entertaining...but he does go a little long! That makes it difficult to keep kids or young people attentive; especially in summer when the building is very warm. (That's another thing--the church gets so hot in summer!)

- Get more people involved to do the work/activities around the parish
- Get more people involved-just a few doing the work, Maybe stewardship drives every 6 months
- Happy as is
- Hard because of so much commuting back and forth to Seward
- Has everything and more!
- Haven't really noticed any need for change
- Homily preached more on an every day life
- How about a crying room, it is hard to hear Mass.
- I am not sure if there is a child caring service available but children's prancing in and out of Mass is very distracting.
- I can't think of anything I'd change. However, I was looking forward to pancakes after 11:30 Mass, but the schedule changed.
- I didn't have any pet peeves; the parish has come along way in these years
- I don't really have any comment because I'm not really involved.
- I don't sense community at Seas like at Resurrection Chapel or Holy Family Cathedral
- I thought it was a nice touch when Fr. Tom invited children up to the altar to witness a baptism last fall. Also, I was thrilled with the November Reconciliation Service for the children. Every once in awhile, I would like to see a Mass geared for the children so that the RE children can experience the warmth of Fathers Tom, Ron and Deacon Ken like the SEAS children do during their beautiful weekly Masses. Along the same subject, more songs for children.
- I want to see a pastor who will stay at SEAS
- I would like to have a consistent priest who stays more than 2 years.
- I'd like to see a front seat reserved for the older people and handicap up front
- I'm very conservative. Mass should be about the holy sacrifice. Sometimes too much emphasis is placed on presentation and niceties.
- It has been a real problem with them to have what they called "revolving priests" They would like one priest that stays." Why they took Scott Medlock out of this parish, we will never know."

Sometimes difficult to understand Fr. Bala and Fr. Ron. Deacon Ken is the real stability of the church.

- It is fine, maybe more priests.
- It would be good to have CCD on a day other than Sunday
- Jr. high program is lacking. The Sunday 4-5pm not organized well. Needs to be captivating and demanding. Needs more dynamic program.
- Junior High-no focus, it's a turning point in their lives-get them involved
- Keep on improving-more Bible studies.
- Keep up the good work that social committee is doing. More ways to get together outside of Mass.
- Less competition for the school bake sale with the morning doughnuts on Sunday.
- Less socializing before Mass in the back. It is too loud and makes it difficult to inwardly prepare for Mass.
- Like to see more involvement of children in liturgy and church life-integrated more into parish life.
- Liked old crucifix.
- Likes the way it is (2)
- Longer retention of pastor
- Maybe more services for the very young, such as some kind of entertainment for the littlest kids during Mass, so they will be happy while their parents attend Mass.
- Midweek CCD program given schedule
- Miss Father Scott, need a strong pastor w/strong skills in developing school/parish links. Need a good speaker; women involvement needs to be understood.
- More support for the school from the people and staff, More participation of youth-school and other groups during Masses-singing-presenting-readings
- More activities
- More activities for children that are faith related. Supports for couples w/young children - Children have activities at the same time as parents have spiritually enriching experiences. Need MORE than Mom's Club.
- More adult faith in a variety of issues such as: marriage, raising teens, as well as prayer groups and bible study.

- More coffee and doughnut gatherings, freewill offerings - put can out.
- More colorful banners for different feasts and church celebrations
- More consistency in the parish leadership.
- More dinner/dance get together
- More functions for Adult faith studies; put the announcements at the END of Mass. The church doors should stay open all day long to allow for prayer in the chapel.
- More interaction after Mass-friendlier atmosphere-it's a big church so a special effort should be made. A way to encourage support for those in need
- More lay involvement in parish organization
- More parish members involved
- More publicity for the school.
- More room for the large Masses. When people are in foyer, need more room. Expand the church, an added Mass might help. Would like to see the Youth participate.
- More smaller outreach groups
- More stability in pastor-stay longer
- More stability with priests.
- More structural activities for senior members, sports, cards during winter months
- More women in leadership roles.
- More youth activities. Children's choir, children's youth group. A weekend Mass to be child oriented, socials, etc. Need to build a love for the church in our children. Would like the priests to be assigned to SEAS for a longer period of time.
- More youth programs; more youth and family events; a children's Mass
- Music
- N/A (x25)
- Need a welcoming group for new parish members. Let new people know what is available.
- New priest is a positive change. More outgoing charismatic.
- Nice if there was a children's sound proof room--so could have kids and still participate in the Mass
- Nice normal parish

- No complaints, except CCD for teens - teen not interested in 2-year session. Last year CCD even "interactive?"
- Not much available for young adults regarding; faith education, service opportunities; Earlier or later daily Mass (before/after work hours, preferably after)
- Nothing, just keep serving the people who care about belonging to SEAS. I just don't care anymore. I've have a chance to explore many different options and I will continue the exploration and will go from experience to experience to garner what I believe the truth to be in a way that makes sense to me. I have to say I do feel betrayed by the clergy who ruined so many lives through the sexual scandal. I have lost ALL faith in the institution of the Catholic Church, not its members, the institution.
- Office staff not good at return phone calls. Not really happy with children's CCD-get older kids more information and not just touchy feely stuff. They don't seem to be aware of what it really means.
- Once a month not good for High School CCD-once a week-good Youth Program needs to be more fun
- Once I get used to someone, they're gone!
- One single, long term priest, and would appreciate a nun. Don't allow SEAS to be the "testing" ground, which they feel it has been. With as large of a parish as SEAS leave a priest. Really appreciated Father Scott and his rock at SEAS.
- Pastor stays more than 2 years. Lots of turn over of pastors. Hard to develop a family.
- Place where young parents can exchange ideas. Wanting to know more of our parishioners.
- Plans for a seniors group as St. Pats has recently started one.
- Priest and members of parish team-stay along time-need continuity
- Program for kids-getting better-good priests-Fr. Ron and Fr. Tom
- Quietness - "our church is too noisy." A big cry room for parents and children. Parents need to control children they are too noisy and even running in church, the noise level during and after Mass is very disturbing. More parking. Better lighting at the front doors. Rapid change of priests disturbing - a priest should stay

at least 10 years. Choir should have robes. A big sign on the exterior of the church saying "St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church". A cross on top of the church - all Catholic churches are supposed to have a cross on it! 7 or 8AM Sunday & Daily Mass, the earlier the better.

- RE is ok
- Recently too much turnover in priest. Glad that we have stability with Fr. Tom and Fr. Ron.
- Religious Ed for grade school, change models somewhat.
- Seas does a good job reaching out. Enjoyed the Bible Study during Lent with Fr. Scott. Participated in RENEW for 3 years in the Valley and really enjoyed that would like to do something like that again. Catholics don't study the Bible much but I feel I would like to learn more.
- SEAS feels very Protestant. Kids need to know the basics, fundamentals. No genuflecting, more traditional practice. Limit deacon functions, they are Eucharistic ministers.
- SEAS is poorly set up for young families. Daycare is insufficient, not good for kids. Non-denominational churches we've attended make it more interesting & inviting for kids and families w/young children. They're more flexible, brighter, more interesting "crying rooms" or young kid's rooms. Attending CCD in non-summer months is a problem.
- Music is a good way to bring spirituality to the Mass. A crying room would be nice, this way a family can go to Mass and be together even if the child is crying. Make sure to list all special Masses on the phone message, so if we call in to find out information about holy days of obligation or other special Masses (Christmas or Easter) we can find out any time.
- Sees lack of family community-not very family oriented-more like a herd since so many families
- Sermon too long if 15-20 minutes.
- Sermons more relevant to daily life and its problems and challenges.
- Short explanation of traditions-like 1 per Mass-where to genuflect-origins of 3 Wiseman. Explain cultural traditions of where priest came from
- Shorter, more to the point sermons (x2)

- Since I've belonged to SEAS, we've had at least 5 priest changes; I'd like long-term pastors!
- Small group fellowship and bible studies at a convened time (i.e., Weekday evenings). Women's group is geared to younger moms it needs to be more all encompassing. Priest's assignments are WAY too short. We'd like them to stay longer, maybe 10 yrs.
- Some priests/deacons only lecture/preach to one side of church (right). It is difficult to hear the homily when there are children crying in church. Knows it would be difficult for the priest/deacon to tell parents. Doesn't know if this problem can be solved. Doesn't like it when people come to Mass late. Priests are representatives of God and should act more like it.
- Some sermons geared to the kids, Fr. Scott used to invite kids to sit at the altar and do a children's homily. We need to have Archdiocese keep the priests at church longer to bond with families, not move priests so much!
- Sometimes too noisy during Mass-another place for the children to go during Mass.
- Stability with pastor, get to know them and they move on.
- Stabilize with a dynamic priest.
- Start to get comfortable with a priest - then they would be transferred. Doesn't like changing priests so often.
- Summer program for children (camps, perhaps?)
- Tabernacle moved back to the altar.
- The church is very stark-nowhere to light candles; no statues-very modern-positive and negative; I'm old fashioned!!
- The clergy make home visits to parishioners. We should have schedule where the parishioners sign up to host the clergy in their home for dinner. This way they get to know more about the family. This would make our parish personal. Not move clergy as often, because you just become comfortable with them and then they are moved. Deacon Ken has been the stability of this parish.
- The same priest for more than a few years. More communication about what's going on in the parish.
- The school kids who are serving might be acknowledged as SEAS students
- The size of the crucifix is too big.
- The tabernacle back in the church.

