

Written Survey  
Question 1

Are you involved in any of the ministries or activities offered by St. Ambrose other than attending Mass?

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| 1 | 03/18/2010 | We go to parish dinners and church functions benefitting the parish. |
| 2 | 03/20/2010 | Did Bingo for 15 years.  |
| 3 | 03/22/2010 | Avila's  |
| 4 | 03/22/2010 | One family member.   |
| 5 | 03/22/2010 | Occasionally   |

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Question 2

If you are not involved in any ministries or activities offered by St. Ambrose, what do you believe is the largest factor contributing to this? If you have specific reasons, please provide details.

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| 1  | 03/14/2010 | I have not found any of the activities that I want to join.-- most are geared toward the youth of the parish--nothing for the 35-45 crowd   |
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| 3  | 03/15/2010 | N/A   |
| 4  | 03/15/2010 | I've done several different ministries in the past and I'm sure I will again in the future years  |
| 5  | 03/15/2010 | Health reasons  |
| 6  | 03/15/2010 | I had called to volunteer for Adopt a Patch and no one ever called back, I called again, and Nothing again! My daughters volunteerd for the fest and were not contacted either! We have tried. I am still interested in Adopt a Patch |
| 7  | 03/15/2010 | Groups are too self orientated and closed out to new comers.  |
| 8  | 03/15/2010 | I've been involved in the past, but since I work full-time, it's hard to find the time. Also, a lot of things are family oriented (which is great), but my husband is not Catholic and my kids do not go to St. Ambrose               |
| 9  | 03/16/2010 | We as a family would like to more involved. When we sign up , sometimes we don't get call-backs.  |
| 10 | 03/16/2010 | N/A   |
| 11 | 03/16/2010 | I am not a social person and am not comfortable in social situations. Some people fix things by talking, if it takes labor or money, they are out. I use my God given talents--work and prayers                                       |
| 12 | 03/16/2010 | N/A   |
| 13 | 03/16/2010 | Have tried in past for community meal, came with my children, but felt like we did not belong/were outsiders. For parish festival, when volunteered on  |

Sunday, was told by another volunteer who also started on Sunday that we could get T-shirts if volunteered earlier or more often

- 14 03/16/2010 N/A
- 15 03/16/2010 We are working multiple jobs.
- 16 03/16/2010 I am at college.
- 17 03/16/2010 I did volunteer to be a funeral server. Was only called one time. I thought it went okay, was never called to serve again.
- 18 03/18/2010 I have not found any of the activities that I want to join. Most are geared toward the youth of the parish. Nothing for the 35-45 crowd.
- 19 03/18/2010 N/A
- 20 03/18/2010 Health issues
- 21 03/18/2010 We have elderly relatives here and in Y-town that are our current first priority.
- 22 03/19/2010 When I was younger, I was very involved.
- 23 03/20/2010 See #1
- 24 03/20/2010 N/A
- 25 03/20/2010 Health issues
- 26 03/20/2010 N/A
- 27 03/21/2010 Not currently involved. Although not an official member, I have helped out with SVDP/Catholic Works of Mercy during the holidays. (see last page).
- 28 03/21/2010 We help out in any way we can (bake sales, mostly helping with school activities), but not a specific ministry.
- 29 03/21/2010 Discouraged by past involvement. Some "volunteers" seem to think that they run the parish.
- 30 03/21/2010 We had been involved all the years our children attended the day school...very involved. Our intent in becoming re-involved is slim.
- 31 03/21/2010 Do not like the focus of programs. There is deviation from Catholic "History" and the narrow road. We are different from other faiths!!
- 32 03/21/2010 I volunteer for summer festival and provide bakery when needed.
- 33 03/22/2010 Our age and ill health are a deterrent to participating in outside activities.
- 34 03/22/2010 I am a temp worker currently and not sure of when I would be available. So I don't want to commit.
- 35 03/22/2010 At this time!
- 36 03/22/2010 Life is often hectic. It has its ebbs and flows. Committing to something on a regular basis, having people count on you when you already have work, family and other organizations you are committed to, can seem relentless and overwhelming. Therefore, I do the best that I can meeting all needs, including my own. I'm not a machine and I know my need for contemplative prayer and rest.
- 37 03/22/2010 Provide more info in bulletin.
- 38 03/22/2010 N/A
- 39 03/22/2010 I have many health issues which prevent me from volunteering.
- 40 03/23/2010 N/A
- 41 03/23/2010 We were very active in several other parishes in Ohio and Wisconsin over the years. We're just tired out.

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Question 3

In focus group sessions, many parishioners stated that they would like to see the number of ministry or activity groups expand at St. Ambrose. For which of the following groups should the ministries grow? You may select any group that you believe needs additional ministries. If you have specific suggestions, please provide details.

- 1 03/14/2010 Music expansion:bells for youth
- 2 03/14/2010 Plenty of groups/activities for kids. Need groups for the ages.
- 3 03/15/2010 Music expansion: Bells for youth
- 4 03/15/2010 Plenty of groups/activities for kids! Need groups for other ages
- 5 03/15/2010 Sometimes I feel "we" have too many activities going at the same time (and day). However, I have always enjoyed each of these activities I participated in.
- 6 03/15/2010 Rather than see more activities, I would rather see more focused activities.
- 7 03/15/2010 Single people could use social and religious activities--but don't put age limits unless both younger (<30 yrs) and other (>30 yrs) have social and religious opportunities. Sometimes singles groups end at 30 yrs old, but what about people over 30? (speaking from the viewpoint of someone who was single until 37 yrs!!)
- 8 03/15/2010 I can't think of any off hand. The change in the parish is remarkable. I'm so pleased
- 9 03/15/2010 To me the Church isn't a social club. There is too much going on already. It is not a business.
- 10 03/15/2010 Other volunteers needed More alter servers for all services
- 11 03/16/2010 Perhaps, if anything , more activities for senior groups and young families.
- 12 03/16/2010 It apeas that there are many groups for many ages.
- 13 03/16/2010 See next item.
- 14 03/16/2010 Too many now!
- 15 03/16/2010 I am 62, but still work--would like to see senior activities in evening or week-ends too.
- 16 03/16/2010 Afternoon activities, Bingo and cards
- 17 03/16/2010 Rotate times
- 18 03/16/2010 Senior groups should rotate meeting times so that seniors who are still working would have more opportunities to attend.
- 19 03/16/2010 More outings.
- 20 03/16/2010 RE: Senior groups--I feel the activity should be only with a religious goal. There is too much duplication with Rec Center (Wellnes Fair etc.)
- 21 03/18/2010 Music expansion: bells for youth
- 22 03/18/2010 Plenty of groups/activities for kids! Need groups for other ages.
- 23 03/18/2010 I am happy with the groups we have. They work for my family. I would try a new group or activity.
- 24 03/18/2010 There are vast areas for people to get involved. Maybe more age group activities.

- 25 03/18/2010 Ministries should support or expand on identified issues and should not necessarily have a forever lifespan.
- 26 03/18/2010 Many groups begin, but seen to wither away for lack of support-- e.g. Sr. Donna Marie's book club; Divorced and widows group. I'd like to see a book discussion group continue after Fr. Greg's gone.
- 27 03/18/2010 Very good activities now--something for everyone
- 28 03/19/2010 They have too many.
- 29 03/19/2010 High school and 20 something.
- 30 03/19/2010 Need to target those "in-active Catholics" in the young adults to bring back to faith. This is the present future of the church
- 31 03/19/2010 Programs to reach out to non-Catholics and those Catholics not actively practicing their faith. Programs that help retain the youth and young adults to continue to grow in their faith.
- 32 03/20/2010 Too many already.
- 33 03/20/2010 Activities for families. Volunteer opportunities for families.
- 34 03/20/2010 Since we are senior citizens, obviously this is the group we are interested in.
- 35 03/21/2010 I believe from talking to many other parents, that there is too much focus on all these ministries and the school is falling apart.
- 36 03/21/2010 There is such a thing as too much growth and not enough thought and energy placed on areas that are very important, such as the Mass and Sacraments.
- 37 03/21/2010 Activity and spirituality and being "Alive in Christ". We need to take what we learn on Sundays out into the community and not make St. Ambrose the center of our activities.
- 38 03/21/2010 If someone feels the need for additional groups--just expand off an existing one.
- 39 03/21/2010 Would like to see more activities for us seniors. Bus trips, birthday club, socializing.
- 40 03/22/2010 We cannot be all things to all people. We should not duplicate things already offered by the community. e.g. Health fair. Church should help me know God. Mass is to worship God not to hear announcements about fund raisers.
- 41 03/22/2010 Don't have so many activities on the same day and time.
- 42 03/22/2010 There are plenty of groups--we need more involvement in the groups we have.
- 43 03/22/2010 It appears we have an abundance of both ministry and activity groups, for all ages. Our meeting rooms and facilities appear to be maxed out during the week, unless future groups meet off-site.
- 44 03/22/2010 On weekends, in evenings so our work schedule doesn't conflict. More educational and environmental speakers lending inspiration. Spiritual directors available. Spread them throughout the week--not just on Tuesdays.
- 45 03/22/2010 The list of ministries is quite long.
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- 47 03/22/2010 We should concentrate on those already in place. We should find out the reason the Renewal week-end group has so much trouble getting participants. Perhaps, St. Ambrose needs to move to the next step of that process. Those in charge of

programs, should be careful how they show distress and not "bad mouth" other workers. We're all volunteers here.

48 03/22/2010 Revive widowed, divorced and single.

49 03/22/2010 St. Ambrose offers many groups and while all are welcome, it has been my experience that the same "cliques" exist, not including all who show an interest.

50 03/22/2010 Activities and events that I attend or participate in seem to always utilize the same people. The majority of these people are the seniors and there seems to be a lack of participation by the 30-50 year olds.

51 03/22/2010 Help for home care: light cleaning, for disabled services, help in getting us to Masses or doing grocery shopping, Glad to pray for services.

52 03/22/2010 Instead of "senior citizens" how about a 50/55 and over group. This would maybe bring in a mix of younger seniors with the elderly.

53 03/23/2010 There is so much going on, I cannot see how anymore can be added. I am not familiar with all the groups, but it seems much is always going on.

54 03/23/2010 What about groups for older adults? I am 51 and still have young children. I hardly feel like a senior citizen, but I would like to meet people my age. Senior citizens are 65+ years. I will not join a group of retired people when I am still young and vibrant. Many people in this city are new and need a way to meet people their age.

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#### Question 4

If you would like to see the number of ministry or activity groups expand at St. Ambrose, what ministry themes would you like to see for those new groups? You may select any ministry theme that you believe needs added. If you have specific suggestions, please provide details.

1 03/14/2010 AA Alanon Alateen

2 03/14/2010 Gathering for groups who don't have kids

3 03/15/2010 AA; ALANON; ALATEEN

4 03/15/2010 Gathering for groups who don't have kids

5 03/15/2010 Theology of the Body from John Paul II

6 03/15/2010 N/A

7 03/15/2010 I know and believe our church is "The One True Catholic Church", but others in many religions believe "Theirs Is". Would like more knowledge of church history of ours and others, especially Jewish, Lutheran, Baptist and Protestant

8 03/15/2010 More times to have availability because of family and work committments.

9 03/15/2010 Thankfully there are a lot of chances to receive the sacrament this year during Holy Week. Maybe once a week after Masses (8:15 and 5:30)

10 03/15/2010 To many times people are turned away because Mass is starting or the priest has to go and get ready to say Mass.

11 03/16/2010 All groups

- 12 03/16/2010 Definitely. 30-45 minutes before the Sat. evening Mass is insufficient. How about an hour on Wed. Evening and the Eve of First Fridays and Holy days.
- 13 03/16/2010 Alanon/people who suffered abuse, tragedy resource connection for family crisis.
- 14 03/16/2010 Alanon; Friends Anonymos
- 15 03/16/2010 Bring back group reconciliation like St. Martins had. Got more out of examination of conscience than trying to remember everything before going/before individual priest.
- 16 03/16/2010 Would like music at 7:30 am Mass
- 17 03/16/2010 Need booklets on how to "do" confession now in a friendly way.
- 18 03/16/2010 I am very disappointed in the Sat. only reconciliation time. I can NEVER make it then. I know I could call for an appointment, but I feel I am imposing if I were to do that.
- 19 03/16/2010 Sr. Donna Marie does a great job. We do not need any more groups! A topic (speaker series). I would find interesting is a discussion on comparing religions (Jewish, Muslim, Budha, Methodist, Baptist).
- 20 03/18/2010 AA; Alanon; Alateen
- 21 03/18/2010 Gathering for groups who don't have kids
- 22 03/18/2010 "Theology of the Body" from John Paul II.
- 23 03/18/2010 N/A
- 24 03/18/2010 I know and believe our church is "The One True Chuch", but others in many religions believe theirs is. I would like more knowledge of Church history of ours and others, especially Jewish, Lutheran, Baptist, Protestant
- 25 03/18/2010 Day trips
- 26 03/18/2010 And biblical figures.
- 27 03/18/2010 I have been Catholic all my life--49 years, an have forgotten alot. I would like to review basics. I learned basics in CCD 1-12th grade, but would understand more now. Like limbo? I never hear about it.
- 28 03/19/2010 Social justice issues.
- 29 03/20/2010 See #3
- 30 03/20/2010 Miss having reconciliation during Holy Week and prior to Christmas-- other than communal penance.
- 31 03/20/2010 Support groups for adults taking care of parents--very much needed.
- 32 03/21/2010 No Health and wellness. Focus on the sacraments with our priests time--not where our church (St. Ambrose) is now. Too busy.
- 33 03/21/2010 Social opportunities for single 30 somethings.
- 34 03/22/2010 Enough programs
- 35 03/22/2010 Sports
- 36 03/22/2010 Local assistance for senior citizens, such as "Angels with Hammers".
- 37 03/22/2010 Life is hard sometimes and unexpected circumstances usurp leaving you to feel alone without a life jacket, i.e. loss of a job, divorce, health issues, concerns at work, difficult relationships, how to pray for people who seem to want to hurt you, etc. These are things no school can teach you how to deal with and happen

constantly to all of us all the time. Coping can be life altering sometimes, not for the better. Need new ways to look at these issues through a Christian eye instead of the world's eye.

38 03/22/2010 With every organization or event that requires a committee and meetings: that is one more night a month or a week that a family does not cook a meal and sit down and eat dinner together. There is already too much rushing around. Families need more time at home these days. Kids need to eat, play, do homework, get a bath, go to bed on time. Don't target market the kids with fund raisers and events and organizations.

39 03/22/2010 I would definitely like more time for Reconciliation--used to have Saturday evening. Clarification programs: Catechism course, Latin, part of the Mass and set-up of church, religious orders (male and female) and their history, focus and ministries.

40 03/22/2010 Community: Would like to see additional community activities.

41 03/23/2010 Again, not sure how time could be allocated for this.

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### Question 5

An engaged church has been defined as a vibrant community of faith where the parishioners feel a sense of belonging and fellowship in Jesus Christ. How does St. Ambrose do in creating a vibrant community of faith where the parishioners feel a sense of belonging and fellowship in Jesus Christ? If you have specific examples about how St. Ambrose is doing, please provide details.

Respondents Response Date Additional Comments:

- 1 03/14/2010 Greeters. Call system from Fr. Bob. Several Activities
- 2 03/14/2010 You do a good job for people/families with children and young adults. Not much for couple who don't have kids, other than marriage course
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- 4 03/15/2010 You do a good job for people/families with children and young adults. Not much for couple who don't have kids, other than the marriage course.
- 5 03/15/2010 We have many wonderful hard workers in our parish, some make you feel VERY welcome, others are clicks and not so friendly.
- 6 03/15/2010 Always room to improve--Communication is the key
- 7 03/15/2010 I feel the church offers many different ways to bring us closer to Jesus and welcoming me, giving me a strong sense of belonging... I do not feel welcomed or family when it comes to the school.
- 8 03/15/2010 To me, to be engaged would mean achieving a sense of intimacy with those around you. I do not feel that connection with the very individual I share a pew with on Sunday. We are still too busy, busy, busy and I have committed myself to BEING INVOLVED and yet all I experience IS BUSY! Let us slow down and get to know one another. Let us slow down and return our focus.

- 9 03/15/2010 The CWM Christmas giving tree and CWM yearlong focus on the needy. This program is publicized so the surrounding churches and citizens are aware of our focus on providing to the "least of us".
- 10 03/15/2010 People are starting to catch on to this fellowship process. We seem to be growing in the right direction - To God
- 11 03/15/2010 I feel if you are not active in the social activities, you are not as welcome. I felt more a part of the community four years ago, before all this "Vibrant Parish Life)! Since my husband isn't Catholic and I spend time with him, I can't participate in the social activities. So I use to feel like an important part of the Church (raising my children Catholic, altar servers, youth group, teaching PSR, food collections and delivery etc). Now I feel like an outsider.
- 12 03/15/2010 St. Ambrose tries to engage it's members in various ways. I believe you are doing a very good job!
- 13 03/16/2010 Well done FR. Bob, best I've ever seen and I am 64. THANK YOU, you make a difference!
- 14 03/16/2010 Carnival, outside Masses, donuts and fish fries, etc.
- 15 03/16/2010 By volunteering you find many cordial people that make you feel welcome and spiritually you get much from the many speakers and programs provided.
- 16 03/16/2010 But sometimes some need to be reminded their ministry is not for THEIR glory, it's for everyone and they have to be willing to let go, teach others, let others in, or even step aside.
- 17 03/16/2010 But sometimes feel like hard to fit into a group that exists already
- 18 03/16/2010 Too much music and Homily too long; not enough prayer
- 19 03/16/2010 Positive sermons (short and to the point) help. Nothing like listening to a 10-15 minute sermon that bored me to tears.
- 20 03/16/2010 Everyone is more friendly. Fr. Stec participates everywhere.
- 21 03/18/2010 Greeters, call system from Fr. Bob. several activities
- 22 03/18/2010 You do a good job for people/families with children and young adults. Not much for couples who don't have kids, other than marriage course
- 23 03/18/2010 We have many wonderful, hard workers in our parish. Some make you feel very welcome, others are clicks and not so friendly.
- 24 03/18/2010 St. Ambrose feels like "home" to us.
- 25 03/18/2010 Mass is welcoming, the priests are sociable and approachable, music ministry provides upbeat music.
- 26 03/18/2010 The calls from Fr. Bob make us feel like we are important enough to be notified.
- 27 03/18/2010 It is a wonderful warm parish.
- 28 03/19/2010 Too much free food. Not much gospel.
- 29 03/19/2010 The pastor does not make the older group feel needed. He's geared to the younger group.
- 30 03/19/2010 Opportunities: (social and spiritual) to be engaged are provided. However, those engaged must reach out to those that need an invitation to join. Personal invitation is needed to most individuals to partake. The definition of engagement is different for everyone. Someone attending Mass, only, may feel very engaged

31 03/19/2010 There are groups and events for all parishioners to get involved in. Especially, I think it is a great job of how approaching the youth of the parish, as they are our future.