- Can't think of anything, really. The traffic was a problem getting out of the church after Mass with only the one access road, but this didn't seem like a big deal.
- People being loud in the sanctuary prior to Mass frustrate us. Would like to pray and it is distracting.
- Would like the music faster and more spirited. More praise.
- Those that are not religious-make more available to them. Husband not attending.
- To know more people's names, getting to know people-more sense of community, some ongoing adult education.
- Traditional music; shorter to the point homilies; reverent quieter atmosphere prior to Mass- (choir on Sun outer foyer)
- Try to keep Sunday Mass to one hour (my teens have short church attention spans).
- Used to be in a Bible study-now we see more of it-something new
- We felt it took awhile-maybe a welcoming committee to introduce new members?
- We need a high tech professional sound system-especially for musicians. And I'd love for the musicians to practice outside of the church area before Mass. The congregation needs a prayerful, peaceful setting
- We need to move back to center that welcomes.
- We should be evangelizing more to the 80% of Catholics who don't show up at Mass. Go after 80% of people not participating. Are gays welcomed in our church? Gay group evangelization. Reach people that don't come. Reach out to the "uncharted?" Need experienced parish administrator to keep things running smoothly. Ministries get together and communicate to each other. Want 3 things; Know about liturgy (tradition - stations), scripture, community. No communication between parish & Archdiocese. Reaches out to foreign communities. Archdiocese vision needs to be communicated to parishes.
- We would like to see a mass designated for children to participate actively. Children's choir-children's lector. I know this happens every Tuesday with the school Mass. Once a month on a Sunday would be a great way to actively involve our Youth. Have the Youth band play at different Masses--they are great!!

- We would like to see our new priest to be more outgoing. Go back to kneeling after communion.
- Well-behaved children at Mass, traditional stained glass windows, allow married priests, more holy water fonts, and additional exit door for fire safety.
- What happens to coffee and church? Move adult education classes.
- Wider variety of people participating in ministry, instead of same few. Would like activities for older people.
- Wish we had a place to light a candle. Like ritual and traditional.
- Would like a Bible study
- Would like evening Mass to be earlier, 4:30PM or 5:00PM
- Would like to have a long-term priest, a parish as big as our needs a consistent leader. Sermons that are more relevant to our time and the crowd. We need more cohesion and stability in the parish.
- Would like to see flags remain in church. Instead of drapes behind the altar, something simple would be better. More banners (tasteful) to decorate the bare walls.
- Would like to see Fr. Craig stay.
- Young adult group to be more active. Last year got going and fizzled out.
- Youth group is not strong and would like to see restructuring.
- Youth Mass-youth band to play at Mass, youth being lectors

QUESTION THREE

How often do you participate at Mass? Weekly?
Almost weekly? Or other?

- 2 times a week during school, summer @ Our Lady of the Lake
- 2-3 times a month, (x3) less during ski season. Spend weekends in Girdwood; awaiting a church there.
- A couple times a year
- Almost weekly (x38)
- Except during the summer (x7)
- Not too much at SEAS-often at Holy Family travel a lot-retired
- As often as health allows, has had some health problems
- At least once a month, more as able. (x1)
- Attending Holy Spirit, (x2) SEAS not meeting my needs.
- Every other Sunday. I am a single father with a young child. Hard because husband has left the church-he is unhappy with scandals and some of the rules of the church
- Tuesday daily (x5)
- Hasn't been attending - once every couple of months.
- Have not gone for a while-was weekly
- I like to go weekly but at the present, I'm thankful they bring me communion every Sunday "God bless them"
- Is elderly will go religiously, if ill then miss and it's hard to get back into a routine.
- It has been a while. Working remote-hard to get there-now working in town-needs to get back in the habit.
- It's been several years since attending, but has thought about coming back.
- Like being greeted as you enter the church. Liked ushers in other parishes and would like to see ushers at SEAS, especially if wearing a jacket or something to identify them.
- Minimum of 3 Sundays per month.
- Monthly (x4)
- More often than weekly(x1)
- Mostly at St. Pat's

- Need more welcoming-have 5:30 Mass outdoors. More family liturgy-a family Mass.
- Not regularly
- Now, never for the last year. Have attending Faith Christian, because the children love going to church.
- Once a month-Goes to Resurrection Chapel, St. Benedicts, Holy Family
- Once in awhile-the last few years. Prior to that, very active-weekly-at the start of SEAS-all burnt out (x3)
- Once or twice monthly due to work schedules and also attend in the valley w/family
- One to two times a weeks or Sunday
- Other (x10)
- Periodically, husband not Catholic.
- Rarely
- Regularly but not necessarily at SEAS(x4)
- Seasonally, holidays and odd days.
- Sundays, Wednesday and 1st Friday.
- Three times, husband once.
- Try at least once a month due to work schedule
- Twice a week(x2)
- Twice a week during school, once a week during summer
- Very seldom; SEAS is church of record, but attend Mass in Willow by their week-end home
- Weekly (x89)
- and Holy days (x5)
- and sometimes daily(x7)
- Daily at Holy Family because she works downtown. If SEAS has an earlier Mass around 7:00 AM she would attend
- Either at SEAS or in the Valley
- Depending on time of year. More on Christmas, Easter, etc.
- Seldom miss Mass. Not as good about Holy Days of Obligation.
- First thing to do is ask "How can we help you?" the last thing to do is ask for money
- Daily when lighter outside
- Going to "die" as a Catholic. Very busy summer schedule with soccer - goes to St. Benedict at 7:00PM. Would like a later Mass at SEAS
- It would be nice if music groups rotated or got a week off so that we could be in the congregation, too.

- Sometimes attends St. Benedict as they live closer
- Sometimes weekday early Mass
- Work schedule has determined that mass on weekends at St. Anthony is more convenient

QUESTION FOUR

What have you enjoyed or experienced at other churches and like to see or experience at SEAS?

- Silent Mass - a weekly child-oriented Mass that was simpler in its message to fit younger children's developmental stages and understanding-keep them more interested. It makes sense to do it at the (9:00 Mass, since it's before RE and that's when many children attend Mass.
- 1.) Bingo 2.) Monte Carlo 3.) Mr. & Mrs. Club - get together 1x month (BYOB & food, live band, dance lessons, belly dancer) 4.) Feature a family a week
- 7:00 PM Mass at SEAS. All kids go to ACS (Jerry Prevo's) because one location, so very convenient to drop all kids at one time. To balance out they still go to RE classes. School has strict values. ACS is "all encompassing" even piano lessons!
- A children's Mass where the children do it all, often, throughout the year. Invite newcomers to a group dinner (once a year) held at the church, which includes the parish staff.
- A more advanced choir and more traditional music
- A more impressive choir, miss hearing Kay O'Grady really sing out loud. It would be nice to have the organ played to its full potential every Sunday.
- A preschool program that takes kids 3-7 out of mass from post-homily to post-communion-allows families to come to church together but gives preschoolers a "break" and brings message to them at their level with arts/crafts, music, etc.
- A seat in the front reserved for seniors and handicapped-it's hard to walk up and back for communion. Priest gives them communion first then step over and give to the congregation who have come up front.
- A study group - prayer group on a casual basis, as I'm close to retiring and having more time available.
- A summer Bible camp at elementary level
- A women's prayer group; greater Anchorage community; grandparent's group (shared amongst parishes)

- Adult Ed and updated liturgy, opportunities for involvement in various charitable activities.
- Adult Formation has come on board at SEAS. Enjoyed having Fr. Scott-would like to have back
- After Mass social gatherings-didn't realize SEAS had coffee and donuts after Mass/pancake breakfast
- As youngster, enjoyed adolescent Confirmation
- At college, we had excellent music in mass and it was great. Saturday & Sunday evening Masses @ SEAS are a bit more casual, which we find more enjoyable
- At Faith Christian there are always classes and experiences at all times made available to ALL parishioners. The organization for programs at SEAS is lacking. At other church they CALL you and get you ACTIVELY involved. There are young people and teenagers that are involved in all aspects of the church and are excited to be there.
- At pancake breakfast there is not enough sharing or introductions as done in other parishes. Would like more.
- Alternative to doughnuts, maybe bagels?
- Baptism outside of Mass as close family event prefer small settings/small community of more accessible people
- Been at SEAS for 15 years
- Been at SEAS too long to know
- Better access to Holy Water - should be a font at every entrance - statues of Mary & Joseph & Saints in church.
- Better ushering at large crowded Masses.
- Bible camp for kids on the summer for all age kids
- Bible Studies
- Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts
- Bring back 7th and 8th grade at the school. Monthly potlucks would be nice and an event like the Mother's day event-it was great!
- Bring back some of the older rituals (ie.votive candles, perhaps a visible saint relic, or something of historic interest or value)
- Brunch, pot-lucks after Masses w/social hour
- Can't compare, always at SEAS
- Can't think of anything
- CCD-should be free and all year round; don't need snacks at CCD; a children's choir would be good. *A better teaching tool for CCD would