32 03/20/2010 Good job with children Mediocre job with senior members. Pastor is involved in youth activities. Does not engage in senior activities. Believe Pastor's actions reflect on members.

33 03/20/2010 As more and more people find opportunities at St. Ambrose, this sense of belonging, sense of church family, developes. We are approaching "very good job". Limited by space and increased participation to develop.

34 03/20/2010 I'm not a group-oriented person, but my fellow parishioners seem to be very connected and active in their fellowship.

35 03/20/2010 We do not know what the question is?---confusing.

36 03/21/2010 There seems to be a good number of people involved in parish ministries and I used to be very involved. However, in the last several years, I have felt disconnected. I pretty much just attend Mass.

37 03/21/2010 Vibrant community. Is well established. Best in years.

38 03/21/2010 Our parish is too large to have a "homey" feel. We loved it when we were celebrating in the parish school basement. Yes, we know times change.

39 03/21/2010 Greetings before Mass (saying Hello to those next to you) are unappreciated. I would like more teaching/guidance on the "Narrow Raod" referred to in the gospels. "We are great" messages concern me. Being humble is the message I have always heard in the gospels. I felt more of a community under Fr. Hilkert

40 03/21/2010 Fr. Bob is tireless in his efforts to invite people to participate and to feel needed and welcome. GOOD JOB!!

41 03/22/2010 We moved from Brooklyn, Ohio 13 years ago. We joined St. Ambrose and have been very happy at St. Ambrose. We depend on our family for transportation, but we do go out in our own at times.

42 03/22/2010 Stop all that singing at ALL the Masses. Beginning, offertory and closing is enough.

43 03/22/2010 By putting in the bulletin: "If I am friendly--other will be". That was in the bulletin long ago and I think alot of people have adopted this. Thanks to Fr. Bob for making this parish "alive and friendlier" an extended family.

44 03/22/2010 Overwhelming concern and emphasis on stewardship from parish leaders. We do not, as a family, feel an overwhelming sense of belonging or fellowship. We have been parishioners for almost 12 years an have never been asked to take up offertory gifts, not once.

45 03/22/2010 Fr. Bob has done a tremendous job of offering opportunities for parishioners to become involved.

46 03/22/2010 Some programs need to be updated or supported more for more involvement. Example--the Men's and Women's renewal.

47 03/22/2010 Since Fr. Bob's arrival, our church has grown tremendously as far as the number of newly formed groups, activities, services etc. Our parish is VERY ALIVE and although a member for 20 years, it has only been in the last 4-6 years that I have felt a REAL SENSE of community since joining several ministries. St. Ambrose is like a 2nd family to me. I feel welcome and receive much in return. Our church is a blessing to the community in all that we are able to give.

- 48 03/22/2010 I have heard mostly good things. But the negative do exist too: spends too much money; always wants more; expects everyone to be involved and if not, they feel ignored or not as important. A vibrant community of faith, includes meeting everyone at every level of their development in the spirit and tries not to shun or place pressure on those that cannot bring themselves to participate fully. Shyness, fear, other committments, or personality might hinder them from joining. It could be a million reasons. Acceptance and loving kindness helps to make those feel less pressured, more welcomed and less guilty for not participating.
- 49 03/22/2010 St. Ambrose offers alot of activities for the community, for all ages and levels of faith. VERY GOOD!
- 50 03/22/2010 Sometimes too much going in one night, though, so I have a hard time choosing what to attend.
- 51 03/22/2010 There are so many opportunities for enrichment and community fellowship. I feel that we truly are a vibrant faith community reaching out to each other.
- 52 03/23/2010 There seems to be a lot of cliques within various groups. Recently, new people may be being approached. Not sure how long that has been the case. I notice, if I speak to someone they respond. But, I can't remember when I was spoken to first. For years, at one particular Mass, only one family ever presented gifts. I do not know why--I can guess, but I was never asked. More recently, I have come to know some of the ushers. I have been, therefore, approached. I think this has only been within the last couple of months.
- 53 03/23/2010 St. Ambrose and Fr. Bob -- one of the best I've seen in getting parishioners involved.
- 54 03/23/2010 Very good job, by comparison to the other parishes we have been involved in.allocated for this.

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Question 6

Should St. Ambrose improve or increase the facilities capacity at our parish?

- 1 03/14/2010 \*Outdoor Pavillion to facilitate outdoor activies of all sorts \*msuic area expansion for growth \*parking
- 2 03/14/2010 We need parking
- 3 03/15/2010 Outdoor Pavillian to facilitate outdoor activities of all sorts Music area expansion for growth Parking
- 4 03/15/2010 We need parking !!
- 5 03/15/2010 The economy is very bad now, we should only do what is really necessary
- 6 03/15/2010 Limited financial resources
- 7 03/15/2010 How many more do we need?
- 8 03/15/2010 To promote growth and it may help people focus the stay

- 9 03/15/2010 It seems activities get bumped or dates are tight because we have so many groups needing a space for their event. Mostly, I've seen how the sports programs get slighted--volleyball and basketball. PLUS, many times events are placed in wrong areas--given a big area when a small one would have worked.
- 10 03/15/2010 The most spiritually productive/fruitful parishes have often done more with less.
- 11 03/15/2010 Too much money
- 12 03/15/2010 More facilities permit a larger number of people and events to be held. Ease of entrance/exit from our grounds may encourage people to remain for the ending song at Mass--ie may not have to rush to move their car out of the way. I may enable people to not come extremely early for Christmas/Easter Masses
- 13 03/15/2010 I'm not capable to comment on this topic
- 14 03/15/2010 I do not feel the impact of the capacity myself, but am aware it affects others. The 7:30 Mass is the one I attend--so the parking situation does not impact me as it does at later Masses
- 15 03/15/2010 Seems to be the room for what is happening now.
- 16 03/15/2010 We have the convent for use now, Hilker Hall, school, rectory, barn and church. Schedule the time well. Do with what we have in these hard economic times.
- 17 03/15/2010 Since we are so large, we could use more space and updates.
- 18 03/15/2010 Parking
- 19 03/15/2010 The parish has really gotten involved in more activities which will require more meeting rooms and parking.
- 20 03/15/2010 School Clinic is cold and very bare in necessities. Floor is cold, bed is so bare--not even a Blanket to keep a student temporarily warm.
- 21 03/15/2010 parking space in need of improvement
- 22 03/16/2010 More parking
- 23 03/16/2010 Our community is growing and we need to grow with it to draw more Catholics into our church activities and attendance to Masses
- 24 03/16/2010 Not increase. I would not increase now with the state of the economy. People are totally committed to every dollar we make. We do not need (at this time) additional stress to our financial survival.
- 25 03/16/2010 Take care of parking first.
- 26 03/16/2010 Feel that we have sufficient facilities.
- 27 03/16/2010 Tough time to commit to new facilities in a tough economic environment. Church is the people not the facility.
- 28 03/16/2010 Because need more space for parking and more room for us all when different functions are going on at the same time, especially Mass time.
- 29 03/16/2010 Need picnic pavillion for outdoor activities.
- 30 03/16/2010 Community is expanding. Pews are crowded. Parking is almost a disaster.
- 31 03/16/2010 Improvements must be kept up and as there are so many parishioners, facilities must be made to accomodate the flock. Either new or additional.
- 32 03/16/2010 Seem able to accommodate population as is.
- 33 03/16/2010 Parking and meeting rooms needed in school.

- 34 03/16/2010 It's hard to find meeting space. Some are using off-site places if their meeting events clash and get bumped because of space and time constraints.
- 35 03/16/2010 Improve where necessary. No need to increase facility capacity.
- 36 03/16/2010 Yes, to accomodate all parishioners. Could open east side of main church, add area for the choir and connect campus under one roof.
- 37 03/16/2010 More handicap parking.
- 38 03/16/2010 Feel the facilities are adequate for meeting rooms. Parking--the parking needs to be expanded.
- 39 03/16/2010 We have had the same amount of space for a long time, yet the community and parish continue to grow. We need to expand to fit all.
- 40 03/16/2010 In order to grow our parish and max it out to the fullest, we need to provide space for that.
- 41 03/16/2010 No room Less money
- 42 03/16/2010 The community continues to grow. We may need to expand the facilities and buildings as well.
- 43 03/16/2010 Maybe some of the basketball practice could be deleted to make room for other meetings.
- 44 03/16/2010 Bathrooms in the church need a MAJOR re-do. Touchless system with warm water, new stalls.
- 45 03/16/2010 If the rate of new and regular parishioners increases and the church is not large enough, it should be enlarged. We all know that there is not enough space at Christmas and Easter. However, utilizing Hilkert Hall is a fantastic idea
- 46 03/16/2010 We have what we need.
- 47 03/16/2010 Times are bad and money scarce. Maybe a few years in the future.
- 48 03/16/2010 I would like to see a larger church, but I don't think we can afford it.
- 49 03/16/2010 Keep reserves for repairs and emergency. Stop asking for more money, we are not such wealth parishioners.
- 50 03/16/2010 Bigger gym--more activity for the youth. Music ministry behind altar-(chapel Area). This would make church area larger. Chapel--out front--open land on Rt 42--in front of church. Parking area
- 51 03/18/2010 Outdoor pavillion to facilitate outdoor activities of all sorts. Music area expansion for growth. Parking.
- 52 03/18/2010 We need parking!
- 53 03/18/2010 The economy is very bad now, we should only do what is really necessary.
- 54 03/18/2010 Limited financial resources.
- 55 03/18/2010 How many more do we need?
- 56 03/18/2010 Within reason, more space is needed for the day school and for groups to meet. And...of course PARKING!
- 57 03/18/2010 of course, parking. More meeting rooms, office area. More buildings for specific things or functions.
- 58 03/18/2010 Growth of parish.
- 59 03/18/2010 Improvements and modifications have previously occurred. Increasing facilities could be achieved by renting facilities.

- 60 03/18/2010 To facilitate increased participation in activities or use the school more after hours for meeting.
- 61 03/18/2010 The church is out growing itself. Need more parking.
- 62 03/19/2010 In 10-20 years we will be saddled with useless buildings. The grand wonderful Catholic grade school is close to dead.
- 63 03/19/2010 Keep up with improvements so there won't be any huge expenses.
- 64 03/19/2010 The facilities are adequate. The problems that are occurring could be improved with better scheduling.
- 65 03/19/2010 Mass can become congested, but if ushers would ask "seat holders" or people who need to be reminded to move down the pew, then there would be room for all. I travel the country and attend church at many different parishes and St. Ambrose is EXTREMELY poor at this. Especially during the Easter and Christmas seasons.
- 66 03/19/2010 Not needed.
- 67 03/19/2010 We do not know how to answer this question, as we do not know much about the facilities capacities.
- 68 03/19/2010 We need a building for seniors--funeral lunches. A lot of them want to participate, but they can't do steps.
- 69 03/19/2010 Improve
- 70 03/19/2010 The church needs more space for different ministries to work and store their work. i.e. Catholic Works of Mercy, Art & Entertainment, Mission Possible. We also need more parking.
- 71 03/19/2010 Facilities seem to be adequate. Scheduling is the problem.
- 72 03/19/2010 Lack of space for events and meetings. Well thought out facilities that can accommodate large and small groups.
- 73 03/19/2010 It will provide the resources for our current activities to flourish.
- 74 03/19/2010 There is a lack of meeting space available--well thought out facilities for both small or large groups. Need more space in church and better school facilities.
- 75 03/19/2010 Parish has grown. More activities, meetings--need to accommodate.
- 76 03/20/2010 However, current facilities need to be better managed.
- 77 03/20/2010 Some facilities Not facilities--just additional parking--use vacant land. Cost would be prohibitive at this time.
- 78 03/20/2010 We should have a High School to rival Holy Name.
- 79 03/20/2010 If we are going to serve all ages, all needs, to create an active faith family, the facilities must be utilized to the fullest. Updated when necessary, etc. It is discouraging to be in the situation where people want to move forward with an idea for the parish, but can't because of space etc.
- 80 03/20/2010 Too many activities with too little facilities.
- 81 03/20/2010 There are now so many ministries and activities, there doesn't seem to be enough room for everyone!
- 82 03/20/2010 Yes, because the current parking lot and building set-up are insufficient for adequately hosting large groups of people at certain times of the year.
- 83 03/20/2010 Need more parking.
- 84 03/21/2010 The priest's need more privacy and more media rooms are needed.
- 85 03/21/2010 Too much going on now.

- 86 03/21/2010 Parking seems to be a problem and I've always felt the athletic facilities have been somewhat lacking.... baseball and softball diamonds--poorly maintained, for example.
- 87 03/21/2010 Not at this time. Economy not good.
- 88 03/21/2010 The gym is always being used.
- 89 03/21/2010 No, because economics do not allow for such growth at these hard times for many.
- 90 03/21/2010 Not at this time, in this economy.
- 91 03/21/2010 Because we are growing out of the room we have. So may good programs with out adequate space.
- 92 03/21/2010 It is important to have an environment condusive to people obtaining maximum benefit from the activities, meetings etc. they participate in.
- 93 03/21/2010 Growing number of parishioners.
- 94 03/21/2010 Increased parish growth/need
- 95 03/21/2010 Not all buildings--no more new ones should be built.
- 96 03/21/2010 We have church--our emphasis should not be busy activities, but a focus on sacraments and learning the gospels. Please save priests time for personal spiritual growth so they could help parishioners grow spiritually.
- 97 03/21/2010 We have enough buildings
- 98 03/21/2010 Need new priest house. Use old rectory for offices and meetings.
- 99 03/21/2010 Larger front entrance to the church parking.
- 100 03/21/2010 Let's take care of the parking lot for our members and guests, the parish. This needs to be done. Our church is growing so fast.
- 101 03/22/2010 We are clustered with St. Colette.
- 102 03/22/2010 Because what we have is satisfactory.
- 103 03/22/2010 We never miss Mass and have always found a place to sit.
- 104 03/22/2010 At this time we are living beyond our budget--collections are down. We do not need more debt.
- 105 03/22/2010 Use the facilities that you have to their full potential and stop having meetings at the same time and date.
- 106 03/22/2010 Not needed at this time (buildings) as far as I know.
- 107 03/22/2010 More meeting rooms.
- 108 03/22/2010 Parking
- 109 03/22/2010 Too expensive.
- 110 03/22/2010 Yes, increase facilities: no need to improve what is already there.
- 111 03/22/2010 The parkibng situation could be improved. I'm not sure now is the time to increase our other facilities. The economy is uncertain at best, and possible headed for disaster.
- 112 03/22/2010 Not enough seating at Masses for all attending to have a seat.
- 113 03/22/2010 Rectory is NOT handicap accessable. Parking lot (back of lot) should be better. Closed during recess/lunch hour. Not just tiny cones at the top of the driveway.
- 114 03/22/2010 We need additional parking. see below #8
- 115 03/22/2010 Not enough meeting rooms and sometimes double bookings for the rooms.
- 116 03/22/2010 Never room, always double booking.

- 117 03/22/2010 To adopt to the continued growth of our parish.
- 118 03/22/2010 More Catholics will be moving to Brunswick. Larger facilities will be needed.
- 119 03/22/2010 All I believe is needed: we need an additional Mass on Saturday--6:00 pm.
- 120 03/22/2010 Our parish continues to grow with new members.
- 121 03/22/2010 More parking.
- 122 03/22/2010 Offices are crowded--employees infringe on priests home. Events are cramped.
- 123 03/22/2010 We need more parking due to the fact that activities at the church overlap with Mass time.
- 124 03/22/2010 Improve.
- 125 03/22/2010 But in doing so, be conscious and accomodating to those in the surrounding neighborhood. Carefully keeping a treed area between existing homes and our construction to allow for privacy and sound barrier.
- 126 03/22/2010 Our numbers must be accomodated.
- 127 03/22/2010 Yes, but cost needs to be utmost consideration.
- 128 03/22/2010 I don't feel the economy is in stable enough condition.
- 129 03/22/2010 Yes, because Brunswick is growing very rapidly.
- 130 03/22/2010 Parking.
- 131 03/22/2010 From what I can see--use of buildings. Everything seems to be functioning as is. Meetings are held, events happen. I am not aware of problems.
- 132 03/22/2010 Expanding community needs expanded facilities.
- 133 03/22/2010 Bigger never means better. The economy needs to settle first and that means more people need to get good paying jobs back.
- 134 03/22/2010 When have ample funds. Parking seems to be a problem. Address flooding issues. New statue of Mary--more human in appearance, playground, stations of the cross
- 135 03/22/2010 Improve--organize current facilities t better use of what we have. Parking should be expanded.
- 136 03/22/2010 Parking would be the only increase facility.
- 137 03/22/2010 We need more room for meetings and storage.
- 138 03/22/2010 The church itself is fine. Parking is the issue.
- 139 03/22/2010 Not unless you know how much money and where it would come from. We run our home and life like that.
- 140 03/22/2010 Space seems adequate for meetings and events. Do need more parking.
- 141 03/22/2010 Not sure we need to increase our footprint, but we need to take better care of the facilities we have. If groups want to use the hall or ktchen, thought should be given to charging a deposit to insure it is left clean and orderly.
- 142 03/22/2010 There are areas that could use improvement or be increased--can we afford to do this?
- 143 03/22/2010 Jesus was more concerned with people not buildings. In the present day economy, focusing on "helping our brother s and sisters" is more important than bigger/fancy or more modern facilities.