- be to have students bring food to put in donation tubs for shelters than to bring in a snack for them to spend 20 minutes eating.
- Center Point, a non-denominational church allows you to check kids into five different rooms... more opportunities for families to attend w/kids. Crying room is an excellent idea for SEAS...other churches have them and they're great.
 - Children's choir and/or youth choir (x3)
 - Children's Christmas Mass (pageant), separate Mass at Christmas for the overflow
 - Children's Mass; homemade bread for Eucharist
 - Children's Masses, choirs, central place for altar, gets priest closer to the congregation. Twenty minute daily Masses, about 5-5:30pm after work.
 - Christmas pageant by the children during Mass. Creativity to illustrate the liturgy
 - Church in Maui-had great music/lots of instruments-uplifting
 - Closeness after the Mass, spending time together.
 - Closeness of family
 - Community building, adult group
 - Couples club social without kids at these activities. Try to create some social bond outside of worship.
 - Cradle Catholic would like to experience Latin Mass occasionally.
 - Doesn't get involved in parish activities
 - Don't go to other churches(x2)
 - Don't know-Holy Cross-Fr. Ernie-more fun! More family oriented-Easter-people make bread crosses and interact more.
 - Don't see anything would like to see different
 - During Easter or Christmas - add a TV screen to back foyer for the people in the back.
 - Education of youth very important
 - Emphasis on social justice issues-esp. native population. St. Anthony's-WIC program. Meet needs of those in need in community.
 - Everyone would be assigned to a small focus group called Guilds. Participation is voluntary, but available weekly meeting offer opportunities for growth and outreach to each other
 - Exceed expectations!
 - Experienced most at SEAS vs. St. Patrick
 - Familiar feeling-similar to other parishes

- Friendlier feeling-makes us feel like a welcome guest. Would like children be more involved in the Mass. Likes to go to smaller, more intimate Methodist church. Feel special, Also, feels worship there is simpler, more understanding-not so many rules and regulations-likes their women's group "Companion in Christ"
- Giving tree-Local charities, canvassed cards filled out-you pick any card and fill the needs.
- Gospel music, more exciting music.
- Great choir; personal touch in the homily
- Greater focus on the sacrament, holiness of the Mass at St. Benedict. At other parishes don't like 1/2 sit and 1/2 stand during Eucharistic prayer, we should be obedient to the Archbishop.
- Grew up w/small town church. Enjoyed social aspects of small town church. Didn't have Deacons. Baptisms were more private.
- Hard to say. The children are grown now and they are not as involved at church.
- Healing Mass-enjoyed Fr. Bala
- Hosts were thicker. Children's homily done during Mass.
- I am not an ULTRA conservative-lighten up!
- I don't go to other parishes
- I enjoy going to Mass @Holy Family
- I like the bigger choir (traditional)
- I need to get more involved with others in the parish
- I would like to see a more inclusive environment and friendliness throughout parish
- I would like to see a weeklong summer bible camp with nuns and priest for kids to attend. One of my fondest memories as a child.
- In Seward-call out intentions; music is great at SEAS
- In Texas attends Mass that is more traditional. Would like to see a return to a more traditional Catholic church. I never hear any reference to "mortal sin" or "souls" at Mass. Miss regimentation/discipline of old church (i.e. now we are not required to go to confession but are encouraged?)
- Introduce visitors or a few people after Mass. Also people having birthdays.
- It would be nice to "spice" up worship services a bit. Attends sisters evangelical, where worship is boisterous and fun.
- Keep priests longer -likes a more traditional Church

- Legion of many bring food to funeral service if there is a need. I'm not sure if there is such a ministry at SEAS.
- Like to see card games, a little more activities for older people w/out kids all the time.
- Liked the choir at St. Benedict, Ethnic Masses, Samoan
- Liked the nice altar linens and beautiful altar vessels
- Likes smaller congregation; particular friends, personal
- Likes some of old traditional ways more formality.
- Longer Pastor assignment. Change of priests bad. New priests here for 10 years at least, continuity is important.
- Louisville didn't have kneelers-stand up and sit down, was nice for older people to not have to kneel. Handshake hard on arthritic hands.
- Loved church in Kenai-felt like family. It was very pro-active socially responsible.
- Lower tuition at school. 3x higher than others.
- Masses that was full of music and participation that had both action and contemplation that were Spirit driven, not clock driven.
- Men's activities-would like to be contacted or invited.
- Methodist does the job of welcoming well!
- Monthly potlucks at other churches.
- Monthly spaghetti dinner-Wasilla does after 5:30 Sat. Mass.
- More community involvement.
- More community-this is a hard one because the parish is so big
- More functions for the whole parish- not different age groups.
- More interaction of the people
- More music!
- More quiet before liturgies
- More regular gathering meals.
- More small group activities that make smaller communities from such a large church like Renew or Bible study groups
- More social after Masses
- More spiritual involvement by everyone as a group at Mass
- More traditional Catholic practice.
- More traditional church elements being used.
- Music in Maui is great! Would prefer the long-handled sticks for collection rather than baskets (faster). Would prefer if the priest could start with the offertory prayers while collection is being taken up, as they do at St. Theresa's. This is quicker and avoids lag time.

Doesn't like announcements at the beginning, which she acknowledges may just be because she is used to having them at the end. He is ambivalent about this issue. They're on Welcoming Committee so have given a good deal of thought to how parishioners can get to know one another. Acknowledges wife is shy but has stretched to become comfortable with greeting others during the Peace and stretching to reach others hands during the Lord's Prayer. Suggested having the Priest or Deacon offer up a question that parishioners could discuss with each other as an icebreaker. (Fr. Scott did this once during a Homily, and it was very effective.) At St. Theresa's the priest told everyone to greet his or her neighbor and tell him/her whom you were rooting for in the Super bowl. Doesn't have to be anything too serious to be effective. Commented that you never know when people are there checking out the church for the first time, and you want them to get the impression that it is a warm friendly place. Name tags have been done and worked well.

- My neighbors and a nice sense of community
- Need more Holy Water, front and back doors
- No(x43)
- No, SEAS offers so much more than the other parishes I've been to.
- Nothing at another Catholic parish, but have liked the less "stuffy" "structured" atmosphere in other denominations. They were more relaxing-maybe attractive because different.
- Nothing...SEAS is "the real McCoy". Did lots of church shopping for husband, who is Protestant and likes the fact we don't shove our church down people's throats. When they went to Protestant churches, invariably they'd get a call about 2-3 days after attending and they ALL were interested in where we worked and how much money we made
- Only parish ever involved is SEAS. Novena of Grace at Holy Spirit Center enjoyed by wife
- Other churches seem to capture youth better-more active and involved. Our youth seem lethargic
- Other parishes seem to be welcoming
- People sang a little more-has been to many other parishes-but SEAS does a great job

- Place to light candles. Meals at times of Funeral (rosary society) for pay. They would like to be able to light devotional candles. They also liked a women's ministry in a former parish that looked after funerals.
- Praying the rosary before services
- Precept bible study and home groups
- Priest took Communion last in Wisconsin
- Private/solitude peace to pray & light a candle when you are hurting or grieving. Very important, find way.
- Realistically no, although I was in a church with open doors and open panel walls with slight cool breeze (but that was in the tropics!)
- Really good liturgy
- Relevance in life today. Up to date sermons
- RENEW at Sacred Heart church in Wasilla. Alternates between Wasilla and Big Lake-has a hard time understanding priests with accents. She did comment that Deacons do give good sermons but again said that if the Catholic Church would allow priests to marry we wouldn't have such a shortage. Her daughter feels very strongly that women should be able to be ordained and more involved in the Catholic Church. Her mom didn't seem to be comfortable going this far! Daughter comment that St. Patrick's has Youth services at night with a potluck, which she thought was a great idea. They also apparently have dinners, then Mass sometimes, which she also likes.
- Satisfied
- SEAS does a good job compared to when she grew-up. Need more for the Youth
- SEAS is a lot better than the parish I attended in New York. There was one person who did all the singing; here, everyone is encouraged to participate. Here also the priests and deacons stand in the back to meet the congregation; this also was not done in our NY parish.
- SEAS is more actively involved than where I grew up. Likes it that the youth seem more actively involved.
- SEAS is only one-can't compare
- SEAS needs to foster more a small group atmosphere
- Seating for coffee after Mass.
- Sermons that are to the point. The readings and gospel are drawn together and made relevant. Long term priests.
- She would like to see a children's choir-she participated as a kid and love it!