- 144 03/23/2010 Don't know how crowded school is as I have no children attending. The rectory seems to need repair. I understand inconvenience of the school kids going to Hilbert Hall for gym. However, building a new gym attached to school seems like it would be empty when school is out. Plus, it would take up much needed parking spaces.
- 145 03/23/2010 There seems to be adequate room for all current activities /programs.
- 146 03/23/2010 Pary rental room for weddings (nice one) and it would be a money maker. Parking lot is too small.
- 147 03/23/2010 I am still fairly new to the parish, so I am not quite sure if we need more room.
- 148 03/23/2010 We probably are at our maximum at this time. We need to maintain our facilities and update them as required.

### Written Survey Question 7

The following possible items have been brought up by fellow parishioners as facility areas that require improvement at St. Ambrose. If we move forward with a facility improvement project, which item do you believe should be our top priority? If you have additional suggestions or comments, please provide details.

#### Respondents Response DateAdditional Comments:

- 1 03/15/2010 Parking plan needed School needs to be a little larger and handicap friendly
- 2 03/15/2010 Upgrade what we have.
- 3 03/15/2010 Parking in relation to the overall layout of present and any future building. Everyone should enter a designated "entrance only" and leave via designated "exits only". Park so one has to drive out to speed things up. Remove islands to increase by a few the number of parking spots. If designated entrances and exits are erected there would be a need for parking directions in the lots when this is first implemented so people know what they are to do. Also, there could be "maps" printed in the bulletin to show what would happen . Can we use/buy the lot on the north side of the school?
- 4 03/15/2010 Parking is always a problem. The rest are unnecessary.
- 5 03/15/2010 Not sure about the school facilities, since I do not have grade-school aged children any longer. But it is important to maintain and improve the school.
- 6 03/15/2010 There were two weeks in a row where it was impossible to find parking spot, let alone try to get out of the parking lot at the same time as others were also searching or a spot. I had to attend Sunday evening Masses. This was caused by the St. Blaze blessings & open house for Catholic Schools week.
- 7 03/15/2010 Main church sounds and looks like a market place--people were talking, choir is rehearsing. Main church should be a place of reverence--quiet for people who want to pray before start of Mass

- 8 03/15/2010 When some people see a full parking lot, they turn around and go home. Parking needs to fit the size of our parish.
- 9 03/16/2010 Would like to have a football field and concession stand like the other churches.
- 10 03/16/2010 A place where votive candles can be lit for an intention--most churches have a dedicated area for that.
- 11 03/16/2010 PARKING -- PARKING !!! Perhaps Masses on Sunday could be further apart from each other to allow more parking. e.g. 7:30 am; 9:00 am; 11:00 am and 1:00 pm
- 12 03/16/2010 Definitely need parking -- this IS and should be the priority.
- 13 03/16/2010 Parking lots are dangerous. People are parking in fire lanes. They do not allow enough room to pass by (they need to park in the "designated" parking spot).
- 14 03/16/2010 All are needed--but if people didn't rush home after Mass and had a better place connected to the church to gather and socialize, bands would be stronger
- 15 03/16/2010 Before adding additional parking, the current lot needs to be repaired. The driveway between the school and north side of property needs widened. Driveway by garage doors needs repaired. No more sand in parking lot. Also, evergreen tree on south side of parish needs to be removed.
- 16 03/16/2010 It would be great if the children did not have to travel outside for lunch/art/gym/music.
- 17 03/16/2010 Couldn't you turn the lawn area facing Pearl Rd. into more parking. This way the side door would be adequately used and more handicap parking would be available.
- 18 03/16/2010 I could see a parking garage of 3 levels behind the church.
- 19 03/16/2010 Some people arrive at church early and park in the fire lane. That makes it difficult to pull in and park and to back out after Mass. Handicap spaces are available at that time. Could they be notified to move their cars?
- 20 03/16/2010 #2 Bathrooms as noted above
- 21 03/16/2010 Connected Campus: like this idea, especially in inclement weather, which is often in NE Ohio!
- 22 03/16/2010 The school is not handicap accessible. That is very concerning.
- 23 03/16/2010 All need more money! Keep our funds at home
- 24 03/16/2010 RE: #3-- Just too much noise in church.
- 25 03/18/2010 Connected campus: this could solve the problem for church gathering space before and after Mass.
- 26 03/18/2010 School--need more details!
- 27 03/18/2010 If you're seated in the back and it's not a sunny day, it's difficult to read the missalette.
- 28 03/19/2010 Clean up the ones we have.
- 29 03/19/2010 Remodel and add on to the rectory. Add classrooms over a lunchroom on the back of the school. Separate living quarters for priests.
- 30 03/19/2010 Parking is a big concern.
- 31 03/19/2010 New statue of Mary
- 32 03/19/2010 Just need gym-not an all purpose facility. Choir loft. School--necessary improvements. Need sports facilities--football field, track. Rectory needs to be

relocated. Priest residence needs to be separate from rectory--need their own home". All staff housed in same facility-not spread out on the campus.

33 03/19/2010 A new rectory needs to be built to give our priests some privacy. Rectory and offices separate from living space. Separate office space and program offices.

34 03/20/2010 Church gathering space--nice to have but at what cost?? Connected campus--nice, but at what expense.

35 03/20/2010 Replace statue of Blessed Mother in church.

36 03/20/2010 No other improvements --not really needed at this time. Many functions get a MINIMUM attendance--why more capacity. #2 Rectory--office.

37 03/20/2010 As above

38 03/20/2010 Storage space for organizations!

39 03/20/2010 New Baptismal Font (St. Martin's Valley City is exquisite).

Renovation of restrooms --very dingy.

40 03/20/2010 1. Parking 2. Connected campus. 3. Gathering space.

41 03/20/2010 Or shorten the music at Mass, so people can get out before next Mass.

42 03/21/2010 My husband and I attended Mass on Ash Wednesday. We almost had to go back home, because of the lack of parking available. Too many activities going on at the same time.

43 03/21/2010 School--air conditioning.

44 03/21/2010 None needed.

45 03/21/2010 Connected campus--NO Main church sanctuary--NO

46 03/21/2010 Parking--scheduling busy activities is the problem--not space! New gym--NO How old is it? Church gathering space--No (See parking notation) Meeting rooms NO!! Connected Campus--NO! Main Church sanctuary--NO! School-- NO!

47 03/22/2010 Add more beautiful statues in and around sanctuary.

48 03/22/2010 Fix the water leak in side parking lot. It has leaked for years.

Maintain on regular basis to prevent major repairs.

49 03/22/2010 Rectory

50 03/22/2010 Handicap accessibility to all buildings and adequate handicap parking.

51 03/22/2010 School?

52 03/22/2010 Church gathering space: Hilbert Hall is perfect for this. The green space should have a walking trail with the rosary laid out. This will be for contemplative prayer as well as to enjoy nature's bounty. Health and Wellness would also benefit.

53 03/22/2010 Other: offices

54 03/22/2010 Try to obtain a few artifacts from churches that are being closed by the Bishop, new statues that look like the angels or the Holy Family.

55 03/22/2010 Above answer was "no" because I didn't consider "parking" a facility.

56 03/22/2010 The parking lots and driveways must be repaved first. The cracking concrete is a danger zone.

57 03/22/2010 Meeting rooms and Connected campus: also very important.

58 03/22/2010 A religious store. There are not many near by and it could probably fit in a small area on premises.

- 59 03/22/2010 Not convinced we need to expand.
- 60 03/22/2010 Repairing.
- 61 03/23/2010 I feel with so many buildings on the property now, it would be wise to make sure there are funds held for future needed repairs. Church gathering space: not necessary, in my opinion.
- 62 03/23/2010 Additional parking room, if possible, since there are always many activities going on at the same time as Mass. Also, cars parked along the access road make it hard to pull in and out.

Written Survey  
Question 8

You have identified your top priority if we do a facility improvement project. Please provide details about your selection.

- 1 03/14/2010 \*People need to feel welcome and not leave frustrated when there is no place to park. \*People need to have places for their meetings \*People could easily come from Hilkert Hall to Church if there was an addition placed between the buildings.
- 2 03/14/2010 We need more parking to assist with masses and activities
- 3 03/15/2010 People need to feel welcomed and not leave frustrated that there is no place to park (or sit for 15 min to get out) People need to have places for their meetings People could easily come from Hilkert Hall to church if there was an addition placed between the buildings
- 4 03/15/2010 We need more parking to assist with masses and activities
- 5 03/15/2010 I picked connected campus under one roof because it would be better if the children would not have to "go outside" to go to the gym
- 6 03/15/2010 We need another parking lot near the church
- 7 03/15/2010 Additional parking has been needed for a long time, once we can accommodate more safe parking, I would LOVE to see a gym built for the kids to host games--this could also be used for Pep Rallies and give us some school pride (which I feel we very much lack).
- 8 03/15/2010 Restrooms in buildings
- 9 03/15/2010 If we have more parking--we can stay before and after to enjoy our fellowship together and not worry about leaving for the next Mass to start
- 10 03/15/2010 Buy Annabell's Property across the street or buy land on either side
- 11 03/15/2010 Those houses south of the church were torn down--can't that become parking?
- 12 03/15/2010 Parking -- what else needs to be said? Repaving
- 13 03/15/2010 Parking could be added by expanding current parking lot in the back of church or where the razed building use to be. Suggestions: When planning after church events, shorten Mass to 45 minutes, which would give people time to visit the event and leave sooner to free up parking for the next Mass. Better snow removal that

would not take away normal spots. The curved back parking lot could be straightened to make more spots.

- 14 03/15/2010 Try to direct traffic better. There are times when people who are leaving Mass have to mix with people coming to Mass
- 15 03/15/2010 Foyer--church foyer is small and dark. It can use good lighting and expand space.
- 16 03/15/2010 The need for more parking speaks for itself.
- 17 03/15/2010 Possibility of removing rectory and barn to provide more parking. Move living quarters to the north of Lehner Center. Have no idea where to put the office staff
- 18 03/15/2010 When there are things going on after the Masses and during the Masses, that means there is less parking for those attending Mass
- 19 03/16/2010 Definately more parking space. A more confortable place to meet and greet new and old parishioners. Rather than the vestibule, which now hinders those leaving after Mass.
- 20 03/16/2010 St. Martin of Tours has a separate small chapel where the Eucharist is exposed--it has a couple of rows of pews and kneelers.
- 21 03/16/2010 The church is God's home, it should come first if needed. School 2nd for the children.
- 22 03/16/2010 It has needed improvement for 4 years. It is time to take care of it.
- 23 03/16/2010 I have spoken to some people, who have stated that when they can't find parking, they go home instead of attending Mass. Parking is key!!
- 24 03/16/2010 If the committees choose to schedule meetings one on top of each other to force parking issues, then obviously we will need more parking. Necessity.
- 25 03/16/2010 PARKING MUST IMPROVE. Additional meeting rooms would stop the over crowding and double booking of meeting room facilities.
- 26 03/16/2010 Difficult to come to 10:30 Mass each week and not be humiliated about the parking situation because there are other things going on other than Mass-- Donut Sunday, Open House, etc.
- 27 03/16/2010 Pave or gravel the lot to the south of the church where those 2 old houses were torn down. Approach owner of lot to north of the Pearl parking lot about buying it.
- 28 03/16/2010 Possible additional kitchen space. Since acquiring the much needed ovens and refrigerators etc.--this has made the preparing rather confining.
- 29 03/16/2010 Need more parking spaces.
- 30 03/16/2010 Parking needed in the winter. Improve school building.
- 31 03/16/2010 Use south lot for additional parking with access to side door (south).
- 32 03/16/2010 An area connected to the main vestibule--even connected all the way to the hall.
- 33 03/16/2010 If using lot next to the church, put in a walkway to the church.
- 34 03/16/2010 School expansion.
- 35 03/16/2010 I have been to other churches that have a large gathering space and find it enjoyable--you are out of bad weather and able to visit
- 36 03/16/2010 Crucifix against back wall--not suspended in front of altar.

- 37 03/16/2010 Parking is cramped for week-ends and when a Holiday--very congested.
- 38 03/16/2010 The parking has been a nightmare for a long time. Again, the community and parish continue to grow, but we lack space to park and accommodate all.
- 39 03/16/2010 The first level could be used for outdoor activities
- 40 03/16/2010 Not enough room for parking.
- 41 03/16/2010 There is never enough parking when Masses and scheduled activities overlap
- 42 03/16/2010 Is it possible to purchase the property North of the St. Ambrose school and use it for additional parking?
- 43 03/16/2010 See above
- 44 03/16/2010 Parking--do we really need an explanation for this one. It is desperately needed. The larger the better, especially if we are a growing parish.
- 45 03/16/2010 We need quiet before church and a place for community building.
- 46 03/16/2010 Elevator.
- 47 03/16/2010 Repeat-- I like a quiet church.
- 48 03/18/2010 People need to feel welcomed and not leave frustrated that there is no place to park(or sit for 15 min. to get out). People need to have places for their meetings. People could easily come from Hilbert Hall to church if there was an addition placed between the buildings.
- 49 03/18/2010 We need more parking to assist with Masses and activities.
- 50 03/18/2010 I picked "connected campus under one roof" because it would be better if the children would not have to "go outside" to go to the gym.
- 51 03/18/2010 Parking first, then the school. I feel the classrooms are crowded with too many children
- 52 03/18/2010 Need more, especially when activities overlap.
- 53 03/18/2010 Add a straight walkway or possible drive-up oval to the Hilbert Hall
- 54 03/18/2010 A gathering area such as the one at Holy Martyrs Church would help. Carpeting of area would absorb sounds
- 55 03/18/2010 If it's not accessible with an easy walking distance of the church, some will not attend. Especially, if there are multiple activities going on.
- 56 03/18/2010 I have no priority--I feel whatever the parish needs is the priority.
- 57 03/19/2010 Need more handicap spaces for parking.
- 58 03/19/2010 St. Ambrose owns a lot of property and the parking issues have been band-aid fixed for a long time. Use some of those back acres.
- 59 03/19/2010 Too congested for weekly Masses. Too many events scheduled for the same time, need better planning.
- 60 03/19/2010 We need more parking and larger enter/exit signs. People always exit in the enter lane.
- 61 03/19/2010 See above
- 62 03/19/2010 Activities and events and Masses overlapping create a nightmare in the parking lots.
- 63 03/19/2010 Sports facilities and gym. Comments above. Along with meeting rooms within the gym.
- 64 03/19/2010 Improved parking will allow for activities before and after Mass.

- 65 03/19/2010 Gyn-attached to school-2 story with track and storage/meeting rooms or 2nd floor. Regulation gym--not a multi-use one. Connect campus under roof so that students/adults can to from church to school to gym and not have to go outside.
- 66 03/19/2010 Parking problems, especially when have multi events/meetings going on--fish fry and church. With all the meetings--moe meeting rooms would be great.
- 67 03/20/2010 See notes above!
- 68 03/20/2010 1. Parking-Christmas and Easter are worst because many come only then. Some additional parking on vacant land would suffice for rest of year. 2. Rectory-office. This facility really needs a lot of improvement. It might be better to take this down and start anew. Perhaps relocate building to another part of the property
- 69 03/20/2010 An area (loft in back of church) for choir and bells. The area used now is a disgrace.
- 70 03/20/2010 Twice over the past year, we pulled into St. Ambrose parking lot to find no space to park for Mass. We left to find another church at which to attend Mass. It is not a very good feeling to be forced from the church where you participate other than on Sundays.
- 71 03/20/2010 This would be an excellent project, however, what would the cost be?
- 72 03/20/2010 See above
- 73 03/21/2010 A new gym would free up the hall for more meeting spaces. Plus the new gym connected to the school would give a better opportunity for the children to obtain better physical education.
- 74 03/21/2010 More handicap in front parking lot.
- 75 03/21/2010 I understand the parish owns additional land surrounding the current developed facilities. Some should be used for expanding parking.
- 76 03/21/2010 Overcrowded at Masses.
- 77 03/21/2010 Maintainance and upkeep only.
- 78 03/21/2010 I think many marginal Catholics probably don't attend Mass because of the hassel of trying to find a parking spot.
- 79 03/21/2010 Congested between Masses and other activities
- 80 03/21/2010 Look into purchase of land across the street from church.
- 81 03/21/2010 Our parking should be greatly expanded.
- 82 03/21/2010 Not necessary!!! Please lead us in our spiritual growth and not in making our days busier. The sacraments should be our focus--that is why I am a Catholic. I can find activities in the other faiths.
- 83 03/21/2010 We just do not have enough parking for as many people that are in the parish. Everything grew except parking.
- 84 03/22/2010 Existing drive and parking lot needs repair and to be expanded.
- 85 03/22/2010 Do something with back wall in sanctuary.
- 86 03/22/2010 It is obvious.
- 87 03/22/2010 Just more parking space for Christmas and Easter when the Masses overlap and causes congestion.
- 88 03/22/2010 See above.
- 89 03/22/2010 More parking is definetly needed.
- 90 03/22/2010 The rectory needs to be expanded and updated.
- 91 03/22/2010 It is needed, especially when other functions are there during Mass.

- 92 03/22/2010 Too much congestion at Mass with parking. No where to park for adoration when Womens Guild has a function .
- 93 03/22/2010 I heard that St. Ambrose bought land on Pearl Rd. just south of the church. I think we used it for Summer Festival parking. Wouldn't it be possible to blacktop that lot for church parking.
- 94 03/22/2010 More parking needed and establish a traffic pattern. Enter any direction and exit West onto Pearl only. No one should travel east to leave the property.
- 95 03/22/2010 A new gym would help increase funds by being able to host games and tournaments and allow the students to have consistent practices. The parking is an obvious situation that has needed attention for a long time.
- 96 03/22/2010 Fr. Bob seems to energetically persuing activities between Masses. These activities are great, but often put a strain on current parking facilities. This winter has also presented an extra challenge with the amount of snow taking up parking spaces.
- 97 03/22/2010 Parking needs to improve so we can accommodate all those who come to church so we don't have to park across the street of down th road.
- 98 03/22/2010 The parking lot and drives are in shambles.
- 99 03/22/2010 On Sundays where there are after service happenings, the stay and participate crowd creates extreme unlimited parking for those arriving for the next service.
- 100 03/22/2010 More parking is needed. Is the empty wooded lot next to the school available for sale and what is the asking price? How much money is set aside for this project and how much more is needed?
- 101 03/22/2010 PARKING.
- 102 03/22/2010 Secure additional properties for future expansion for parking.
- 103 03/22/2010 When after Mass activities are going on, there is little if "NO" parking for parishioners to park for the next Mass
- 104 03/22/2010 Would not cause such confusion at Mass, people coming in late...etc. Also, need more and better traffic flow and control.
- 105 03/22/2010 Inadequate parking available for Mass and large events or multiple simultaneous events. Repave/repair/expand parking area.
- 106 03/22/2010 We need more parking.
- 107 03/22/2010 Improving on may of the others will just make the already cramped parking worse.
- 108 03/22/2010 See above.
- 109 03/22/2010 No easy solution to parking problem. Especially in winter. A professional needs to be consulted on this matter with quotes-perhaps several professionals. Then choose the one that makes the most sense and is cost effective
- 110 03/22/2010 It is sad that there is not enough parking for those attending Mass on Ash Wednesday because of a Fish Fry.
- 111 03/22/2010 Offices are undersized, overlapping and do not allow for efficient use of personnel and facilities
- 112 03/22/2010 See above
- 113 03/22/2010 Mass always seems very crowded (not just holidays).
- 114 03/22/2010 We have the largest parish in the area. By no means do we have enough parking for all the activities that go on here! Traditional Mary Statue.

- 115 03/22/2010 I have heard and experienced difficult parking for some events.
- 116 03/22/2010 Connect all the parts of the school under one roof or connect them by walkway.
- 117 03/22/2010 What can be done with the adjacent property in front of the teaching trailer?
- 118 03/22/2010 I don't attend Mass at times where parking is generally a problem, so I would tend more the "2's" above in question #7 (connected campus & meeting rooms).
- 119 03/22/2010 Parking lot paved, larger area required.
- 120 03/22/2010 Have Masses on Sunday 2 hours apart to allow exits to empty out before later Masses. 7:00-9:00- 11:00-1:00.
- 121 03/22/2010 The church basement is not sufficient for storage. Neither is the C.W.M. room. We obviously need more parking.
- 122 03/22/2010 People will not participate in church activities if parking issues are not resolved. It becomes more of a hassle.
- 123 03/22/2010 Property owned next door.
- 124 03/22/2010 The parking problem is great, because of continued activities on Sunday mornings, handicapped spaces soon fill up and makes walking for the ill hard.
- 125 03/22/2010 Parking shortage is obvious. Haved noticed times when meeting rooms were not available due to other programs, etc in use. Art and Environment needs an area where they can meet on a regular basis and work space.
- 126 03/23/2010 Parking lots A covered walkway for school children to go to church and Hilkert Hall.
- 127 03/23/2010 As stated above. I admit having been made aware that the church main altar is only plywood, it seems appropriate to perhaps try to obtain one from one of the other churches recently closed. However, the current decor must be kept in mind.
- 128 03/23/2010 We need more spaces on Sunday morning.
- 129 03/23/2010 Knock the rectory down, build a new house and separate offices. Use space to reconfigure parking, use some of the green space in front of the church.
- 130 03/23/2010 An organization needs to always be a little short on facilities to keep it stiving. Also, we need to live according to our means.

## Written Survey

### Question 9

If we should move forward with a facility improvement project, which of the items, from the same list, would be your NEXT highest priority? If you have additional suggestions or comments, please provide details.

Respondents Response DateAdditional Comments:

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| 1 | 03/14/2010 | ***See previous question               |
| 2 | 03/15/2010 | answered on last question              |
| 3 | 03/15/2010 | ?? not sure                            |
| 4 | 03/15/2010 | Church and Hall covered walk connected |

- 5 03/15/2010 The school could use more classrooms or maybe a new library or some type of learning center.
- 6 03/15/2010 Need larger building to accomodate more people, seating, larger aisles. Also just small changes to help the physical appearance of the church. If at some time St. Colette's is combined with us, we would definetely need more seating.
- 7 03/15/2010 Same reason
- 8 03/15/2010 While living in Florida, I was invited to attend a Jewish Shabat(sp?). Their facility had a gathering room off the hallway to the temple. It was a way to include everyone in meeting/gatherings before you enter/exit and run home.
- 9 03/15/2010 Use what we have.
- 10 03/15/2010 Main Church Sanctuary should be a place where people can pray before and after Mass. Lityer participants walk back and forth to the altar, choir is rehearsing which should not be the time to do it.
- 11 03/15/2010 I am a widow in my eighties so I have no imput to give.
- 12 03/16/2010 There's a lot of congestion after Mass in the hallway. A more comfortable meeting area than Hilkert Hall would be appreciated to welcome new parishioners and friends.
- 13 03/16/2010 .
- 14 03/16/2010 See previous page for details
- 15 03/16/2010 Old gym could be used for other functions, meeting rooms etc. New gym needed for us to be able to have CYO games here instead of traveling to other cities -- need bleachers.
- 16 03/16/2010 Picnic Pavillion
- 17 03/16/2010 Expand sanctuary along the right and left sides, if physically possible.
- 18 03/16/2010 Parking facilities
- 19 03/16/2010 The main church is looking run down. There are boards loose in the ceiling, need repaired, cleaned or refinished. Light fixtures need replaced. Brick inside and out needs cleaned. Fresh paint on the walls. Doors need cleaned and replace hinges and brass plates. The altar and chairs need replaced. The pews need refinished and kn eelers repaired and replaced.
- 20 03/16/2010 Easier to be able to access all parts of church property.
- 21 03/16/2010 see answer to #8
- 22 03/16/2010 Because of our work schedules and our inability to participate in activities other than Mass, we don't know what other areas are in need of improvements.
- 23 03/16/2010 Oop's got ahead of this answer. Refer to question #7.
- 24 03/16/2010 Not enough currently.
- 25 03/18/2010 Just did this on last question.
- 26 03/18/2010 ? not sure.
- 27 03/18/2010 Church and Hall; covered walk connected.
- 28 03/18/2010 Nice to walk places without Ohio weather and stay warm; dry.
- 29 03/18/2010 Again, more specific details are needed.
- 30 03/19/2010 Maybe a room where people can talk without leaving the church.
- 31 03/19/2010 No opinion.
- 32 03/19/2010 Parking, more meeting rooms, school, main church sanctuary.
- 33 03/19/2010 Just parking needs to be taken care of.

- 34 03/19/2010 ??
- 35 03/19/2010 Hospitably room for small special events after Masses. Can be attached to a chapel.
- 36 03/19/2010 Main church--24 hour chapel, meeting space before and after Mass, Brides Room, funeral room. Second, would be to connect campus.
- 37 03/20/2010 #1. Parking #2. Rectory/office
- 38 03/20/2010 With storage space.
- 39 03/20/2010 Copmments on reverse side.
- 40 03/20/2010 It seems as though there are not enough rooms available for all the different ministries.
- 41 03/21/2010 Enclosed campus would add more office space and make movement for people during the bad weather periods.
- 42 03/21/2010 Not sure
- 43 03/21/2010 Not at this time.
- 44 03/21/2010 None needed
- 45 03/21/2010 Outside of parking/school, none of the above are necessary.
- 46 03/21/2010 Our children deserve any improvement at the day school. I would support that financially.
- 47 03/21/2010 Replace stations. Replace statues-paintings.
- 48 03/22/2010 Not familiar with other areas.
- 49 03/22/2010 Fr.. Bob's office takes up half of the Lehner Center, which at times limits other groups from using the downstairs on their designated nights.
- 50 03/22/2010 Could Hilkert Hall open before and after Mass?
- 51 03/22/2010 Add another Mass on Saturday vigil 6:00 pm.
- 52 03/22/2010 New gym in order to hold some events at home
- 53 03/22/2010 Already answered in #7 Buildings for meeting are necessary. Simple uncomplicated but large and functional space. Again, get professional ideas and quotes. Be cost effective.
- 54 03/22/2010 If you expand any building, you will more than likely need more parking.
- 55 03/22/2010 The priests could/should live off campus. The rectory could then be used for any extra activities. The diocese should purchase a cluster home or condo close by for the priests.
- 56 03/22/2010 See previous sections.
- 57 03/22/2010 Parking only improvement desired.
- 58 03/22/2010 Enclosed entrance to Hilkert Hall from church and school.
- 59 03/22/2010 Additional parking needed. Old parking lots need repair.
- 60 03/22/2010 Buy some of the beautiful statues from "closed churches" and make small shrines in the many corners of the church.
- 61 03/23/2010 I feel the chapel could use some updating. The pews are quite squeaky. It could possible be made larger.
- 62 03/23/2010 See #6 We could make money for the church with appropriate meeting rooms for rent.
- 63 03/23/2010 And a statue of Mary--traditional one, or the Holy Family. I love to come to church when it is quiet and pray, but I feel like the sanctuary is so empty and not spiritual enough.

64 03/23/2010 Some of the above seem no more than frills, e.g. the main church sanctuary is already a beautiful, usable house of worship. To "improve" it glorifies whom?

Written Survey  
Question 10

You have identified your second priority if we do a facility improvement project. Please provide details about your selection.

- 1 03/15/2010 answered on question #8
- 2 03/15/2010 There can always be improvement at the school
- 3 03/15/2010 A separate building for this school to use as needed School needs an elevator and handicap access
- 4 03/15/2010 The bell choir should occupy the same space as where the church choir sits. This means having one or other groups at a Mass. Perhaps one Sunday all asses have the bell choir, another the choir. The current station for the bell choir blocks the back aisle and the east/west aisle. This could be a hazard if we had to evacuate the church
- 5 03/15/2010 I attended a JM Talbot concert at St. Ladislav in Westlake, Their building was very inviting and all connected.
- 6 03/16/2010 Parking to encourage people coming back, who may have not been to church recently; and new parishioners, to improve access to the church.
- 7 03/16/2010 I don't like using the Church (Mass) as a meeting place consistently. People start disrespecting the place Mass is taking place.
- 8 03/16/2010 With all of the outdoor activities , it would be nice to have a covered area.
- 9 03/16/2010 This was identified as a possibility several years ago--good idea.
- 10 03/16/2010 No more needed
- 11 03/16/2010 Higher/brighter sanctuary connected to gathering space.
- 12 03/16/2010 Feel other areas adequate.
- 13 03/16/2010 Higher interest and enrollment means additional space in the school.
- 14 03/16/2010 Refer to #7 again.
- 15 03/18/2010 There can always be improvements at the school.
- 16 03/18/2010 More space as well as meeting rooms so we can stay together as larger groups. There seems to be a lot of scheduling issues for meeting space.
- 17 03/18/2010 Catholic education is essential to the future strength of the church. Don't short change the school with focus on the frills.
- 18 03/18/2010 See previous page.
- 19 03/19/2010 The class rooms are very out dated and are in need of vitalization.
- 20 03/19/2010 N/A

- 21 03/19/2010 This will provide for current activities to have meeting space.
- 22 03/19/2010 Third: the school needs to be up-graded. Possible new 6th,7th,8th grade building. Lehner=preschool with improved facilities. Library, science and computer labs.
- 23 03/20/2010 It would improve handicap access and eliminate inclement weather problems.
- 24 03/20/2010 This building is in need of much renovation. I bet we spend a lot of money on problems that occur there.
- 25 03/20/2010 If we are going to add ministries or expand ministries, space will be required as there is not enough room now to gather or store materials. Those ministries who work year round, use space for meetings and use materials often, should be given designated space. Don't see this happening without additional construction.
- 26 03/20/2010 Covered on previous page.
- 27 03/21/2010 A new gym would better serve the needs of the athletic activities and the old one could be used for other needed purposes
- 28 03/21/2010 I'm a grandparent, so I don't know exactly of any improvements, but as a school bus driver, I bring many students her and agree with anything necessary for a better education.
- 29 03/21/2010 In this economy, why are we spending money on this? Give to the poor and make do with what we have/
- 30 03/21/2010 Rework back wall of sanctuary. Break up solid wall of paneling. Neutral color carpet. Water fountain for Baptisms. Paint metallic Gold Stencil design around all upper triangular windows.
- 31 03/22/2010 Not needed
- 32 03/22/2010 More parking a must!
- 33 03/22/2010 N/A
- 34 03/22/2010 Need more space.
- 35 03/22/2010 Convenient for inclement weather.
- 36 03/22/2010 N/A
- 37 03/22/2010 Parking shortage, especially at holidays is a huge problem
- 38 03/22/2010 If Brunswick continues to grow there will be more children and we will need more classrooms.
- 39 03/22/2010 No ideas
- 40 03/22/2010 See #9 detail
- 41 03/22/2010 As stated, with more young people moving to parish, more school capacity will be needed.
- 42 03/22/2010 New gym for school and sports activities and use Hilker Hall for meetings, events etc.
- 43 03/22/2010 Would be nice to have larger area than our current vestibule to congregate before and after Mass.
- 44 03/22/2010 See above.
- 45 03/22/2010 We have the land and parking should be addressed
- 46 03/22/2010 More.
- 47 03/22/2010 See previous sections.

48	03/22/2010	The crucifix (above altar) used to be just where it belonged. Jesus on the cross next to Jesus in the tabernacle.
49	03/22/2010	Refer to #8
50	03/23/2010	Large room for weddings. Smaller room for funerals and business meetings.
51	03/23/2010	I would be willing to work hard at fund raisers to raise money for some nice Stations of the Cross and Holy Family statues and Mary. I've come from St. Columbkille parish and I always thought it was so peaceful and holy. Although, I am sorry to say that parishioner's involvement is very weak.
52	03/23/2010	N/A

Written Survey  
Question 11

Do you believe that the main church sanctuary at St. Ambrose requires renovations or improvements?

1	03/15/2010	Leave it! Don't spend more money! Keep the statues.
2	03/16/2010	I like it the way it is.
3	03/19/2010	No thoughts either way.
4	03/19/2010	Only with a gathering space attached
5	03/19/2010	It would be nice, but not necessary at this time. Other issues take precedent.
6	03/20/2010	This would be a big expense that we don't really need.
7	03/20/2010	Not at this time.
8	03/20/2010	Absolutely no
9	03/21/2010	Don' know
10	03/22/2010	Do not know.
11	03/22/2010	Get rid of FAT MARY statue!!!
12	03/22/2010	Carpeting
13	03/22/2010	New carpet Painting interior brick a light color to brighten up interior of church.
14	03/22/2010	Yes: normal maintainance. Pivot screws are falling out on several kneelers
15	03/22/2010	Not sure what would be needed. Give me examples for consideration.
16	03/22/2010	Improvements.
17	03/22/2010	Very, very minor. Black table would be better as natural wood grained. White box for second lectern should be wood-grained, also.
18	03/22/2010	All depends on money at this time.
19	03/22/2010	Not necessarily.
20	03/23/2010	As stated with the altar.

Written Survey  
Question 13

Do you believe that the St. Ambrose School requires renovations or improvements?  
Please provide details about your selection.

- 1 03/14/2010 Allow sanctity yet focus
- 2 03/14/2010 If changes are made--keep them traditional
- 3 03/15/2010 Allow sanctity yet focus
- 4 03/15/2010 If changes are made--keep them traditional
- 5 03/15/2010 We need a beautiful Blessed Mother and St. Joseph in front facing congregation. I miss those there in all other parishes
- 6 03/15/2010 Upkeep of needs like carpet, pews etc
- 7 03/15/2010 Let's focus not on the superficial but the deeper meaning
- 8 03/15/2010 Don't spend money--if it's not broke, don't fix it.
- 9 03/15/2010 New Statues that one can associate with. Ones that resemble people.
- 10 03/15/2010 It would be nice to have some traditional statues of Mary, Jesus, Joseph. Votive candles would be nice, especially in the corner where the crucifix use to be
- 11 03/15/2010 If anything--an update, but the other items would be more important to me.
- 12 03/15/2010 Something like cathedrals on the alter--angels
- 13 03/15/2010 Comfortable chairs and quiet main church
- 14 03/16/2010 A couple of beautiful statues--especially Blessed Virgin. Possibly St. Joseph and/or Holy Family
- 15 03/16/2010 Please replace the statue of the Virgin Mary to start with.
- 16 03/16/2010 It really is fine. New doesn't make better. Haitians and poor people would love our facilities.
- 17 03/16/2010 New Blessed Virgin statue--New altar
- 18 03/16/2010 Like old stain glass windows, older traditional statues.
- 19 03/16/2010 Traditional works best at St. Ambrose. Fr. Brant tried contempory with the statues and they were instantly disliked and haven't improved with age.
- 20 03/16/2010 As a senior, I prefer traditional with the older type statues.
- 21 03/16/2010 Replace Virgin Mary Statue with a statue from one of the traditional churches that are being closed. Something more liturgically correct. Mary was not an "old woman" when Jesus was a baby.
- 22 03/16/2010 Windows/trees/plants/lighter floor
- 23 03/16/2010 Would like to see marble altar, steps up to the altar in marble and wood at back of altar replaced with marble.
- 24 03/16/2010 Just not so dark--no carpet
- 25 03/16/2010 Only area of improvement--music area too small.