- Social activities like St. Patrick's
- Something after the 11:30 Mass-like coffee and donuts ALSO-1st Friday prayers-rosary @peoples homes. -Along w/dinner.
- Southeast parishes brought in baptized ways of worship-It was more meaningful and more enthusiasm
- St John Methodist's-more welcoming environment; involve youth; give recognition to graduating seniors
- St. Anthony's does community organizing would like to see this in our parish.
- St. Pat's and St. Andrews. Various programs available. Good at all.
- St. Thomas More parish in Englewood, Co had a program called "Remembering" that helped Welcome lapsed Catholics back and to educate them. This was specifically for those who had the sacraments.
- Starting to have more social functions like they have at older parishes.
- Stations of the cross for kids
- Stimulating sermons
- Suggested a lot of great youth activities, love a specific youth night - once or twice a month, specifically and organized related to bible study, maybe have an adult bible study (6 wk program, have a concurrent youth bible study so the whole family can go to church the same evening). Youth meetings are not structured enough- too much chaos- should stress respect for guest speakers and adults. Bible study, maybe even role-playing scripture passages. Have a once or twice a month youth Mass - youth as sacristans, lectors, hospitality, choir - entirely run by youth. Have more youth community projects - get a list of parishioner needs (ex. Snow shoveling, lawn mowing, weeding, etc.) Weekly or otherwise. And have youth signed up to assist these parishioners, arrange youth trips- Holy Spirit Center monastery.
- The preschoolers are blessed by Father, and then proceed to their classrooms (just before the readings) this emphasizes the little one's parish family membership and confirms breaking open the word at their own level. It is beautiful to see them gather in front of the altar for a blessing then follow the bible out with a song. (Similar to RCIA)
- Home church in Nome was St. Joseph's where about four times per year a potlatch was held so that everyone could get together. Many in

that community were mining families so attended Mass by radio and didn't get together with the rest of the parish and come into town for Mass except for the potlatches. They were held for no special reason, no theme. Games for the kids, just a chance for the parishioners to get together.

- There are a lot of activities that happen at SEAS that I have not participated in. Therefore, I feel I don't have room to be unhappy.
- This is the only parish I have belonged to. Votive candles - provides spiritual focus. Traditional Catholic statuary and icons.
- Traditional songs more often, especially on Holy Days.
- Transient experience; nothing, vacation bible school
- Used to love the music at college parish in Missoula, Montana! Electric guitar, etc.
- Vacation Bible School (x3).
- Votive candles
- We are very blessed right now
- We feel more comfortable at our church than others. I am a little shy and I've never felt forced to be pretensive or act differently than myself while attending SEAS church. But, I have enjoyed other church denomination services. My wife is more outgoing than I am.
- Went to Holy Family and enjoyed its ethnicity.
- Went to St. Mary's Episcopalian, seemed more friendly, more inviting, less rigid, always had coffee and doughnuts after church. Likes pancake breakfast, ice-cream socials, spaghetti dinners, and good friends.
- What I see in other places makes me like what I see here.
- Wife is member of First Presbyterian-offered recent talk regarding "End of Life" issues
- Would like more organ music
- Would like to know more people by their names-see them at church but don't know their names
- Year round activities, a priest that sticks around longer than 3 years
- Youth Group was better at another church- they made it fun, games. It seems more personal.
- Youth Mass

QUESTION FIVE

What forms of communication would be best for you to know what's going on in our parish?

- Announcements and bulletin
- Announcements before Mass, it seems more personal-like an invitation.
- Bulletin or mail, cut out important items and post them on the fridge.
- Bulletin (x60)
- Bulletin & e-mail. (x10)
- Website Bulletin accessible on line each week (x2)
- Bulletin and announcements (x4)
- Bulletin and Anchor
- Bulletin and the pulpit are great. Mailings and e-mails, too.
- Bulletin and what comes through the mail
- Bulletin from mailings.
- Bulletin is fine, verbal 1-1 communication is good, e-mail -not first choice.
- Bulletin or e-mail at work
- Bulletin or e-mail. Make sure the e-mail says "SEAS" in the subject line to avoid deletion
- Bulletin or mail
- Bulletin usually covers. Recommendation; post bulletin on website;
- Bulletin, Diocesan insert, and how it explains a part of our faith
Bulletin, e-mail, newsletter would work as well
- Bulletin, e-mail, read the Catholic Anchor (Youth is prominent info now but would like to see more adult info).
- Bulletin, e-mails for events.
- Bulletin, husband likes e-mail and web link
- Bulletin, maybe e-mail for last minute changes
- Bulletin, website
- Bulletin, weekly announcements.
- Bulletin, weekly update on website.
- Bulletin, e-mail(x5)

- Bulletin. Would like to receive the bulletin via email, or have it posted on the website.
- Bulletin/announcements
- Bulletin/announcements
- Bulletin/minimal e-mail. Website is difficult to search. Better links on website.
- Bulletin; newsletter; pulpit announcements/request
- Bulletin; announcements
- Bulletin; website
- Bulletin and announcement and sharing
- Bulletin-really like it, really on it.
- Bulletins and announcements
- Bulletins (Thursday envelope at the school is good communication)
- Bulletins and e-mail(x3)
- Bulletins and Mass
- Bulletins, mail
- Bulletins; website (x2)
- E-mail (x4)
- E-mail ,bulletin phone
- E-mail and bulletins are good. A parish calendar would be good.
- E-mail or Bulletin (x8)
- E-mail or letters (x1)
- E-mail or mail (x1)
- E-mail, bulletin, Anchor.
- E-mail, bulletin, any form of communication is OK
- E-mail, bulletin, newsletter
- E-mail, bulletin, inserts in bulletins-all are good communications
- Do not like the announcement at the beginning of Mass.
- E-mail, incorporate the weekly bulletin in to a broadcast email as well as having it available on Sunday at Mass. Update the website. Use the new church sign out front for more than just the school. Place pleasant message or a bible verse to be seen by not only our own parishioners but also others driving by. The sign is for the WHOLE church, not just the school.
- E-mail; bulletins mailed to them
- E-mail-like Matt/Angela sent on Youth. Only mom reads bulletin. E-mails allow links/bookmarks. Put bulletin on line and link to week's readings.

- E-mails, phone calls
- In the mail.
- Instructions from pulpit, likes bulletin.
- Letter, bulletin, homily, announcements
- Letter, e-mail
- Likes bulletin-reads each week plus announcements. Reads Catholic Anchor.
- Likes the mail coming to home, likes to see info on the bulletin boards and likes bulletin. Really likes scriptures for the week listed, crossword puzzles, and the question to kids. Doesn't utilize the slick flyer insert.
- Mail (x5)
- Mail bulletin
- Mail is better. Appreciate finding out about parish happenings if not able to make Mass due to out-of-town work schedules.
- Mail is most effective but email is available too-Appreciate recent mailings by Fr. Tom-If I come to Mass I receive bulletins but particularly appreciate mailings.
- Mail, bulletins
- Mailer, e-mail, bulletin
- Mailings, bulletin
- Mail-maybe old fashion but if it anything comes in the mail-opens right away from SEAS.
- Make the bulletin more visually appealing-get a graphic artist to design a template that can be updated each week. E-mail would be good too
- Mom knows and sees Debbie in office.
- Monthly newsletter, otherwise bulletins are fine
- Newsletter by mail or e-mail. Provided email address and personal information
- Newsletter, e-mail
- Newsletters delivered in the mail Catholic Anchor
- No (x2)
- No communication from archdioceses severe disconnect - do not know the goals of the archbishop. Bulletin, personal invitation is most important. Big weakness, more advertisements, pulpit. People don't feel like they belong unless personal invitation - phone tree- e-mail OK.

- On Christmas Eve I was waiting for a ride home. A man drove up to the church at 10:30PM to find out the times of the Christmas Mass. It was nowhere to be found. The glass bulletin holder held the bulletin for the next week so the information was nowhere to be found. I couldn't help him. I was shocked that I couldn't find the Christmas Mass times anywhere. They weren't anywhere in church either. It was embarrassing. On another week at Mass the presider announced two things at the announcement times that I was interested in getting more info on. I took a bulletin and couldn't find either in there. Since I work full time I couldn't call during the week for more info. So I couldn't participate easily enough to get involved.
- One of the things I particularly liked about Fr. Craig was that he used the front page of the bulletin to discuss parish happenings and also told us a lot about himself and his wonderful experiences in Alaska. Fr. Tom should take a lesson from this and let us know more about him, his family and his travels.
- E-mail. Announcements at Mass. Leadership from pulpit. More lay involvement.
- Personal approach-hesitant to volunteer if not approached personally, Bulletins too long-SEAS bulletin
- Phone
- Phones, bulletin or mail
- Picks up bulletin on occasion to keep up with the activities.
- Probably the bulletin or a letter if something is important
- Sunday announcement and bulletin
- Sunday announcement and Sunday Bulletin
- The Anchor and Bulletin
- The bulletin is really good. E-mail messages would be good, too.
- The communication is good, but they need more to offer as a program.
- The Sunday Bulletin could be e-mailed.
- Updated website, E-mail, bulletin

QUESTION SIX

A. Has anything occurred in our Parish, which alienated you?

B. Is there any way or anything we could do to help reconcile it?

- "Never". Were not alienated, but were very upset when Fr. Scott and then Sr. Loretta were transferred. This was "very fishy" because there never really was an explanation. Sr. Loretta was the "backbone of the parish." Feel Archbishop Schwietz had not made enough of an effort to get to know the SEAS parish. Believe he'd only been to SEAS once, and think he should go to a Pancake Breakfast or something like that to get to know people. Archbishop Hurley was there four times per year. Like to get to know Archbishop Schwietz. No, too late (re Fr Scott and Sr. Loretta). It was "politics". Friends who were so upset about this moved to Holy Cross.
- "Parish politics" people who "run the church" their way without enough openness to other ideas. No support when my husband was very ill. The church needed to follow this family during the course of the 4 months stay in Seattle-to let others in parish know. Assign a well parish family to one who is having a problem to follow them and become a point of contact for others.
- A lot-Fr. Bala reassigned-school fell apart-nothing clicked-moved so kids could be in Catholic school.
- After the roof caved in on our church and we built a new church and paid it off, the majority of parishioners did not want the addition, yet the parish built it for 2.2 million anyway. I paid all the churches debts off once - I just won't do it again. Also there's not enough fellowship.
- Alienated in past many years ago-but stayed
- Annoyed at this year's CCD format. More interactive programs for teen CCD
- Archbishop doesn't communicate well. 1. During Father Scott leaving-we were left in flux for a long period. 2. Very concerned about SEAS

debt and financial obligation to Archdiocese. 3. For Father Bala - couldn't understand. 4. Hard to hear when the Baptismal Font is running.

- Better youth group
- Can't get to know who our pastor is before he's being shipped off somewhere else.
- Change of dress code (over few requests). Please no more changes or my husband won't send children.
- Changeover of priests more permanence of clergy
- Changes of priests, Father Scott leaving.
- Church hasn't reconciled to community for the priest scandal. Bishop not being honest to correct problem. We shouldn't have to hear this from the Daily News. Archdiocese should be honest and tell us first from the pulpit. He has not initiated a reconciliation service at churches. I have sinned and ask people for forgiveness.
- Consisted priest departure-really liked Fr. Bala. Unnecessarily abrupt departure-politics seemed to be involved. Get a priest who is long term and dynamic in parish. Feel like the testing ground. Would like to have someone children can know and grow up with--Deacon Ken is our only link.
- Crowded Mass where I had to sit outside of the main room. I try to go to mass now-not at the peak times
- Daughter felt alienated when letter received about a suggested donation.
- Did not feel alienated but did not serve the needs of a family with young children. It seems the parish is in a rut. Never bonded with the parishioners.
- Didn't like the way Father Bala left under such poor circumstances. Archbishop could explain why Father Bala had to leave and why so quickly?
- Disappointed in transition of so many priests. Father Bala left and now Father Craig.
- Division between school and parish
- Does not like to see commercial items sold like Avon products.
- Don't like holding hands at church.... maybe it's just me, but I'm afraid of passing germs.
- Don't feel welcome at the pancake breakfast. Didn't feel alienated, just not welcome.

- Don't like baptismal font
- Father Bala leaving and no communication about it. A. Better diocesan communication.
- Father Bala leaving. An apology to Father Bala
- Following priests homily due to poor English
- For myself, I don't like contribution envelopes. It makes it seem more like a business and a way to track how much you contribute. No, because I think for most people it makes it easier.
- Four or five years ago some members of the choir were asked to leave because of a sin. This was not true to Jesus' teachings. It makes me feel uncomfortable knowing I could be next. It makes me fearful; we need to develop more trust between the leadership and the members.
- Fr. Bala leaving- how he was treated by the archdiocese.
- Fr. Scott leaving-better now need to pay attention to what is going on
- Frustration w/churches scandals- not alienated-but angry over crimes committed.
- Glad prior priest is gone-no commitment only a three year. Stay.
- Have not been attending since July. Have 3 young children and there wasn't enough offered for them. Not enough volunteers at day care. I was very discouraged over the most important part is the children's ministry. Wanted more of a sense of community. There should be something for children ALL YEAR AROUND. Want children to be a part of the Mass and church.
- Haven't been going. Works w/sexually abused children. When sexual abuse came up w/in the church - was angry. Haven't been able to return.
- Her son kept Communion in his hand and took back to his seat w/o consuming. An individual came immediately and took it from him. She said she spoke briefly with him and he was given communion after Mass. She became tearful while telling about the incident. She says she does not feel she needs to talk with the individual.
- Hints at proselytizing. I think what a person thinks about God and prayer and the "practice of religion" is a personal journey. I appreciate the many opportunities to enhance that journey, but I get really turned off when people are overzealous about their faith. Is sad to me that Fr. Ron is leaving. I think he has added kindness and a sense of humor to our community.

- I do think that the huge crucifix above the altar is somewhat garish and a questionable use of funds. The "selling" of Perpetual Adoration was reminiscent of a confidence scheme: with a promise of good things, both spiritual and temporal, for parishes that do that, and an implicit threat of bad things (or at least missed opportunities) for parishes that do not do it. When combined with the follow-up request for funds that came in the mail, all it lacked was a price list for indulgences. As with Medjugori, it is sometimes hard to distinguish between faith and cult.
- I go to SEAS because I'm involved. Frankly, it's the only thing that keeps me coming to SEAS. If I didn't have the choir I'd go to Holy Spirit center where more of my Sunday night small-based Christian community goes. As it is, I'm very disgruntled with the hierarchy of the church. It doesn't represent my views and I have a harder and harder time belonging to an institution that does not recognize women's service at its highest level of decision-making. They deliver lip service to the fact that women have a voice but when one cannot serve in the highest office then it is my opinion that's lip service. We need equal opportunity for our loyal service and membership. On another note, I look from the choir and see the many faces of people attending. I think most are there because they truly feel welcome and want to be there. I think SEAS has much to offer many people, just not me. I hear the same thing week after week in the homily. It's the same message that I listened to since I was a child. I GET IT!!!! Sometimes it feels like being in grade school when I was learning to read. It feels like I get taught the same lesson over and over every week. I would have dropped out of school if my teachers had taught me the same 1st grade curriculum every year of my educational experience. If I had a family that I was raising I think SEAS might be enough. It just isn't. Probably not anything you can or should do anything about. I just feel as though I've outgrown the Mass the way it is celebrated. It's just not my community anymore. Nice people, doing nice things and trying. I just need more. I'd like to explore Buddhism. I believe they live the gospel in a more authentic way. I think it's different than what I'm hearing every Sunday.
- In past 2 years, news of priest pedophiles concerns me--I'm praying

- In the future, when people disagree on things, there needs to be more opportunity to pray over these issues and not just hold a meeting to resolve the issue. The parish staff has not done a good job reaching out to the people who have been alienated. They are more concerned with keeping the larger group content, and not raising issues they do not want to deal with. Just a couple of examples: the new cross, the Stations of the Cross.
- Interactions with Father Craig. A. Project I was on not completed, didn't see eye to eye!
- Lay people should not bless children; that should be reserved for religious
- Losing Father Scott. Problems with school, felt ousted after they left, gossip, cliques with the moms. A. More drive for kids, services and Mass is boring for kids. Energize, children's Mass, adolescence programs. Opportunities for service.
- Make sure all the active volunteers welcome everyone even if only coming at Christmas and Easter. A. Be welcoming to all.
- Materials distributed during the Holy Father's vigil and death were too complex and confusing--so much to understand about Catholic faith--gets frustrating at times.
- No (x121)
- No, but when I went for surgery I asked at the church if someone could come and bring me communion daily and no one came. Because I was not at Providence I felt very isolated.
- No, but would like to see something in the bulletin on the developmentally stages of children so that parents realize that perhaps their young ones should be with the babysitting services--the young ones are TOO distracting
- No, I'm hard to alienate
- No, not at SEAS. Catholic scandals and leadership, yes.
- No, not recently, for a while it was difficult with the frequent priest shifting.
- No, Parish is less friendly
- No, the one who came to my home are very good to me. Thank you!
- No, this is a great parish and a nice way to meet ones neighbors
- No. A. School conflicts - very confusing - apprehensive about what was going on.