- 26 03/16/2010 Remove kneelers--always falling apart. Put racks for books instead of leaving in pews.
- 27 03/16/2010 Not sure, but contemporary would suit me.
- 28 03/16/2010 Love what Fr. Bob put into Holy Angels.
- 29 03/16/2010 Artwork and statues should be replaced. I would like to see a Holy Family statue.
- 30 03/16/2010 No music area.
- 31 03/16/2010 A nice mix of traditional and contemporary would be beautiful. However, a traditional statue of the Virgin Mary would be very nice!
- 32 03/16/2010 Our church is a BEAUTIFUL modern church.
- 33 03/16/2010 Not at this time.
- 34 03/16/2010 The back of the altar is just nothing. Also, poor lighting.
- 35 03/16/2010 Statues
- 36 03/18/2010 Allow sanctity yet focus.
- 37 03/18/2010 If changes are made--keep them traditional.
- 38 03/18/2010 We need a beautiful Blessed Mother and St. Joseph in front facing congregation. I miss those there in all other parishes.
- 39 03/18/2010 I love the look of older churches, but that just my personal preference.
- 40 03/18/2010 Combine traditional & contemporary design. New statues, areas to look at while praying.
- 41 03/18/2010 If it's not broken, don't fix it. The statues in the church(Mary) are just fine.
- 42 03/19/2010 Like a painting with Jesus and angels..... This church has curtains behind the pulpit--so plain. I m partial to very old styles. I grew up in Youngstown--went to traditional Latin Mass with beautiful murals (religious paintings) in the front of the church...like in European churches. So, I feel contemporary church designs are so plain. I get a feeling I am not in a catholic church. e.g. St. Stan in Slavic Village, St. Hyacinth....beautiful paintings.
- 43 03/19/2010 Traditional statues.
- 44 03/19/2010 The church has a very dated look. Anything to freshen the look would be nice.
- 45 03/20/2010 See #11
- 46 03/20/2010 Get rid of Muffin Puffin Mary and buy some wonderful statues at closed churches.
- 47 03/20/2010 Due to more needs elsewhere. However, if forced, I would prefer more traditional--Mary's altar and statue as an example.
- 48 03/21/2010 Please could we have a nice statue or candles.
- 49 03/21/2010 Old school statues etc.
- 50 03/21/2010 We should explore the purchase of the beautiful statues from the closed parishes. My husband and I were as disappointed with the statues (especially the Blessed Mother) when our church was built. At least and at last our curcifix was put where it was originally intended. Many thanks.

- 51 03/21/2010 Many people have commented that they appreciate the beauty of our church. Why did Fr. Stec come to our parish? To save us from what we have or did he appreciate what we have? I feel NO appreciation for what we had prior to his coming.
- 52 03/21/2010 It would keep with the architecture of the church
- 53 03/21/2010 I really don't care.
- 54 03/22/2010 New Blessed Mother statue
- 55 03/22/2010 Not sure--need examples.
- 56 03/22/2010 Goes with the building structure already in place.
- 57 03/22/2010 Kneelers could be removed--they are not maintained. Also, there are VISABLE lasting stairs (like throu-up stairs).
- 58 03/22/2010 Center the tabernacle, traditional statues, bring Mary back in, have a real altar for the tabernacle. Let the priest and servers sit on side not the center, enclose the sanctuary with a rail. Move babtismal font.
- 59 03/22/2010 Brighten it up. Windows make it a welcome environment--centered on God and what the church represents.
- 60 03/22/2010 I would like to see more traditional statues of both Mary and Joseph as well as larger, more traditional 3-D STATIONS OF THE CROSS. Our stations of the cross are pitifull. St. Martin de Tours (Valley City) has beautiful, sculptured stations worthy of reflection.
- 61 03/22/2010 Obtain the older statues.
- 62 03/22/2010 It does not matter on the design. We just need more space.
- 63 03/22/2010 Yes, Yes: Only minor changes as mentioned above. Our church is a beautiful contemporary church. To try to change it to traditional would be WRONG. Now the focus is the altar, where the Eucharist takes place. Don't twist it to be untrue to it's architecture. What became of the carved panel that was on the front altar? We waited many months for it to be completed. Perhaps change figures of curcified Christ to Resurrected Christ.
- 64 03/22/2010 Not at this time.
- 65 03/22/2010 More reverent and Mary: Also tabernacle in the center. Jesus is there!!!
- 66 03/22/2010 Don't really feel a change is needed, but if changes are made traditional design would be my choice.
- 67 03/22/2010 Statues and art work.
- 68 03/22/2010 To make it more inviting upon entrance.
- 69 03/22/2010 In God's home--statues or pictures of His family and other saints, angels. Jesus, Himself, taught outside most of the time. Maybe nature scenes (clouds, sun, mountains, trees)
- 70 03/23/2010 Before changes are made, I wonder why the current design was selected. Are those reasons different? I don't feel the people who originally built the church should have their ideas discarded just because there might be some money or some people don't like the

- color. Some things in our past need to remain as a stable place we can use as a refuge, if needed.
- 71 03/23/2010 Calming blue colors. But please get rid of the Mary Sculpture and replace. No pews, put in padded movable chairs. Pews in this church are hard to get out of for communion, if you have trouble walking.
- 72 03/23/2010 The pew arrangements are confusing. Need a place for the choir and orchestra, separate. Their own space where they could be seen in front not behind.
- 73 03/23/2010 See #9 above.

Written Survey  
Question 13

Do you believe that the St. Ambrose School requires renovations or improvements?  
Please provide details about your selection.

- 1 03/14/2010 Science labs Music rooms w/ more options
- 2 03/15/2010 Science labs; music rooms with more options
- 3 03/15/2010 Other than what I mentioned, no
- 4 03/15/2010 More modern technology to keep kids ready for high school
- 5 03/15/2010 No further opinion on the school. I am not happy with the school for many reasons: one being I don't trust the majority of the staff in what they say, how they teach (or lack thereof). And feel they do not demonstrate care or compassion.
- 6 03/15/2010 Unknown
- 7 03/15/2010 I think it should be kept up to yearly standards so big problems don't happen all at once.
- 8 03/15/2010 Unknown--never been in the school.
- 9 03/15/2010 N/A
- 10 03/15/2010 Not that I know of. The school seems to have the latest teaching tools, ex: smart boards. Do they really need them? When I teach PSR, I miss the blackboard and the children don't use smart boards in public schools.
- 11 03/15/2010 See number 7
- 12 03/15/2010 Do not know
- 13 03/15/2010 Don't know
- 14 03/15/2010 Not sure. Do not have any children attending school
- 15 03/15/2010 School clinic is poor in facilities--cement floor, cold room. Music room should be separate from the library. Library is so disorganized--poor! no classification of books; very chaotic; space is small.
- 16 03/15/2010 The answer is the same as #9
- 17 03/15/2010 Don't know
- 18 03/16/2010 Not knowledgeable re: the school

- 19 03/16/2010 Never been in the school. That is up to your board who know the school's condition. I don't have children, but believe the kids schooling very important.
- 20 03/16/2010 Maybe. Depending on how you want to increase the amount of kids that can economically go to Catholic school.
- 21 03/16/2010 Unable to answer; have no children or relatives who attend day school.
- 22 03/16/2010 Don't know--have no one in family attending St. Ambrose school.
- 23 03/16/2010 N/A
- 24 03/16/2010 If you do renovations or improvements to the school--your parents of kids attending need to fund raise for this.
- 25 03/16/2010 School is probably at capacity. Need to be more accomodating to growing Catholic population in Brunswick.
- 26 03/16/2010 No contact with school (senior).
- 27 03/16/2010 Not familiar with the school.
- 28 03/16/2010 More meeting space.
- 29 03/16/2010 Connected to lunchroom and church, more classrooms=more students.
- 30 03/16/2010 i've never been in the school
- 31 03/16/2010 Too small
- 32 03/16/2010 Have not been in school
- 33 03/16/2010 No idea
- 34 03/16/2010 Cannot comment as no children there, but when there for meetings, PSR, felt it was fine.
- 35 03/16/2010 Don't know. Have never been in the school.
- 36 03/16/2010 Air conditioning to all floors More space for specials (art, music, spanish).
- 37 03/16/2010 The building needs a better roof, a multi purpose area would be good also.
- 38 03/16/2010 I am not familiar with the situation in the school.
- 39 03/16/2010 I haven't seen the inside of the school. No comment.
- 40 03/16/2010 Not able to comment. Don't know.
- 41 03/16/2010 Haven't really been in the school since my children were in PSR. So, I can't answer this fairly.
- 42 03/16/2010 N/A
- 43 03/16/2010 Not handicap accessable.
- 44 03/16/2010 Need more parking. Need more church seating.
- 45 03/18/2010 Science labs. Music rooms with more options.
- 46 03/18/2010 Other than what I mentioned, no
- 47 03/18/2010 Too many children per class, especially in the younger grades. Larger clas sizes are a concern for optimum learning.
- 48 03/18/2010 Conference room/updated teacher lounge, bathrooms and kitchen facilities.
- 49 03/18/2010 Not to familiar with what needs are.
- 50 03/18/2010 N/A
- 51 03/18/2010 Without specific information about use, I cannot respond.

52 03/18/2010 I don't know. They probably could use more classroom space and a multipurpose room. 80% of Hilkert Hall would be freed up.

53 03/19/2010 No thoughts--I don't have children.

54 03/19/2010 Too much "stuff", too much food. Prayer life???

55 03/19/2010 Could be wrong. Without having children in the school, I don't know!

56 03/19/2010 Can't answer this. Have no young childre, don't kn ow what the facilities in the school are like.

57 03/19/2010 We know nothing about the school.

58 03/19/2010 N/A

59 03/19/2010 Not having school aged children, Not aware of the school's building conditions.

60 03/19/2010 Additional classrooms, science lab. Maintainance improvements

61 03/19/2010 ??

62 03/19/2010 Better computer labs, adition of science lab. Better library facility. Teachers lounge. Possible 6th. 7th,8th grade building. Lehner transformed to Pre-K building.

63 03/19/2010 Not at this time. It would be nice in the future to have a connected campus, but don't see how we can afford it with the current economy.

64 03/20/2010 Not familiar enough with present facility. Handicap access(??)

65 03/20/2010 Not involved in school.

66 03/20/2010 Only school children's parent push for this. Current economy would prohibit. This school may not be here in 5 years. Enrollment is not mushrooming. What has been done is sufficient for now.

67 03/20/2010 There seems to have been many improvements since our children attended. Many more probably could be made. Now is not the time, unless there are safety issues or the improvements benefit the most needed meeting rooms and sace for ther organizations.

68 03/20/2010 Space needed for those specialty subjects now in Hilkert Hall, i.e. Art room.

69 03/20/2010 Do not know actual conditions of the school or what would be required.

70 03/20/2010 I thought this was already done.

71 03/21/2010 I haven't been in the school very much since my own children graduated. However, I don't know how there can possibly be enough room for the kindergarten and now pre-school classes. Therefore, I would imagine some improvements/expansion need to be looked into.

72 03/21/2010 Can't honestly answer this question because I never have a need to go into the school, so I can't give my opinion on this to be fair.

73 03/21/2010 Air conditioning.

74 03/21/2010 I would like to renovate my house also, but times are tough so I wouldn't do it. If you do not have the money, do not renovate then add a tax!

75 03/21/2010 How much can the families afford?

76	03/21/2010	Don't really know about the school situation .
77	03/21/2010	Allow for expansion.
78	03/21/2010	If necessary. Would be supportive financially.
79	03/22/2010	We are not involved with the school.
80	03/22/2010	Don't know--not involved with school.
81	03/22/2010	Do not know.
82	03/22/2010	I'm not knowledge on the subject.
83	03/22/2010	Get rid of and/or replace FAT MARY statue. She is sinful as she represents gluttony!!!
84	03/22/2010	Airconditioning in the entire school!
85	03/22/2010	I'm not familiar with the specific conditions of the school. Does it require a new roof, windows, heating system, etc. If not, I think it is fine as is.
86	03/22/2010	More accessibility.
87	03/22/2010	WE don't know
88	03/22/2010	I am an adult, not able to answer yes or no.
89	03/22/2010	?
90	03/22/2010	Heating and cooling system updated.
91	03/22/2010	Larger school.
92	03/22/2010	N/C
93	03/22/2010	Not sure, have no children there. When my children attended, there was NO cafeteria, no kindergarten, no pre-school, no afterschool, no foreign language offered. Great to have them offered now!
94	03/22/2010	Things were fine until the pre-school was added.
95	03/22/2010	No opinion
96	03/22/2010	More rooms
97	03/22/2010	Do not know
98	03/22/2010	General upkeep.
99	03/22/2010	I don't know
100	03/22/2010	I have no children in school, so cannot make a judgement.
101	03/22/2010	In the past few years, a lot has been done. What's the future enrollment if the economy doesn't pick up? Tuition is costly.
102	03/22/2010	Seems to need more space, but I am not really familiar with the building except for adult classes.
103	03/22/2010	N/A
104	03/22/2010	I am not familiar with the school needs.
105	03/22/2010	Air conditioning.
106	03/22/2010	Don't know. No young children
107	03/22/2010	Don't know
108	03/22/2010	Don't know.
109	03/22/2010	Not that familiar with the school interior.
110	03/22/2010	School enrollment is declining.
111	03/23/2010	No children in the school.
112	03/23/2010	My understanding is that the building needs a new roof.
113	03/23/2010	Not sure
114	03/23/2010	Don't know

115 03/23/2010 We don't have enough information to give about this.

Written Survey  
Question 14

If the parish were to move forward with an effort to improve the St. Ambrose facilities, it would require our parishioners to financially support that effort.

Knowing that you would be asked to financially contribute, please comment on the likelihood of your financial contribution.

- 1 03/14/2010 I would be more likely to contribute to items that help the whole assembly. The school would come last on my list, for that is a choice of those parents to fund for their choice of education
- 2 03/14/2010 Lets see the plan first--then talk money
- 3 03/15/2010 I would be more likely to contribute to items that help the whole assembly. The school would come last on my list for that is a choice of those parents to fund for their choice of education.
- 4 03/15/2010 Let's see the plan first--then talk money
- 5 03/15/2010 Not sure
- 6 03/15/2010 I would make a small contribution
- 7 03/15/2010 We are retired; on a fixed income We have enough to contribute to now
- 8 03/15/2010 Very likely=no economic restraining conditions. Somewhat likely=unfavorable economic conditions
- 9 03/15/2010 I would increase my weekly contribution by 20%--from \$20.00 per week to \$25.00
- 10 03/15/2010 Dependent what the focus is
- 11 03/15/2010 None, unemployed people do all they can just to pay rent and have a meal. Don't knickel and dime us to death. "Widow's Mite"
- 12 03/15/2010 I would do whatever I'm capable of.
- 13 03/15/2010 We would help support improvements with something like a building fund.
- 14 03/15/2010 When I registered at St. Ambrose I made a decision to increase my weekly donation from \$5.00 to \$20.00. I cannot afford another increase.
- 15 03/15/2010 My husband is not a Christian and doesn't approve of organized religion, collecting from the people. I give what I can.
- 16 03/15/2010 I previously belonged to St. Monicas. They provided separate envelopes and requested a commitment amount.
- 17 03/15/2010 It would be easier to spread out contributions over time or at fund raisers. Dedicated second collection would generate funds

18 03/15/2010 It would depend on what was done and the cost. I contribute what I can now. I do not know how much more I could give.

19 03/15/2010 I will contribute to the best of my ability financially.

20 03/15/2010 Since money is tight for so many people, I think most people would contribute to the areas that would affect them. If you do not use the school, you may not want to contribute to an improvement there.

21 03/16/2010 We are retired, but would increase our Sunday donation as much as possible.

22 03/16/2010 I would increase my weekly donation by half as much.

23 03/16/2010 Right now there is absolutely NO room for any additional drain on my income. I hope that all changes in the near future, I would not have the means (now) to add to my contributions.

24 03/16/2010 We have lost jobs and the jobs we did find are substantially less.

25 03/16/2010 I have a big family; that would make it very hard to contribute.

26 03/16/2010 I have designated St. Ambrose as beneficiary on IRA's.

27 03/16/2010 This would depend on the type of improvements; on our decision to contribute.

28 03/16/2010 My wife and I are approaching retirement age. We would be likely to contribute as long as we are still working.

29 03/16/2010 \$20 maximum monthly contribution.

30 03/16/2010 Depends on our finances at the time.

31 03/16/2010 My family made payments for a year to pay off the new church and now I am on a fixed income and unable to do so.

32 03/16/2010 We are parishioners of St. Ambrose for 45 years. We did our share of contributions for school, church, hall, rectory.

33 03/16/2010 For 5 years. Finances are strapped now, but will improve in five years.

34 03/16/2010 I have pledged in the past and would do so again to help the parish continue to grow. It is an important part of our city.

35 03/16/2010 Like many parishioners, my husband and I are retired. So I cannot say how much would be contributed at this time.

36 03/16/2010 Depends on cost

37 03/16/2010 We would need to lower our weekly contribution, though, unless we were able to give at tax season.

38 03/16/2010 I would be willing to support improvements as long as they are supported by a comprehensive well thought out plan.

39 03/16/2010 We are struggling to make ends meet. Our finances are in extremely poor condition.

40 03/16/2010 Amount is hard to say--everyone has different salaries. Depends on what is renovated. Also, not likely to donate to issues that I don't feel need improved!

41 03/16/2010 We would contribute what we can afford--both retired/unemployed. We all know the state of the economy at this time.

42 03/16/2010 I helped with the present church and feel I could help with new requests--reasonable requests of course.

43 03/18/2010 I would be more likely to contribute to items that help the whole assembly. The school would come last on my list for that is a choice of those parents to fund for their choice of education.

44 03/18/2010 Let's see the plan first--then talk money

45 03/18/2010 Not sure

46 03/18/2010 I would make a small contribution .

47 03/18/2010 We're retired, on a fixed income. We have enough to contribute to now.

48 03/18/2010 A small, but constant monthly donation would be all we could manage at this time.