- No-but should encourage families to be more respectful of others during Mass. Keep children quiet; not so much noise with kneelers
- No-Deacon Ken is mainstay.
- No-except I went to confessions and I didn't feel comfortable
- Not alienated, but we do not like that Father Scott was moved out of the parish and so far across town.
- Not exactly alienated - but it has been difficult to have had so many priests in the last few years.
- Not in our parish.
- Not in the least
- Not personally, knows about others regarding the school principal, parish building fund was tapped for rectory house building when the fund was used the church and facilities. Stability in pastors. Help older people in informational services regarding Medicare and Medicaid, assisted living homes are being zoned out, find a way to keep older people in their own homes, provide assistance to care givers, charge for this service - but lower than a public home, parish division
- Not really(x8)
- Not really alienated but think some decisions not well thought out, like modifying the wall to fit the crucifix instead of ordering a crucifix that fit. The parishioners should be INVOLVED in making decisions about expenses of the church like carpets, fixtures, etc, that cost the parish
- Not specifically-It would help to coordinate the ministries and work together in a more Christian manner.
- Nothing specified-but mentioned that if I have any problems I will find someone to talk about it at the church.
- Overall the sexual abuse scandal.
- Overly long and repetitive sermons; singing of EVERYTHING (it's not that it's bad singing, it's just not always necessary) time the sermons ahead of time to make sure they are 10-15 minutes in length and edit them so they are not repetitive; have a silent Mass
- People assumed things that are not true-no
- Please avoid formalized institutional fundraising that turned us off at another parish. Want to be flexible in donations
- Priest abuse scandal

- Priest scandal upsetting husband has pulled out of church. Feels priests should be married-women should be priests.
- Priest turnover/rapid rotation. Mourning Father Scott. A. People not drawn to church now, pastor needs to be really strong.
- Probably not, priest scandal not a shining, uplifting factor.
- Questions how some of our money is spent. No, because he goes to church to talk to GOD. Learned discipline growing up as a Catholic. Today he sees a lack of responsibility, discipline. There are no demands on anyone, only requests. Now currently seems to only focus on social events, in particular, raising money. (I.e. so often there is a second collection at Mass) Since Vatican II "we" bend the law.
- School operations, parent involvement, power struggle. A. Things were resolved.
- SEAS school; Wonderful things done-perpetual adoration, stations, crucifix. We need to get back into building community now.
- Separation of church and school. Lack of long term, visible pastor. Lack of a pastor w/a vested interest in our parish. Getting rid of Father Bala shook my trust in who is in charge and whose interest is being served.
- Serve choir before congregation receives communion; choir changes everything during feast days and holidays and they get lost in the liturgy. More education on liturgy.
- Some of the parent group activities-are family stuffy-more accepting of gentle discipline and out the box thinking.
- Sometimes too conservative-more humor needed-
- The frequent rotating of priests. --Don't have Archdiocese rotate priests
- The lack of leadership, uninspiring homilies--a permanent pastor dedicated to developing a thriving congregation (thanks for Fr. Tom-it's about time!)
- The poor treatment of Fr. Bala
- The visit by Megan McKennan, thought it was inappropriate for the youth. Also, have concerns due to priest scandals that impacted trust and credibility. Don't create mistakes. Let things heal.
- There was a sermon about patriotism that struck us as inappropriate
- There was something that occurred that bothered me-When my son made his First Communion there was a huge push for the building fund. That was disappointing for a First Communion Mass. This was

upsetting-why do they have to do a push for money during a First Communion Mass?

- Too frequent turnover of pastors.
- Transition of principals at school
- When Fr. Scott was there-didn't like response to questions teens posed to him at Confirmation meeting. (His son was being Confirmed)
- Years ago a child was ignored by priest-when child approached to ask if he could do his 1st Reconciliation.
- Yes! Don't be so formal in registration and fees. It needs to be done, but don't turn people away because they aren't registered or haven't paid their fee.
- Yes, 3 yrs ago when Father Scott left and we lost Sister Loretta. Father Craig healed it. Also the election 3 years ago was outrageous - gym teacher commandeered gym and voting was disrupted (ask Deacon Ken for details) but all has been corrected.
- Yes, a priest chastised a guest for slow consumption of the bread
- Yes, lack of interest in the teenagers. I believe Fr. Tom is adequately addressing the issue.
- Yes, the huge, "in your face" crucifix alienates me. I am very offended that the focus of our liturgy is the crucifixion instead of the resurrection, which to me is the whole point of Christianity. Take it down and put it in a closet!
- Yes, the tabernacle isn't up front with the Lord there to greet us and make us feel like we're in our own place to worship him, I MISS it!

QUESTION SEVEN

Is there anything we can do to help you remain an active participant of this parish?

- "I'll be there" Like continuing education opportunities.
- "We will always be active"
- 1. Some have faith weakened because of sexual abuse-should talk more about it during homilies. 2. Should preach more about what's happening personally applies to them. Listens to Christian radio and it has great values and talks on how to be a better person.
- Adult Formation needs to keep going-likes variety -can pick and choose
- Adult recreational activity-athletics not just social or spiritual. (Ask me personally) like: adult hike to Johnson Pass, a bike trip, volleyball night
- Already involved (x5)
- Always active at church, do as much as possible - balance between family, church and spending time with children.
- Appreciate her and time put in
- As a member of the funeral reception committee, I would like clarification as to parishioner/no-parishioners services we are to offer. There are very few of us. I see our ministry as consolation to parish families in their sorrow. Adding not-parishioners funerals is becoming too time-consuming, or I may have been misinformed as to the policy. I was told the last funeral was a non-parishioner. Are wedding and funerals limited to parishioners?
- At the moment, can't think of anything.
- At the risk of being repetitive myself, shorter, more succinct sermons and a silent Mass offered.
- Be more welcoming-Keep track of what's going on in people's lives.
- Being away for a while just getting back into habit. Need to get back.
- Call when ministry is signed up for.
- Children's music/choir
- Continue social events of parish community

- Continue to offer a variety of activities and programs to reach people with a variety of needs and interests in each stage of life.
- Continue to offer daily Mass and the Rosary in the mornings. Continue youth group.
- Continue to offer relevant activities for adults and children.
- Continue to offer/develop more opportunities to gather outside of mass. To challenge us outside of our comfort zone so we may transition and grow together.
- Continue to support the ministries and activities.
- Continued support for the school. More clergy presence in the school - do things w/the kids, tighter association w/the parish.
- Consistent leadership
- Daughter goes to SEAS - good connection.
- Would like to get more involved. At a more convenient time. Very busy w/family.
- Dislike for SEAS. Just likes HSC.
- Doesn't think so. Wondered about the Catholic faith. Doesn't like how the Catholic Church is male dominated, wants girls as altar servers to continue.
- Don't like the window door added to the chapel.
- Don't really like raising hand to do a blessing. Really like music, choir- it keeps us coming back.
- Eliminate the standing after Communion. Would look for another parish that does not do this, if this parish continues doing it.
- Enjoy going-appreciate good sermons
- Everything ok-programs for youth-teen son not connected- no confirmation yet
- Everything they are doing is wonderful-likes it a lot.
- Family will stay at SEAS regardless and will remain Catholic at SEAS despite problems at church. If "put-off" by leadership, might leave-would have to be a tremendous injustice of leadership.
- Feels active, involved in RCIA.
- For families active, Father Craig needs to come over to dinner.
- Generally no. More difficult to make parish life take precedence to many distractions. Feels own responsibility.
- Get the congregation fired up about our parish and our call to Christian service. Call us to be more than pew-warmers on Sunday.

- Getting families together for activities and socialization can do a lot to encourage participation.
- Getting youth more "hooked in" and keeping them locked in.
- Have a consistent priest; it's really hard to want to get to know him when you know he will be leaving shortly. (x1)
- I feel blessed to be a part of such a large, caring, growing parish. There are numerous ways to participate.
- I like to see the priest welcoming the people as they arrive for Mass. However, as a choir member I don't get to participate in this interaction.
- It would be nice to have more involvement from all. I think we tend to burn a few out. This would take people feeling ownership in the parish instead of just going to church. Not sure how to make this happen.
- Just keep offering programs for spiritual participation (x2)
- Full-time engineer and mother of 2 kids; she would sometime like to be active.
- Keep doing what you are doing. Glad Fr. Tom and Fr. Ron are here to stay.
- Keep welcoming at the beginning and end of Mass.
- Keep sending information & literature. Emails will be great.
- Keep supporting the school.
- Keep up the good work (x10)
- Keep doing what SEAS is doing-always offering more-this is good
- Looking forward to Father Lilly and hope to see some consistency in our parish leaders.
- Lots of cliques-Don't have one person that dominates a ministry-especially if it alienates others.
- Make sure Deacon Ken remains at SEAS
- Monthly activities, continuing to have eucharistic ministers/hospitality
- More activities for families and children.
- More adult gatherings.
- More knowledge of volunteer opportunities and events going on.
- More one-on- one involvement like this. Feeling support during tough times
- More open dialogue to DISCUSS issues, not just emphasizing the church's beliefs.
- N/A (x68)
- No. Concern over new pastor.