49 03/18/2010 Fixed income.

50 03/18/2010 Establish a fair share for families vs singles.

51 03/18/2010 It would depend on the priorities of the improvements. I'd like to see some belt tightening also.

52 03/18/2010 Right now, we have two in catholic schools and one at daycare, not to mention I am going back to school.

53 03/19/2010 Probably \$1,000.00 per year in addition to church envelopes.

54 03/19/2010 Not going to happen. And I tithe with real charities--15% of gross.

55 03/19/2010 Depends on financial situation.

56 03/19/2010 It has been known for a couple of years now that Fr. Bob wants to build a new church. That's fine and dandy, but the school should come first and I have no doubt that no matter what the parishioners suggest, a new church will get first rights. I won't assist with the funding.

57 03/19/2010 If we knew the money would be used just for improvements and not frivolous items like robo-calling, newspaper ads and extra special pamphlets.

58 03/19/2010 We will be happy to help, if we can.

59 03/19/2010 A hundred dollars monthly for ten years, beside my weekly offering.

60 03/19/2010 Over time a contribution would be possible.

61 03/19/2010 Economy isn't so great right now--times are tough.

62 03/20/2010 Yes, but limited by fixed income.

63 03/20/2010 It would depend on whether I thought the improvement was necessary.

64 03/20/2010 Only for new parking and rectory renovation areas. If specifically designated for that purpose only.

65 03/20/2010 Depending on the project (and circumstances at the time, of course).

66 03/20/2010 Depends on likelihood of Social Security increases which have been stopped for 2 years.

67 03/20/2010 Since we have been retired for over 20 years, we would try our best to do what we could.

68 03/20/2010 Living on a very limited income-possibly one time small committment.

69 03/20/2010 Only contribute for new parking.

70 03/21/2010 Because of the disconnected feeling I have regarding the parish, it would be rather unlikely that I would support improvements (see last page).

71 03/21/2010 Being that I have 4 family members who are without jobs, my priority is to help them out as much as I can. I too have been cut hours at work.

72 03/21/2010 Our children would be out of the school by the time projects would be completed.

73 03/21/2010 I would become a member of St. Colette's so fast the door would hit me on the way out.!

74 03/21/2010 Living on a fixed income. The parish has too many activities going on that require financial support from families in the parish.

75 03/21/2010 Limited amount, due to retirement because of medical issues.

76 03/21/2010 Retired

77 03/21/2010 Possible "one-time" contribution.

78 03/21/2010 Yes, for school, very unlikey for buildings.

79 03/21/2010 NO, NO NO NO

80 03/21/2010 Everyone has to tighten their budget. The church is no exception. Cut back on luxuries. i.e. flowers, Quit phone system, printing of so many flyers, lighting, heating.

81 03/21/2010 Depend on our financial position at the time.

82 03/21/2010 Before our church was built, we were asked to make a pledge to help with the cost. So, I feel, I did what they asked us to help.

83 03/22/2010 We are both in our 80's and are living on small pensions.

84 03/22/2010 I contribute weekly--did not decrease amount when income was decreased. But, until I see living within budget, I will not increase my support.

85 03/22/2010 Previously contributed.

86 03/22/2010 NO WAY!!

87 03/22/2010 Depending on amount expected.

88 03/22/2010 In todays economic climate, I believe that household finances are already stretched to cover necessities.

89 03/22/2010 I am ONLY working as a temp currently. Try to use the weekly offerings better--\$30,000.00 per week should b e enough to allow improvements.

90 03/22/2010 Supported with contributions to present church and the then new Hilkert Hall. Would likely contribute.

91 03/22/2010 Based on our furture income (including pension) and assistance to our children, we'd be willing to contribute.

92 03/22/2010 Depends n whether I find a job. (was layed off August of 2009).

93 03/22/2010 If worthy, I will increase my Sunday contribution.

- 94 03/22/2010 Economic situation at that time would have to be taken into account before any commitments can be made.
- 95 03/22/2010 As long as phased in approach is used so as not to burden the parish with a lot of debt. Also, I would need to see a significant improvement in the manner in which Fr. Bob treats his employees.
- 96 03/22/2010 We are retired,
- 97 03/22/2010 Need to raise funds
- 98 03/22/2010 It would depend upon the improvement to be made and our financial situation (retirement).
- 99 03/22/2010 Unknown percentage at the time.
- 100 03/22/2010 But not much. Live on a fixed income.
- 101 03/22/2010 Need to get a job first, however.
- 102 03/22/2010 We support our parish, but aside from parking, we do not see the necessity of taking on debt for changes.
- 103 03/22/2010 Time will tell how much I can afford.
- 104 03/22/2010 Am on a fixed income, so it depends on my financial status at that time.
- 105 03/22/2010 I will contribute to improve the parking situation.
- 106 03/22/2010 Fixed income. We contribute with our envelopes and the ministries, which we must purchase items to work for.
- 107 03/22/2010 We are on Social Security and it would be difficult to commit to such a pledge. We could give a little, perhaps.
- 108 03/22/2010 Not convinced we need to expand. We need to better manage existing facilities.
- 109 03/22/2010 Finances are limited due to age and health.
- 110 03/23/2010 Husband is disabled and we are both on fixed incomes.
- 111 03/23/2010 Huge medical bills, prevents us from contributing a lot of regular contributions. More fund raisers to help support the church is needed.
- 112 03/23/2010 It would be hard financially, but would be willing to work hard at fund raisers to make it happen.
- 113 03/23/2010 We are retired for 10+ years. We live frugally, and our financial resources have taken big hits by recession.

Written Survey  
Question 15

As asking for a financial contribution is always a sensitive topic, what would be the way in which you would prefer to be approached for a contribution?

- 1 03/14/2010 Don't be pushy--that will put people off. You don't want that
- 2 03/15/2010 Don't be pushy--that will put people off. You don't want that
- 3 03/15/2010 Pledge drive or payroll deduction
- 4 03/15/2010 I liked when it was suggested to give one hourly wage as our weekly contribution. It puts into better perspective what I should be looking at to donate,

It helped me to see my donation should increase with time and my own economic success.

- 5 03/15/2010 Cannot
- 6 03/15/2010 Meeting with a fellow parishioner may be too personal for most people. It can be considered a source of "pressure or coercion" Group meetings take too much time. Why would someone want to go if they already knew what the funds were for? (it was previously explained). Why spend money on a professional fund raiser?
- 7 03/15/2010 Our financial tithe is only between God and yourself. That way if some can give more or some can't--no one is embarrassed or made to feel guilty
- 8 03/15/2010 Fund raisers--Fish Frys, Bake sales, raffles
- 9 03/15/2010 I'd have to know where the money is going. We have to watch our money. I think the Church should too!
- 10 03/15/2010 Whether we like it or not, if you're not growing, you're dying. I want to grow.
- 11 03/15/2010 see #14
- 12 03/15/2010 This is a sensitive subject and I would not like someone personally asking me for money.
- 13 03/16/2010 This seems to be better than to be asked out-right. The giver should not feel pressured.
- 14 03/16/2010 Right now does not matter. There is NO money to contribute. I suggest you wait till more people get jobs, and the U.S. situation settles down.
- 15 03/16/2010 Allows privacy.
- 16 03/16/2010 I don't think we should be hiring professionals outside the parish.
- 17 03/16/2010 In group setting--available to ask questions.
- 18 03/16/2010 If the church used a professional fund raiser--we would not contribute.
- 19 03/16/2010 Per fund raisers: ARE AN INSULT and a waste of money. I would be completely turned off if this is the approach.
- 20 03/16/2010 I would prefer mail and marking a given amount to contribute.
- 21 03/16/2010 Only way we would contribute!
- 22 03/16/2010 Fr. Stec is very good at fund raisers.
- 23 03/16/2010 Would not commit to a contract--will give as able
- 24 03/16/2010 Asking for a lump sum is not the way to go. Offering monthly contributions would work better for me. I don't have the money to hand over a huge check, but monthly checks would be easier.
- 25 03/16/2010 Do not bring in a professional.
- 26 03/16/2010 Why pay for a professional??
- 27 03/18/2010 Don't be pushy--that will put people off. You don't want that.
- 28 03/18/2010 DO NOT ASK from the pulpit either by a priest for parishioner.
- 29 03/19/2010 Not to a nasty pastor.
- 30 03/19/2010 It should wait until the economy improves.
- 31 03/19/2010 How much does St. Ambrose spend on it's own or via subsidized efforts to send 50 people twice a year to the Dominican Republic? Airfare alone has to be costly. I have no doubt St.Ambrose helps the local community here in Brunswick, but more could be done locally to help these people than those abroad. In this economy, it's not appropriate to think of building a new church here when so many are having trouble

making ends meet. Guess what? I'd love to have a shiny new corvette, but I'll just have to get by with my very well used Ford.

- 32 03/19/2010 Have a breakdown of the expense; number of families and the minimum contribution per family it would take to meet goal.
- 33 03/20/2010 To answer any question that might arise.
- 34 03/20/2010 For improvements that aren't vital only. Cosmetic or updating style would not be supported
- 35 03/20/2010 Would prefer a no-pressure approach with lots of information on which to base decision. Also, make a source available for questions about the project, whether by e-mail, phone, etc. Questions arise at times other than group meetings.
- 36 03/20/2010 By having a non-parishioner professional fund raiser---tho will pay for this? A short note in bulletin, additional envelopes.
- 37 03/21/2010 Just can't do it in the near future.
- 38 03/21/2010 Other
- 39 03/21/2010 Good bye St. Ambrose. Hello anywhere else where God is #1 and not more clubs or buildings.
- 40 03/21/2010 None of the above
- 41 03/21/2010 None--see #14 above.
- 42 03/21/2010 Having a non-parishioner professional fund raiser: We will not support this due to extra and unnecessary cost.
- 43 03/21/2010 I feel the church needs to live within it's means, like the parishioners. Also, please reduce printing costs 75%. It is a waste of resources/ Time, money trees!!!
- 44 03/21/2010 You could have many different fund raisers. Christmas cookies, cand sale. Pot luck dinners, seminars, health topics.
- 45 03/22/2010 Not sure.
- 46 03/22/2010 Low income
- 47 03/22/2010 We probably would contribute if the circumstances warranted it.
- 48 03/22/2010 Just ask for funds and leave envelopes in pews for donations and pledges.
- 49 03/22/2010 I would provide a marked envelope in church collection.
- 50 03/22/2010 With specific detail as to what the money is being used for.
- 51 03/22/2010 30 years ago a neighbor came up to my home and wanted my husband and I agree to 10% salary committment for 2 months after we moved in. He expected us to write on the form our combined salaries--that was before we even were active in the church. Since ONLY deacons were being sent for home blessings--I can't say for one of the priests should contact parishioners at their homes.
- 52 03/22/2010 Personally soliciting contributions by going to parishioners homes was very awkward. This was for the new church and Hilkert Hall.
- 53 03/22/2010 Either or
- 54 03/22/2010 Or current way is working fine--someone gets up before/after Mass to ask for our help financially, seems to be working.
- 55 03/22/2010 I do not want to involved in a capital campaign or pledge situation of any kind.
- 56 03/22/2010 I do not like feeling pressured or judged. I need to pray and contemplate before I can make a decision good for all.

- 57 03/22/2010 250 Club-- 25 weeks at \$1.00 a week, 250 people drawing weekly for \$25.00. End of 25 weeks, 1st, 2nd, 3rd prize for money. No money needed except for printed envelopes. Many churches do this for income.
- 58 03/22/2010 No money should be spent for a professional fund raiser.
- 59 03/22/2010 We do not need to spend money on a professional fund raiser.
- 60 03/22/2010 Non-parishioner professional fund raiser--this would incur a high cost.
- 61 03/22/2010 We contribute the max we can. We will have to reduce our weekly fund to support a new fund.
- 62 03/22/2010 Fund raising activities.
- 63 03/23/2010 There are so many people/agencies asking for money these days. The state of the economy, the high cost of health care and the number of older parishioners should all be evaluated.
- 64 03/23/2010 Pledge statement with monthly contribution.
- 65 03/23/2010 Take a second collection every week for the building. My old church also had envelopes for building repairs/maintenance. Every \$1.00-\$2.00 helps!
- 66 03/23/2010 We could form a fund raiser committee and keep serving as many breakfasts (no more free donuts), spaghetti dinners, keriokee, dancing, car washes--what ever it takes. If we start soon, earmark the money for restoration. Have a change box at the end of Mass for people to drop their change. Sell candy bars after Mass. Anything.
- 67 03/23/2010 I CANNOT contribute See above.

Written Survey  
Question 16

Where do you receive most of your information about St. Ambrose Parish? If you have specific information about any of these methods or if you receive your information in a different way, please provide details.

- 1 03/14/2010 All of these reinforce our means of communication
- 2 03/15/2010 All of these reinforce our means of communication
- 3 03/15/2010 Limit mailed literature to save money.
- 4 03/16/2010 By phone as is being done
- 5 03/16/2010 Phone blast.
- 6 03/16/2010 I DON'T LIKE BEING CALLED AT HOME FOR WEEKLY INFO THAT WE READ IN THE BULLETIN EVERYWEEK. PLEASE STOP THIS!
- 7 03/18/2010 All of these reinforce our means of communication.
- 8 03/18/2010 My children love when Fr. Bob calls with info.
- 9 03/18/2010 Phone Blast is over used. I had my name removed from the calling list. There is no lack of communication. There is overkill--too many mailings. Save a few trees.
- 10 03/19/2010 Stop the robo-calls and extra people speaking before Mass. All the information is in the bulletin or on-line. Start MASS ON TIME!

- 11 03/19/2010 Important items need to be run in the bulletin more than just one week. Sometimes parishioners may attend Mass somewhere else, or on vacation and then items are missed.
- 12 03/20/2010 Weekly bulletin, website, e-mail--main source of information.
- 13 03/20/2010 Probably the weekly bulletin is the source of most information. Often the mailing duplicate info in the weekly bulletin.
- 14 03/20/2010 But stop with all the inserts. We should be taking care of our planet--STOP WAISTING paper. We don't care about FIAT. This is taking advantage of advertisers.
- 15 03/21/2010 Mailed literature pieces--save the expense to use elsewhere.
- 16 03/21/2010 At Mass: NO --sacred time please! Talk is not favorable. People are not happy with the emphasis at St. Ambrose. Pews have emptied substantially the past few years.
- 17 03/22/2010 Not by phone.
- 18 03/22/2010 Long winded: Fr. Bob's phone messages are too long. The reminders and invitations are appreciated. Just too long. He uses all space on answering machine if we miss the call.
- 19 03/22/2010 Don't like the phone remindes.
- 20 03/22/2010 Love Fr. Bob's phone blasts!!
- 21 03/23/2010 Helps disabled brother. He is thrilled by phone messages.

Written Survey  
Question 17

How would you like to receive information about St. Ambrose Parish? If you would like to receive information in a different way, please provide details.

- 1 03/14/2010 They all reinforce our behavior
- 2 03/14/2010 Fine how it is coming
- 3 03/15/2010 They all reinforce our behavior
- 4 03/15/2010 Fine how it is coming
- 5 03/15/2010 To go to the website and acess info re: my ministry
- 6 03/15/2010 same as #16
- 7 03/15/2010 I'm not too good on the computer yer!
- 8 03/15/2010 Would like to see more information that comes up during the week
- 9 03/15/2010 There is no need to publish a newsletter. All the information you need to know is in the weekly bulletin. This saves money also.
- 10 03/16/2010 Already very informative .
- 11 03/16/2010 Too may mailed literatures.
- 12 03/16/2010 Phone blast
- 13 03/16/2010 Too much paper is wasted; especially with bulletins. Too much repetitive news. Fiat should have own news letter.
- 14 03/16/2010 Late changes by phone.

- 15 03/16/2010 WE ALSO, DON'T LIKE INFO THAT IS IN THE BULLETIN BEING PRESENTED AT MASS TIME. I DON'T COME TO MASS TO LISTEN TO THIS, I COME TO WORSHIP!!
- 16 03/16/2010 Please--too many bulletin inserts. It is a waste of paper. I would like to know the cost of xerox paper. It probably is more than my annual contribution!
- 17 03/18/2010 They all reinforce our behavior.
- 18 03/18/2010 Fine how it is coming.
- 19 03/18/2010 weekly bulletin--sometimes there is too much stuffed in it.
- 20 03/18/2010 Same as above
- 21 03/19/2010 Stop the stupid phone !!!!
- 22 03/19/2010 Not at Mass, there are too many "commercials" as it is. One positive aspect of this is you can be 10 minutes late and not miss a thing.
- 23 03/20/2010 Fewer "pre-mass" announcements!
- 24 03/20/2010 No other way. DON'T SPEND MONEY MAILING STUFF---STOP IT.
- 25 03/21/2010 Don't really use Web-site or e-mail. No calls please!
- 26 03/21/2010 Weekly bulletin--reduced to 2 pages Please! At Mass--NO. please, our emphasis should be on giving God our time and attention. NOT our parish.
- 27 03/22/2010 I would like to opt out of the phone messages for Fr. Bob.
- 28 03/22/2010 No phone calls--if I wish to attend a function, I will and don't need to be bothered by generic phone calls. Mailed literature pieces--cost??
- 29 03/22/2010 I am happy with the way I currently receive information.
- 30 03/22/2010 Mailed literature: don't agree with this. This can be costly.
- 31 03/22/2010 Before Mass reminders---SLOW DOWN the messages. Make the messages clear.
- 32 03/22/2010 Too many UNNEEDED mailings--which is costly. Weekly bulletin is okay. If anyone wants to know what's going on--refer to the bulletin (which is a book by itself).
- 33 03/22/2010 Any of the above is very sufficient.
- 34 03/22/2010 I'm happy with things as they are.
- 35 03/22/2010 Current methods seem to be adequate and cover most modes of communication.
- 36 03/22/2010 The automated phone calls from Fr. Bob are great and we always pick up a bulletin.
- 37 03/23/2010 We are happy with current approaches to communication. You do a very good job at it.