- No-handicapped child (15) can't bring to church
- No-driven to do it to keep involved-everything is working now
- Parish already doing many activities.
- Perhaps if there's a phone tree invite folks to do things. Smaller tasks. I guess, just invite me to participate. When talking about "Time. Talent. Treasures." give some specific info on needs of the church. Top 2-3 needs. Perhaps send info out in the bulletin or announce it every quarter, or more regularly if needed.
- Preview new songs before Mass. Offers everything I need.
- Priest who is really passionate, really good speaker.
- Relax more-Fr. Scott was able to convey that image to us.
- School drew family into parish-keep it strong; keep engaging families as kids get older.
- Several new things are happening which may help-i.e. Volunteer coordinator.
- I settled down to one place, I could be more active; rather transient right now. Did sign up for perpetual adoration and likes doing that. Would like evening activities on weekdays, (is away on weekends), something like RENEW or Bible studies or ideally a Group for Widowed People or Senior citizens. Talked about "Community Dinners" activity that has been done at other churches. Where 4-5 couples are grouped together to dinner together over the course of year, taking turns hosting the dinner--getting a wonderful opportunity to get to know others from the parish. Involved in this at Amazing Grace and worked well. Each group chose the way they'd do it. Some involved a theme or activity with each meal, such as going bowling together, or playing cards or bunko. One group had a photography theme, because they found they were all interested in photography. Only work if grouped with like families. Catholics have traditionally not been very social, but "we're trying". We are more social as a faith community than we ever used to be years ago.
- There's nothing SEAS can do, I need to make the personal commitment to attend.
- Signed up for Hospitality-would like to do it.
- Still active (x6)
- There are a lot of young families that can't be helped at SEAS.
- Signed up 1-hr a week with Perpetual Adoration. Are awaiting children and more involvement

- Try to be more involved but is hard with 3 small children.
- Will remain, no matter what.
- Things that bring the church together like perpetual adoration renew groups, prayer groups.
- This visit helps more connection, contact.
- Try new things. Maintain core principles but bring fresh things in. Limit length of Mass for the sake of children. Maybe articles, letters to inform about the church throughout the world. Build a bridge between Catholics and the Catholic Church. What results have come from the different committees? Is there an annual report? Instead of having a stewardship drive for everything, promote one ministry at a time through the year. Activities for all the different age groups.
- Very active
- We are actively participating in Church in various forms, the planners are doing great in these regard.
- We are already active and want to remain as so.
- We are quite content to remain active as is in the parish. WE LIKE THE YOUTH PROGRAM.
- We need help all year around. More volunteers.
- Welcoming community and enjoy time at SEAS.
- We'll keep on wandering around like we've been doing.
- We're fine, we're staying.
- What I enjoy about Mass is a great homily into the readings and music. I like the guitar Mass on Sunday evenings.
- Wife would like to advantage of gym time for tots to meet other families, etc. but difficult because of work hours. Impressed with the N2N program and feels like the church is "going in the right direction". Nice to see that the church wants to grow/change.
- Will be moving out of state when my house sells.
- Will be more active after fishing season
- Will be nice that the doors will be open to drop in and pray.
- Will continue to come until getting married, will go to Lutheran church after that.
- Will continue to go, splitting time between HSRC, looking forward to Tom Lilly
- Will stay with church-but hanging in there! Emphasize again-DO NOT LIKE THE NEW COMMUNION ROUTINE!
- With a change of pastors

- Work schedule hard-would like to meet more people
- Would like to get children more involved in the parish.
- Would like to consider being more active in the future, as children get older.
- Would like to see longer term for our priests. Deacon Ken is awesome.
- You are all doing a great job-keep it up.

QUESTION EIGHT

Would you like to be contacted personally by our clergy and if so, how would you like this arranged?

- A home visit would be nice because I can't get around (X2)
- A social call would be welcomed but not necessary (X3)
- I enjoy the efforts made in the past couple of years to have church and school working together. I know that wasn't always so in the past, but I think it's very important and much appreciated by the school community.
- No, but thanks for the offer (X144)
- We would be interested in learning if we truly are welcome at SEAS (see back) by phone would be fine.
- Would appreciate a phone call from our new priest. Discussed other ideas for events for the priest to get to know everyone and came up with a "priestly potluck" where various families volunteered to host potluck dinners for Fr. Tom and a handful to other families so that, bit-by-bit he gets to meet everyone.
- Yes (x9)

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

- 9AM music could be more upbeat, faster tempo.
- A reminder in the bulletin to parents of small children that the nursery is for their use when the children are too restless in the church. Would like financial statements checked, because they have never matched own accounts. Write check every time so know how much has contributed and has not matched financial statement.
- Activities like youth BBQ, Baseball and socialize outside of church. Is there going to be a summary of the results of this survey? We hope so.
- Anything the parish can do to help the school increase their enrollment.
- Appreciate the church facility being open to various groups.
- As the largest parish, we deserve a pastor that has an interest to stay long term and become part of our community.
- Becoming a member of SEAS has been one of the best "religious experiences" I have enjoyed so far. Everywhere I turn I see evidence of how the SEAS community and the local Catholic community are impacting the community of Anchorage and the STATE of Alaska. I enjoy the tiny part I play in it all and look forward to what God will call me to do in the future.
- Certify the teaching laity, by that I mean provide a course and program to give the laity, teachers, volunteers the right tools to provide instruction. Right now many are either not qualified or is not SEEN as qualified due to the lack of "credentials" of some kind.
- Considering holding Christmas and Easter Masses in Miki center for large gatherings or overflow and/or possibly TV monitor
- Continue what you are doing-Focus on encouraging youth to keep the faith into adulthood. Concern with priest abuse of children-how will this take a toll on our kids today!
- Deacon Ken is a gift. Appreciate this visitation program. Takes personal responsibility for faith.
- Do we know precepts of church, Ten Commandments. Development spirituality of individual from baby to adulthood. Bishops gone too much, needs to take care of us. All ministries are self-centered; they

have to get in community with each other. Evangelization brings Church teachings into homes. Archdiocese train people to give classes for people. Catholic Anchor is too much of an editorial forum about things that have nothing to do with the church.

- Does turnover syndrome preclude involvement of short timers-get people involved from arrival on?
- Enjoyed SEAS, like that there is a variety of Mass times. Nicely maintained facility. Bonnie & Matt do a good job. Don't like the quick turnover of priests. Get to know one, and then they have to move on. What is the reason that grades K & 1 are in CCD different times than the older children? Families may be spending many hours at the church.
- Appreciate the feedback from clergy.
- Felt a connection then, then felt that she was "fed" or enriched at Mass, but not lately. Need more of a community feeling. Felt like a family when kids were at the school.
- Finances-Health of church-need to have some report on how we are doing.
- Fr. Tom and Deacon Ken are two of the most caring and sincere leaders in any parish I have been in. They truly seem to relate to human and spiritual need. And, they both have a great sense of humor that is always welcome.
- Get Youth group going
- Glad to see effort of N2N (x4)
- Grateful for SEAS (x2)
- Flags are important and should remain in the church.
- Has the church or Archdiocese ever considered a weekday preschool program? My son attends the preschool at St. John's United Methodist and it serves s a real evangelization tool for their church. And it would serve as a "feeder" for the grade school at SEAS and promote Catholic education in general. There's a huge need in Anchorage for quality preschool programs (not daycare-true preschool) and I wish I was supporting a Catholic one.
- Having Fr. Nigro here is a great offering.
- Have heard buzz about moving the tabernacle. What is theology/ purpose of the either return placement?
- Has a question regarding the church's position on cremation. Would like information on how to prepare for a funeral.

- How do you explain clergy abuse to children, neighbors etc. Perhaps an evening program to talk w/other parishioners/clergy about how to talk about these issues-How to protect our kids-what to be aware of
- Heard in the past there were some language barriers with the priests.
- I enjoy the efforts made in the past couple of years to have church and school working together. I know that wasn't always so in the past, but I think it's very important and much appreciated by the school community.
- I attend both St. Elizabeth and St. Benedict. The preaching and community is outstanding at SEAS. However, at St. Benedict there is less of an attempt to make me "feel good" sometimes it feels more honest. I believe the congregation should be challenged from the pulpit. Thank you so much for providing a fabulous Catholic school. The school Masses are phenomenal.
- I could use periodic sermons on: God's Will (and what exactly does that mean) versus the human condition. The mysteries of our faith and accepting that there are some things we'll never understand (like when a child dies)
- I somehow have lost interest in going to church. I haven't gone since 2003. I lost faith because of the child abuse issue with the priests. It's also difficult when your husband is not of the same faith.
- I would love to be able to send my child to a Catholic summer camp-a family summer trip would be nice (camp, hikes.building community)
- If an emergency in the middle of the night, how can I contact a priest? Credit card contributions? Would like to see the breakdown of contributions to include; number of envelopes, amount per envelope, amount of loose money, have children bring children's envelopes to basket at altar.
- I'm a little surprised at how "out-of-date" our family records are- hopefully this will get our family info more current.
- After being a member of SEAS for about 6 years, it feels like home. We've never been a member of such a large church. Also as a parent-children's activities pulled me into other things. Now we are adults alone, I've often hesitated to go to "social" activities alone. I am REALLY glad to see the evening adult education happening. I've never seen info about SEAS "bible study" or "prayer groups". These activities have appealed to me in the past.
- Appreciate the choir and opportunities.