Written Survey  
Question 18

How many years have you been a parishioner at St. Ambrose?

- 1 03/15/2010 30 years  
2 03/16/2010 53 years

3	03/16/2010	Since 1956
4	03/19/2010	Moved from Rocky River.
5	03/19/2010	32 years
6	03/19/2010	++++++
7	03/20/2010	++++++ each + = 5 years
8	03/20/2010	since 1957
9	03/21/2010	35 years
10	03/22/2010	10 years
11	03/22/2010	39 years!!!
12	03/22/2010	1973 ( 37 years)

Written Survey  
Question 19

Into which age bracket to you belong?

1	03/19/2010	16000
2	03/20/2010	Unnecessary, unless you want to screen answers.
3	03/20/2010	++
4	03/20/2010	What does this have to do with anything?
5	03/22/2010	36-45 wife 56-65 husband
6	03/22/2010	Could you tell?

Written Survey  
Question 20

Into which annual income bracket would you say your household belongs?

1	03/15/2010	Combined
2	03/15/2010	N/A
3	03/16/2010	Too personal
4	03/16/2010	Less than \$25,000.00
5	03/16/2010	Widow
6	03/19/2010	Combined
7	03/19/2010	Nobody's business.
8	03/19/2010	N/A
9	03/19/2010	Won't answer PRIVATE!!
10	03/20/2010	Not relevant to answer.
11	03/20/2010	None of your business.
12	03/21/2010	Lower than \$25,000.00
13	03/22/2010	Prefer not to answer.
14	03/22/2010	14000
15	03/22/2010	None of your business!!
16	03/22/2010	No one's business but ours.

- 17 03/22/2010 Unemployment at this time.
- 18 03/23/2010 Under \$25,000.00

Written Survey  
Question 21

How would you characterize your frequency of mass attendance at St. Ambrose?

- 1 03/15/2010 Plus Holy Days
- 2 03/16/2010 I'm at college
- 3 03/18/2010 We sometimes attend with family at other parishes.
- 4 03/18/2010 When I am well

Written Survey  
Question 22

Do you have children, or are you in the care of children, in any of the following age groups?

- 1 03/16/2010 During school breaks.
- 2 03/16/2010 I am also a college student
- 3 03/19/2010 Married
- 4 03/22/2010 Grandchildren.
- 5 03/22/2010 Ocassionally, grandchildren
- 6 03/23/2010 Our 3 are grown, gone, married with their own children.

Written Survey  
Question 23

Do you currently have any children attending the St. Ambrose School?

- 1 03/15/2010 Last year
- 2 03/16/2010 Grandchildren
- 3 03/20/2010 Only grandchildren (Pre-school) Love him and he loves your pre-school.
- 4 03/22/2010 Grandchildren
- 5 03/23/2010 Perhaps, this question should have been asked first.

Written Survey

## Question 24

Do you currently have any children attending the St. Ambrose PSR program?

- 1 03/15/2010 But I will next year and I am very much looking forward to it.
- 2 03/16/2010 Special needs PSR.
- 3 03/16/2010 Grandchildren
- 4 03/18/2010 Grandchildren
- 5 03/20/2010 But we do have an granddaughter in PSR.
- 6 03/23/2010 Grandchildren

## Written Survey

### Question 25

If you have any additional comments about the future of St. Ambrose, the Vision 20/20 process or anything you would like to share, please do so below.

- 1 03/14/2010 Did so at my focus meeting
- 2 03/14/2010 We know the youth of the parish are KEY to the future. Just don't forget the rest of us in the process. Thanks. Please more parking!!!!
- 3 03/15/2010 Did so at my focus meeting
- 4 03/15/2010 We know the youth of the parish are KEY to the future. Just don't forget the rest of us in the process. THANKS Please more parking !!
- 5 03/15/2010 I think the future belongs to the younger generation of the parish. We are seniors, built the church, hall, renovations done on all buildings. We do give and support all that we can. It seems every Sunday there is another cause going on and sometimes it is very overwhelming. Another thing is the soprano singing, no one can sing in those octives, especially seniors. We are loosing our singing voices, especiall 7:30 Mass. It sounds horrible! My husband is discussed with people who are sick, cough and sneeze in their hand and then shake others hands in flue season. (his words)
- 6 03/15/2010 I love being involved in ministry at St. Ambrose, however sometimes working with other volunteers can be a bit challenging. Some heads of ministry are paid positions. It should be made clear to these paid heads of ministry that communication and professional attitude must be a top priority. (especially toward volunteers not being paid). Don't expect volunteers to read minds of leaders. Please COMMUNICATE! Thanks Start Mass on time. Too many announcements; Start earlier.
- 7 03/15/2010 I love my parish family and hope that both my girls continue to love their parish and stay involved in the Mass an making time for their faith, to grow and strengthen with time.
- 8 03/15/2010 I would lile to see small faith sharing groups that meet regularly in one anothers homes, as a show of support, fellowshp. gathering, prayer, home church. The church has gotten SO BIG, SO BUSY it lacks the needed intimacy and joy. BUSY

does not make an individual " Alive in Christ." I think we need to revisit the "Christ Encounter" as it is experienced in the reality of one another

9 03/15/2010 Do not throw out the family to bring in the friends. Do not punch holes in the envelopes to indicate what we "should" be putting in the envelope. We're doing the best we can. Don't shame us on our lack of funds. Try living on a fixed income. No music at the 7:30 AM Mass on Sundays. We don't need all the hoopla to stay close to God or one another. Look at your people. Let the priest preach their own homilies. Don't interrupt them during their Masses. So disrespectful. I feel embarrassed for the priest. Thank you for listening to an old woman

10 03/15/2010 I'm more of a follower than an innovator. I feel programs have been offered to me, but if I can find more ways to help, I would be proud. God has been around me so closely the past few years, I would be honored to help, pray, praise-----

11 03/15/2010 I would love to see the beautiful Handbells playing up front. The ladies look quite cramped in the back.

12 03/15/2010 The "Automatic Giving Program" sounds like a good idea, but have you ever talked to some of those people. They think they just bought their way to Heaven and don't need to go to Mass. They can get married or have a funeral in the Church just from Automatic Deduction! What happened to spirituality? It's become all about numbers! There needs to be reverential silence in the church when Jesus is present in the tabernacle.

13 03/15/2010 Increased reverence before, during, after Mass. Increased reverence to our Celebrants. (e.g. Do not leave Mass before the Celebrant has left the church proper).

14 03/15/2010 Need to "advertise " the Dominican Republic Mission more--what is needed, when donation of items can be made. The Mission Possible envelopes were a great idea. The breakfast (Health Breakfast) was a good idea and was delicious. Could separate concrete seatforms be made for the recycle bins? That would free up parking spaces for Sunday Mass--not sure when items are picked up--off days could allow company to empty them. On your "Box Tops for Education" -- pull one randomly since not everybody can come up with the highest count. Could do one for highest count and one randomly, then more people would be willing to collect them for the school. Thanks for asking!

15 03/15/2010 The chapel should be near the church foyer--in the front The sacristy should be where the chapel is right not so that it is readily accessible to the altar; so that people--alter boys/girls, eucharistic ministers and other liturgy participants do not walk back and forth in the main church which is a distraction to the people who want to pray or are praying.

16 03/16/2010 We enjoy reading Fr. Bob's weekly newsletter in the Sunday bulletin. Thank you Father. We would like Fr. Bob to give his Sunday sermon from the lectern in the sanctuary. It's easier to see him when he's standing at the altar. We don't have to turn our heads.

17 03/16/2010 We would like to express our admiration and appreciation to Fr. Bob and all the parishioners who have aided him in bringing a vibrant parish back to our community.

18 03/16/2010 The one comment I have is regarding Day school. My grandson goes and his Mother volunteers for many things. I feel that those parents should get a

reduction in tuition. I, myself, and my children have all attended primary and secondary Catholic schools and this was always offered. They should be rewarded for their volunteer time and help offset the ever increasing and burdensome tuition costs.

19 03/16/2010 Better co-ordination of activities. Fund raisers not scheduled so close together. Seniors on fixed incomes can not always attend due to limited sources of income. Possibly offer "senior discounts" so that more seniors can attend.

20 03/16/2010 Would like to see a new statue of Mary in the church.

21 03/16/2010 NO singing at 7:30 Sunday Mass.

22 03/16/2010 Annabells across the street is another parking option. Knock down the ice cream shack and golf course and toss down gravel=100-150 more cars. Sell it off later when other options are available. Use police to get people safely across Pearl Rd.

23 03/16/2010 I think we offer too many activities/programs that take money away from the church, like two TV's in the vestibule and paying a survey company to facilitate the results of survey.

24 03/16/2010 Just improve the current parish. Don't fix something that does not need fixing!

25 03/16/2010 1. Chalices should be cleaned after Mass NOT during. 2. Too many announcements before and after Mass. 3. Eliminate wine after Communion--less than 25 percent of people take wine. 4. Holiday Masses should be available in afternoon of Holy Day. 5. Parishioners should know who is paying for trips to Dominican Republic.

26 03/16/2010 I think the way our church is laid out with it's closed buildings is somewhat unfriendly and unwelcoming. Buildings need to be more open and connected. I think one reason some don't get involved is because they sense frustration from those who are running ministries because we are out growing our buildings. Sometimes it's hard to plan because we don't have enough time in the meeting space or hall. The lack of parking also frustrates people. I would also like to see quiet retreat rooms like the Jesuit Retreat House has--and a media center/library/gathering space to go at any time.

27 03/16/2010 My personal opinion is the church needs some major improvements and the parking lot repaired. If they are going to connect the campus under one roof, it would be nice to have a Catholic gift shop. Also, it would be nice to have prayer candles to light in front of the Holy Blessed Mother statue. There needs to be a new statue in a designated area for prayer candles.

28 03/16/2010 1. Remove old Blessed Mother statue with traditional one. 2. Room off kitchen-behind sanitizer needs cleaned out and more hooks for coats, purses for volunteers. 3. Less attention to Bingo players. Yes, they bring in money, but some of staff and players are very rude and expect special treatment! 4. Use less paper--Fr. Bob needs to be a "green" person. Kudos to day school kitchen staff who are so patient with all the other groups who come in during their working hours. Beth is great!

29 03/16/2010 I came from a parish in Cleveland that sadly was dying out. So many people moved away. The younger people were not seen too often and the elderly were dying or too sick to attend Mass. The school was closed several years ago (at least 15 years). Making everything very sad, very dark. When we moved here 5 years ago and joined St Ambrose parish, I was sure I would like the new surroundings. It's wonderful feeling the happiness, seeing a "full" church attendance, like my old parish--years ago. I really do love being here at St. Ambrose

30 03/16/2010 Like the music ministry -- great and uplifting.

- 31 03/16/2010 Things I'd like to see: Facilites for babysitting during Mass/meetings. More meeting rooms. Reference library. New Baptismal Font. New Mary statue for weddings. Simple design. Walking/meditating path with picnic tables.
- 32 03/16/2010 I would like to see daily Mass moved to an earlier time 7:45 am or 7:30 am
- 33 03/16/2010 On church bulletin cover, would be nice to know who the people and events are on it.
- 34 03/16/2010 No music. We are not Baptists. Shorter Masses. Some people have to work even on Sundays.
- 35 03/16/2010 We would love to see a new colorful statue of Mary. It does not need to be life size. Perhaps we could purchase one from one of the churches that has been closed. Maybe a parishioner or two would pay for it if we knew how much it would be. Could we purchase a heavy duty stand with votive candles that parishioners could light in church? We are very proud and pleased that we have such an active parish and such friendly people.
- 36 03/16/2010 When "latin" verses are used in the various prayers, can these be printed on the leaflets/inserts of the prayer books?
- 37 03/16/2010 I am concerned that we are doing all of this for uncertain reasons. At times it seems as if Fr. Bob makes his vision the vision for the church. I don't like that ALL fund raising seems to be for the Dominican Republic. Can we not do something local at least, sometimes? No extra fund raisers please! Just make some of what happens now for local needs. I am unhappy when announcements (numerous!) begin when Mass is supposed to start. They should be before that time. Announcements after the homily or before the closing prayer feels wrong. We are at Mass, not some town meeting.
- 38 03/16/2010 The Mary statue needs to be replaced. Also, St Ambrose painting. The banging of the piano is very disturbing.
- 39 03/17/2010 Please--Please remove the Blessed Mother statue. RE: Music Ministy, why do they not follow the responsorial psalms that are in the missal--more people would sing. Too much postage--do we need all these postcards and letters in the mail? Too many over lapping activities. If you want to attend 2 activities of your interest, they have often been scheduled at the same time!
- 40 03/18/2010 Did so at my focus meeting
- 41 03/18/2010 We know the youth of the parish are KEY to the future. Just don't forget the rest of us in the process. Thanks! Please more PARKING!!
- 42 03/18/2010 I think the future belongs to the younger generation of our parish. WE as seniors built the Church, Hall, renovations done on all buildings. We do give and support all that we can. It seems every Sunday there is another cause going on and sometimes it is very overwhelming. Another thing is the soprano singing, no one can sing in those octives, especially seniors. We're loosing our singing voices. Especially 7:30 Mass it sounds horrible. My husband is discusted with people who are sick, cough and sneeze in hands and then shake others hands in flu season (his words)
- 43 03/18/2010 We love St. Ambrose and our family will continue to support in any way we can.
- 44 03/18/2010 If vision 20/20 goes on -- remember everyone can't give the same. Make donations affordable.

- 45 03/18/2010 There is no mention of collaboration with our sister parish, St. Colette. I think it's essential to a stronger Catholic presence in Brunswick to work with St. Colette to develop programs and ministries that are complementary and do not duplicate each other. I know many folks -(45-65) who have left the parish in the past 3 years. It might be useful to explore why they no longer call St. Ambrose their home.
- 46 03/19/2010 Catholic schools are gone, gone, gone. Don't sink money, money, money into dead ideas. Stop Sunday morning food. Two Masses on Saturday 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm. No need for parking. What do these boys do all week? But priests need to do this (4 priests=1 Saturday evening Mass????)
- 47 03/19/2010 The survey outcome was determined well before this was sent out. The older parishioner, belonging to the parish longer than 30 years, feel that they do not belong.
- 48 03/19/2010 It would be nice to have a little less music and more quiet time at Mass.
- 49 03/19/2010 I'm for upgrading the facility when it's appropriate, but now isn't the time. Fr. Bob is a businessman and runs the church more like a business than a parish at times. Please don't entrap parishioners into this type of survey with false intention. If you want to build a new church (which has been known for some time) then say so. Don't solicit ideas, say something like "the parishioners want more room, a new this and that and the only way to get it is to build a new church". By the way, we want the parishioners to fund it. If Masses are crowded, add a Mass, have the ushers ask people to slide over and make room for others. This is especially true during Easter and Christmas. It's not fair or right to the regular parishioners (whom you are asking to fund an expansion) to make them stand because an entire pew is being saved for Easter or Christmas Mass by a family who only attends on occasion. There is no reason at all, that announcements can't be made several weeks in advance informing all that seating will not be saved by a family member so others can show up at the last minute and have a seat. Ushers can enforce this, it's only right.
- 50 03/19/2010 There is an "overkill" of information for the parish. How many times do we need to be told the same thing? There is the bulletin, robo-calls, special pamphlets and extra speakers at Mass. We're adults here not children! Who is paying for this extra information? We're sure those things are not cheap. We don't like to see our donations go for those things.
- 51 03/19/2010 NO dinging at 7:30 Sunday Mass. If required during Lent and Advent--processional, recessional, and communion. It is not necessary to sing EVERYTHING to us old-timers--we know the songs and prayers sung. Keep this one song free. We need quiet time to pray and think. I know we're suppose to stand after communion, but isn't that suppose to be OUR time with Jesus? Not looking - gauging as some people do--turning around, making comments to their spouse, etc. I feel as if I'm on the Red Carpet runway in Hollywood--without making the money! Please instruct people, PRAY at that time AND--the new rules of washing chalice, all the singers up and down, etc is a total distraction.
- 52 03/19/2010 Scheduling conflicts-- e.g. At Mass an event may be told for 7:00 pm, the same event listed in the bulletin for 7:30 pm.

- 53 03/19/2010 Change the Blessed Mother statue -- PLEASE! No parking on end driveway. 4:00 pm Mass on Saturday. 6:00 pm Mass on Saturday. Pews too hard--need backings.
- 54 03/19/2010 When and if expansion is to be done, a co-ordinated plan needs to be in place. Arch and site planners need to give input as to best use of land, buildings etc. This growth plan needs to be far reaching taking into account the needs of today and those best guessed needs of the future. Although it is, money should not be the driving force as to the direction of plan. We need to do this right this time and not make compromises that will need to be corrected in the future.
- 55 03/20/2010 We love being a part of St. Ambrose parish!!
- 56 03/20/2010 Sometimes I think Fr. Stec just wants to have biggest and best--not very pastoral in in actions. The numbers he uses for events and other participation projects are sometimes, I think, inflated. Will the results of this survey be truly accurate?
- 57 03/20/2010 Ushers should have matching jackets. Our Stations of the Cross should be replaced with those from those parishes closing. Communion in area of piano is a disaster. If those giving communion would allow traffic behind them, instead of blocking the traffic lanes in the aisles, things would move much better. The music section is very much improved, especially the piano player (singer) at 4:30 Mass
- 58 03/20/2010 As long as the people of St. Ambrose are heard, needs understood and effort made to meet those needs (of young and old also), the good and generous people of St. Ambrose generally come through with what is needed.
- 59 03/20/2010 Please secure a new Virgin Mary (traditional) from one of the closing churches.
- 60 03/20/2010 PLEASE consider changing the art work in the main sanctuary. I can't say what type of art or what style would be best, but the decor that is now displayed needs to go.
- 61 03/20/2010 Keep 7:30 am Mass quiet--stop the music. Have an option--mail envelopes once a year. 12 envelopes 1 per month. Why do we have to sing all verses. Relocate recycle paper containers. Some of the people in the church have been going to Mass their entire life, but cannot know when to stand or sit unless being told. How dumb do you think we are?
- 62 03/21/2010 I have felt very sad about St. Ambrose parish over the past several years. I used to be very involved in my parish as a PSR and RCIA teacher, renewal team member, scout organizer as well as other activities. However, as I watched good people I knew either leave or lose their jobs when the new pastor arrived, I began to feel very sad about the state of St. Ambrose. The people who built the parish/and-or kept it going were slowly being discarded. I have entertained the thought of leaving the parish (as several friends have done), but I hesitate in making such a big decision that would take me away from the parish I've been a member of for 30 years, where my daughters attended school and played sports, my husband helped coach and I taught PSR along with the friends we made along the way. P.S. And why, oh why must every Mass now be "Mass...The Musical"? It is not that I object to music and singing at Mass and I'm fine with it at most Masses...except 7:30 a.m. Sunday. Can't there be just one PEACEFUL, PRAYERFUL QUIET Mass to choose to attend? Not everyone likes music and some find it annoying or distracting. The people at 7:30 participate and respond...why do they have to be forced to sing early in the morning when Our Dear Lord himself would probably also enjoy a

little peace and quiet along with focused prayer. On a positive note, I think the parish mission to the Dominican Republic is a great concept and I try to support that effort whenever I can.