- Liked the way Sr. Loretta ran the parish.
- Likes the new crucifix, thinks the N2N program is great!
- Looking forward to sitting down with a pastor.
- Mass schedule is convenient.
- Maybe a way of drawing in more family's w/children would be to offer a children's Mass at a time coinciding w/religious education. Might help the "Christmas & Easter only" Catholics. Access to more Catholic Church lessons, history, current events, talks to inform the parishioners about the Catholic Church.
- Miss Father Craig (x2)
- Parents are Methodist. Wishes we could be more welcoming each Mass and include the young children (Father Scott used to invite the children to come towards the altar).
- More stability in priests would be welcome. Concern about opening church for 24 hr adoration security?
- My only regret is that I wish I could tithe more. Our budget is very tight, especially after retiring.
- Need something to bring families/Parishioners TOGETHER to share their faith, become unified. There's a lot more to spirituality than just going to Mass once a week. Even SCHOOLS need to be unified and come together.
- Need to improve church services on holidays to accommodate large crowds (maybe more Masses?). Parking on Gander - both sides of street is dangerous.
- No, thank you (x30)
- No. I'm impressed that you are giving people the chance to be sure that their records are current.
- No-likes parish except not a clear picture as to why waiting until 11th grade for confirmation
- None-Enjoy SEAS-will be difficult SEAS mom's group/kids playtime-instrumental in making friends and contacts with other mothers with small children.
- None-not shy about contracting anyone if needed. But, if we as a community can support what is going on in people's lives, we can connect and bring them into the community.
- Parishes now include retired people and their needs to be a role for them.

- Priests are representatives of God; they should act more like it. The church tends to hide its dirty laundry (i.e. Sexual abuse/scandal).
- Priests are rotated too often - but worse is to have no priest as we did 3 yrs ago for 6 months. Then 3 yrs ago serious damage was done to the school by the Archdiocese. They lost all their good teachers. It seems that they haven't fully recovered. This needs to be looked at to improve it.
- Problem start Mass later than times/waiting for latecomers. Start Mass at start of Mass.
- Really like all the activities, like picnics, donuts, pancake breakfast, habitat for humanity, and all the charitable help given, such as Clare House, Francis shelter, etc. Suggestions: Donuts: don't collect money up front at the beginning. I've seen folks ask how much the donuts were, the walked away without any. Any "money changers in the temple" make me feel a bit put off, personally. I suggest we give out free donuts and coffee, and then have a basket at the END of the donut line (after people pick up their free donut) to collect donations- have a "donations" box, perhaps with suggestions of .50, but don't have a money collector with a hand out. LONG PAUSES DURING MASS-2 or 3 times, there are long 45-90 second pauses. It seems like we're waiting for the priest to finish his prayer. I'd like an adult group that would be comfortable with political questions and concerns, like a group on PEACE and SOCIAL Justice discussions and maybe activities. Our parish seems so conservative; we don't have any outlet for Catholic-oriented progressive activities. The activities with Habitat for Humanity, Covenant House, and other houses are really good, but there's no PEACE outlet for me.
- Really enjoys SEAS. (x1)
- Really like that the priests are very visible and involved with social activities. Seems there is a separation between the church and the school. Like to see more events include all the children at the parish. Want to see more of collaboration like "trunk or treat" and the carnival working together. Good to see participation of parishioners.
- Really liked Faith Intensive for children/son available at SEAS. New priest seems excited and likes Father Ron. Thinks people respond to him very well. Enjoys how he says "Good Morning".
- Religious Education Program too formal, sitting in school like formal. Kids don't want to go.

- Requested for ministry but was never called. Called once to drive someone to appointment - was unavailable and not called again.
- Schedule Adult Faith Formation at the same time as kids on Sundays. Parents often drop off kids and kill time. -Excellent opportunity to educate adults!!
- School needs more exposure to the congregation. Would like to have the school accreditation news passed on to the congregation. Inform parishioners about the availability of the great education that students can get at the SEAS school.
- SEAS has a wonderful ministry staff right now! Fr. Tom and Fr. Ron have been a WONDERFUL addition to the community, richly blessing SEAS- Fr.'s Tom and Ron along with Deacon Ken have reconnected our parish that was beginning to become frayed. It was sad news to hear AGAIN that one our own was being transferred to another parish. SEAS should be able to experience the same continuity that other parishes seem to enjoy.
- She knows very few people at SEAS right now but would really like to get to know more people there through small group meetings.
- Planning for Perpetual adoration was incomplete. Did not involve entire parish. ONE person or man & wife should not decide purchases such as chalices. When a program such as N2N is started-get going on it and get it over.
- Thank you for the opportunity to share opinions and ideas (x4)
- Thank you for volunteering! Quarterly nametag Sunday. Maybe church (staff or volunteers) makes a point to call each & every member once a year? Positive Changes: Stations of the Cross, baptismal font, crucifix. Need: Children's envelopes, special children offerings. Concern: Church Pastoral Council.
- Thanks for coming out to families, don't recall this ever being done at SEAS, it's a nice touch. Can CCD be more flexible? Lots of families spend time in summer or winter out of the parish area and it seems we can't get kids into long-term programs. Parking seems to be a problem at SEAS. Also there doesn't seem to be enough seating or, if there is there's no one to help you get to seats. Other Catholic churches I've attended had ushers to help families (Five in our family and hard to find a location for all of us to sit together) find seating. Wanted to send kids to SEAS but there was no way. Discouraging. Told classes were too small and our kids couldn't get in. Perhaps if kindergarten

were a bit larger, you'd be able to continue growing from there. Full time kindergarten in consideration.

- The church being more involved in the school. Raised very traditional. Masses added on holidays.
- The churches with the issue on homosexuality-they are persecuted. The priest sexual abuse of children being swept under rug is very wrong. I am having a lot of doubts about the Catholic faith right now.
- The current RE schedules are too close to Mass-creates a traffic jam. Maybe the Re could be revised to ease the traffic congestion.
- The money spent on the cross and possibly the baptismal font may have been too much-other things are more important. Overall an "A" for the church!
- There is a mentality that things that had happen in the church lately are not wrong. There has not been a sincere apology.
- There is a need for STRONG leadership in the Catholic Church - in our pope, bishop, etc. There needs to be an active confrontation of dealing with the sex scandals. Need married clergy to instill the value of innocence in children and the responsibility for that. Women need to be placed in leadership roles.
- These questions are difficult to answer because right now we are struggling to see if we can fit into the Catholic Church. These are not so much issues specific to SEAS as they are to the Catholic Church in general. For example, we think the church should be more inclusive-women priests, gays and lesbians welcome, greater role of the laity. Granted, we understand that it is often the sensational that gets wide publicity, such as the effort by the Colorado bishop to excommunicate Catholics who vote democrat or pro-choice or the archdiocese that banned rainbow sash-wearing parishioners from communion. We don't want to bring up our children in an environment that we perceive to be at odds w/our understanding of Jesus' message. Some of us view issues such as abortion as complex and not reducible to black and white terms. Morality is not so simple. We are also disappointed with what seems to be a conservative reaction to the sex abuse scandal by Rome. It seems that the push is to give the clergy more power while reducing the role of the laity. We are a progressive family who thinks strongly that the church's primary focus should be on bringing the human family together by working to eradicate poverty, homelessness, lack of medical care, etc. I've never gotten that sense from the

sermons at SEAS that these are priorities. So we are not sure if we are welcome at SEAS or any Catholic Church because of our beliefs. I know that I could have stepped up and been a part of a social justice committee or started a reading group. But again, we are not sure if we are truly welcome as members. (We have also been turned off by what seems to be an emphasis on patriotism. Does this really belong in church? It seems divisive.)

- Recognize that it is Alaska but would like to see the dress code stepped up a bit. Don't think shorts and flip-flops are appropriate. Particularly concerned about the Eucharistic ministers and lectors who are supposed to represent the congregation. They, at least, should dress better,
- Thinks the coffee bar is a great idea to get people involved.
- This survey could have been done with a question and answer form.
- Too busy-really didn't want me to call back hurried through interview!
- Very Friendly
- Want a collection for school; archdiocese should support school. Hate time of services, would rather have 8am & 10 am.
- We are SO happy Religious Education is moving in a more traditional Catholic teaching. We were not happy with the way it had been. It was very upsetting to our daughter, who already graduated.
- Would be great if SEAS school carried partner with some day care provider (next door to church) so parents could drop off all kids at one time and same place. Older kids could then visit younger siblings-even eat with them. (They do this at ACS) She would be willing to help get daycare started!!!
- Would like more consistency with the pastor-stay longer
- Would like to see a Mass that was centered around all age groups, starting with children first. Parishioners should know that all age groups are welcome at Mass.
- Would like to see action on Catholic school issue. Especially combining Lumen Christi and Holy Rosary.