63 03/21/2010 New statues

64 03/21/2010 It seems to me that the school and church should be the highest priority. Fr. Bob needs to focus on the school and get that back on track. There is not one parent that is happy with Mrs. Bopp. Many parents that I have spoken with, want to pull their kids out of St. Ambrose, but do not because the kids have friends. We are in the same situation. That is a terrible reason to send your children to a particular school. I never thought it would get this bad. My son just took a test in which over half the class failed, including him. He's a A, B student. This happens often in my daughters class. also. The teachers are teaching but the kids are not learning, so the teachers are failing.

65 03/21/2010 St. Ambrose is a positive, uplifting joyous parish, but at times it feels more like a political meeting or concert instead of a Holy place. Could we all say a few prayers instead of telling each other how wonderful we are. I like to spend a few moments with God in church without all the distractions. So, please STOP asking for Money. The government takes enough now. My church and my God wants its' part too. ENOUGH!

66 03/21/2010 It would be nice to have a quiet place--like on the land between the church and Rolling Hills plaza to pray and reflect.

67 03/21/2010 Blessed Virgin St. Joseph

68 03/21/2010 I think the future of St. Ambrose is solid. However, I do believe, we need to focus more on the people in our parish, the community and surrounding communities. I believe the power of prayer is very strong. If all of our parishioners say a daily prayer for those people in Haiti and Chile and hopefully have made at least one contribution, then we have done our part.

69 03/21/2010 Please give us spiritual guidance with true Catholic teachings and help us to live the message of the Gospels. Help us to learn and grow. Give us Homilies that stretch us/challenge us/teach us. Please reconsider the direction of St. Ambrose--activity and spiritually.

70 03/21/2010 Allow choir to assemble in chapel prior to Mass. I would give them a place to put coats, bags and get music ready. Also, would be much quieter for parishioners trying to pray before Mass.

71 03/21/2010 Rearrange the Holy Day Mass schedule. Bring back the 10:30 am Mass and the 5:00 pm Mass.

72 03/21/2010 I would like to make a request! The kneelers need to be checked out, because many times when someone puts down the kneeler, they slam them into your legs and that is so painful. I have a bad bruise on my lower left leg. This has happened many times!! The underside of the kneeler has two pieces that stick out. Thank you Fr. Bob, you're doing a good job. We're all proud of you.

73 03/22/2010 We are very happy at St. Ambrose and are proud of our priests and pastor and truly enjoy going to Mass.

74 03/22/2010 I believe in living within my means. I do not think Fr. Bob lives within parish means. I do not approve of gambling, e.g: Bingo, raffles, Monte Carlo's etc. To increase our means we can worship Jesus in simple ways--ways we can afford.

75 03/22/2010 Please stop singing the Gloria and Lord Have Mercy. Please have at least 2 Masses: 4:30 and 7:00 Sunday with little or no singing. Also, stop the phone calls. Most people know what's going on. No need to do all that mailing. Don't you think it's a little bit costly for all the mailings you do about stuff, when it's already in the bulletin?

76 03/22/2010 Groups--more quality not quantity. Fish fry menu too complex--quality not quality. Don' force peole to greet each other again before Mass begins because most people have already done that and are ready to focus on Mass.

77 03/22/2010 Please replace the Blessed Mary statue in the church!

78 03/22/2010 In the past, I have brought up the idea of offering shelter to the homeless during the very bad winter here in our area. We have to heat the hall anyway. I have been met with opposition when I mentioned it at a Social Justice meeting. I understand that the Fire Department has certain requests. I feel that things can be worked out. Other churches in Medina county take a turn. How do they do it? We have in the past collected for USO, can't we do it on a regular basis? I'd be willing to help! Charlene Whelan 330-734-4913. Thank you for asking my input.

79 03/22/2010 The music center does NOT need to expand anymore. The removal of needed seats is a real problem. The pulpit used for readings has a terrible speaker when used for song directions. The bell group is annoying. In order make EVERYONE feel welcome--ask everyone to move to the center of all pews AND get those in the lobby to COME IN--not stay behind closed doors.

80 03/22/2010 Replace statue of Mary in church. (current statue looks like "poppin" fresh dough boy).

81 03/22/2010 More traditional hymns at Mass. More Latin at Mass and benediction. More use of incense. Less talking and noise before Mass. Kneel before communion when Jesus is held up. The eucharistic ministers dress in modest dress or robes. Bring back votive candles.

82 03/22/2010 Question on why \$100.00 Registration fee per child per year--why? New students, I understand--but why returning students? Technology fee \$50.00--is that every year? Registration can be very pricey for some, on top of tuition!

83 03/22/2010 As we noted before: An additional Mass on Saturday vigil would greatly help avoiding late comers and help traffic flow and parking congestion .

84 03/22/2010 I think it si great that St. Ambrose is making such a huge effort to make sure our parishioners are heard during this 20/20 Vision process. Thank you!

85 03/22/2010 To me, a statue is a reminder of a saint. Jesus or his mother's struggles purely, love for God and all the endured. It is something to try to relate to. Unfortunately, the statue of Mary in the church is nothing I can relate to. I actually have blocked it out of my mind, because though it may be abstract art, it resembles none of the characteristics of our Blessed Mother and I find it exceedingly difficult to relate to it. Consequently, I feel it would be in our best interest to remove it and either get a new one or one from the closing parishes. I, also, would like to see a place where I could light a candle and pray. There is nothing around her like that anymore. Doesn't have to be big--but there should be something indoors, outside--somewhere. I would like to see the land behind the baseball diamond developed but preserve the natural feel as much as possible to allow for surrounding communities privacy and a sound barrier. As mentioned before, a rosary walk or stations of the cross walk perhaps around the circumference of the

property with statues, benches, shrines, etc, for contemplative prayer and to become one with God in nature. This will allow for health and wellness too. It will, also, show the surrounding community St. Ambrose wants to be a partner instead of an intrusive entity in the community.

86 03/22/2010 Get better songs at Mass. Our singers and musicians are so talented but the songs are awful. One repetitive line doesn't make a song. This modern music is boring, forgettable and uninspiring. Bring back the beautiful classics. Homilies that always have props and catch phrases feel like fast food marketing.

87 03/22/2010 I think St. Ambrose and Fr. Bob do a fantastic job with the variety of activities they offer for all age groups. It is a very up-beat parish and I think the youth of our parish are offered many great opportunities. Parking is always an issue and the over crowded Masses are becoming more and more. Thank you.

88 03/22/2010 I NEED WORK.

89 03/22/2010 From my vantage point, most everything appears to be running smoothly, but I may not be aware of problems. I do feel strongly about the church. It was a bit of an adjustment to appreciate it when it was built, since most churches then were traditional. But our contemporary church is beautiful in its simplicity and use of natural wood. I do not want it changed. I would, also, prefer emphasis on the Resurrected Christ. Perhaps such a figure could replace the Crucified Christ. Barbara Mc Grier 330-225-4627

90 03/22/2010 What about some craft project classes? Would like to learn how to make things from Palm branches--saw an article years back in the Universe Bulletin about two retired nuns who were doing this.

91 03/22/2010 We should put a heavy emphasis on the endowment fund. If we would have done this years ago, we would have enough money today. I never hear anyone talk to the parish at Mass about the Endowment Fund.

92 03/22/2010 Please keep in mind the financial condition of many parishioners and our area before committing funds to projects that would be a "nicety", but not a necessity. One project at a time, pay for it then proceed.

93 03/22/2010 We helped build the Hall. We helped build the church. We helped the Church Bell's installation. We sent our children to St. Ambrose school. We donated free labor to the church when needed.

94 03/22/2010 Times are so uncertain. Young people are worried about just keeping their homes, feeding their kids and having health care. Take on small projects and raise half the money first. People might want to or promise to help, but life happens and if they cannot do the work or continue payments--they just can't. Good Luck with plans you make. Our parish is great the way it is and our priests are doing a great job.

95 03/22/2010 I think there should be an additional Mass on Saturday evening. Maybe a 4:00 pm and 5:30 pm Mass. Also, I would like to hear some organ music and traditional hymns instead of these refrains--repeating the same couple of lines over and over. We have so many beautiful hymns and we never hear them. Most of us, older people, like that music, so at least use them at 4:30 Mass, which is mostly older people.

96 03/22/2010 I've been a member of St. Ambrose for over 32 years and enjoy the new ideas, programs, groups for all ages that have started since Fr. Bob Stec has become our pastor. Thank God for him and his new way of directing us toward a better love of God.

97 03/22/2010 I truly see St. Ambrose becoming a vibrant parish community. Kudo's to Fr. Bob and our parish community for all their contributions. Vision 20/20 seems like a very good process to seek out the feelings of our parish community with regards to their church and school.

98 03/23/2010 Much discussion has been had about replacing the Statue of Mary. Personally, I can identify with the current statue. Also, if art is studied, it would be shown that women looked more like the statue than the typical blue and white statue. Also, this statue fits the decor. If the typical Mary statue is what she looked like once taken to heaven, then maybe we all will have the perfect appearance at that time. Again, I wonder why that statue was chosen originally? Have the reasons for that changed? I think people should realize that a lot of people do not like change. If things need to change, they should be made slowly. If people have disturbances in their families or homes, if they have problems at work, perhaps they want their place of worship to remain the one stable factor in their lives.

99 03/23/2010 Fr. Bob -- Thank you for all you do to make us a family.

100 03/23/2010 We have found St. Ambrose as very prayerful and an authentically Christian/Catholic parish. We have been very edified by our priests, especially Fr. Hilbert and Fr. Bob Stec. For us, at our stage in life, St. Ambrose continues to nourish our faith which has been built through several parishes over the past 70 years. Thank you for being here for us.

101 03/23/2010 Father Bob, I'm writing this as a confidential FYI and as a Lenten resolution. I have been attending St. Ambrose for almost a year. I moved here to take care of a relative. One who has not been attending church regularly. I had three motives: one to help him go to church regularly, two to help him through this illness which has no cure and three to bring more people into his life. I was excited by your liturgies and so was my brother. He is always ready to go to church when his body allows him. He reads the bulletin from cover to cover every week. He is thrilled when he listens to your phone messages reminding, or inviting us to an upcoming event. I was pleased to be a part of this vibrant community. My third resolution was not as easy. What I discovered over this past year, is that the people of the parish do not share your welcoming point of view. We have attended many gatherings and have been in the middle of many people and yet have sat alone. Only once, did a woman begin a conversation with us, not the other way around. Like most parishes people are comfortable within their own groups. Your invitation to sit with someone new is disregarded. I have noticed that adults with disabilities are overlooked. On Sundays, they are given the necessary assistance. People open doors and smile. But in a social setting, no one talks to them. We know a gentleman with Parkinson's and have seen the same attitude toward him. His wife says he will go to church, but does not want to attend social gatherings. The saddest part of all, is that his story, and others like him, will never be told. No one will ever know these adults as persons and not a disease. The illness they experience is not catching. No one will get it because they shared a meal with them. Also, many of the gatherings are held in areas not accessible. The message perceived is "don't bother coming, you couldn't possibly have something to share". Just their presence there would be advantageous to us all. They are the ones living their strengths. During Lent the church focuses on the Suffering Jesus. You need to see Him in the people around you. Social justice begins at home. What great wealth this parish would experience if it could somehow tap into the

lives of these people. They have much to offer. They need to hear this and know they ARE part of the community. Make sure they are recognized and told how much their lives are enriching the life of the parish. That their sufferings mean more than any amount of money.. That their lives are the reason this church is flourishing. You, also, owe this to the children of the parish. Help them understand the value of every life by modeling a new kind of welcoming. I realize that as Pastor, you have already made many great changes. I, also, know the monumental task it is to change the thinking of people. Thanks for all you did and all you do. As a Good Shepherd, you have moved this flock to new heights. I hear people say what it was like before you came. This is also written in the spirit of Vision 2010. Thanks for reading one persons ramblings on what more could be done.

Internet Survey  
Question 4

In focus group sessions, many parishioners stated that they would like to see the number of ministry or activity groups expand at St. Ambrose. What ministry themes would you like to see for those new groups? You may select any ministry theme that you believe needs added. Do we need groups on...

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| 1  | 03/01/2010 | Singles group for ages 30-45   |
| 2  | 03/01/2010 | We think that additional groups will segregate the parish. The focus should be on the community as a whole.  |
| 3  | 03/02/2010 | Life teen  |
| 4  | 03/06/2010 | Performing Arts (Resident and Guest Performers, Speakers, Groups, Playwrights)   |
| 5  | 03/07/2010 | Every year when you survey people in the pews, I mark I would like to be involved in Catholics Works of Mercy yet no one ever contacts me. I guess they don't need help that bad but it is discouraging to someone trying to get involved. |
| 6  | 03/07/2010 | Too many SOCIAL groups ... focus on Worship  |
| 7  | 03/07/2010 | A better way to connect to new people  |
| 8  | 03/08/2010 | Eucharistic Adoration more often   |
| 9  | 03/08/2010 | Caregivers support group   |
| 10 | 03/09/2010 | Contemplative Group  |
| 11 | 03/09/2010 | I think we need to minimize the number of activities we have   |
| 12 | 03/10/2010 | What is done to contact people who have not been involved.   |

Internet Survey  
Question 7

You just stated that St. Ambrose SHOULD improve or increase the facilities capacity at our parish. In two or three words, what would be your main reason for saying this?

1	02/26/2010	mmmmmmmmmmmmmmmm
2	02/27/2010	Facilities seem to small for the number of parishoners
3	02/27/2010	need bigger church
4	02/27/2010	meeting space needed
5	02/28/2010	lack of space
6	02/28/2010	outdated inadequate facilities
7	02/28/2010	1) Consolidate buildings 2) Improve parking and access
8	02/28/2010	maybe. How can we afford this and the 100 houses for DR at a cost of \$250,000?
9	02/28/2010	parking
10	02/28/2010	increased amount of people
11	02/28/2010	Parking area needs to be redone.
12	02/28/2010	Ease of access
13	03/01/2010	parking music space
14	03/01/2010	The congregation is bulging at the seams and if the parish wants to continue to grow and provide the Catholic leadership then it does need some minor improvements.
15	03/01/2010	We need parking
16	03/02/2010	The church itself could use a "facelift". It is dark and dreary. I think it could be a lot more inviting and uplifting if the atmosphere were a bit lighter in color.
17	03/02/2010	parking worship space
18	03/02/2010	Space to help Ministries
19	03/02/2010	So much is happening, there are frequent scheduling conflicts with facilites between parish and school activities/functions.
20	03/02/2010	not enought meeting space or parking space
21	03/02/2010	Overcrowding, unsafe conditions (flooding)
22	03/02/2010	the parish/school could make more money
23	03/03/2010	Parking Area should be increased.
24	03/03/2010	just in parking area
25	03/03/2010	The area in the church set aside for the music ministry
26	03/03/2010	Size of the parish and number of ministries available
27	03/04/2010	More parking
28	03/04/2010	not enough meeting rooms
29	03/04/2010	Lack of Space
30	03/04/2010	parking
31	03/04/2010	Shortage of meeting & parking space.
32	03/05/2010	Music ministry area in the front of church or at least off to the side, central to the liturgy. Parking lot expansion (a no brainer).
33	03/05/2010	Increase meeting rooms if expanding program offerings
34	03/05/2010	Too many activities/events...not enough space to host them all.
35	03/06/2010	Size, all one facility
36	03/06/2010	Our parish is moving at lightening speed, it's a wonderful thing. The facilities should match who we are by coming alive and energized.
37	03/06/2010	growing church

38 03/06/2010 Draw community focus.

39 03/06/2010 too much congestion in the parking lot between Masses

40 03/07/2010 more people

41 03/07/2010 More parishioners but size of church, parking, etc. has remained the same.

42 03/07/2010 Parish is growing in numbers & needs more space to accomodate everyone.

43 03/07/2010 The school needs air conditioning, connecting buildings so children do not need to go outside to get to next class.

44 03/07/2010 I have been to some meetings at the Lehner Center and it was very cramped.

45 03/07/2010 Growth in the parish

46 03/07/2010 allow more people to take part.

47 03/07/2010 we need to connect to the new people who come to church. The present configuration does not avail the parish to do so.

48 03/07/2010 St. Ambrose is a growing parish and the facilities need to meet the capacity and suite the needs of the parish as a whole.

49 03/07/2010 lack of meeting space

50 03/07/2010 Parking lot needs improvement and expansion.

51 03/07/2010 More Space Needed

52 03/07/2010 current facilities at capacity

53 03/08/2010 The Church needs expanded and parking lot. There is no room, for big events. Holiday Masses

54 03/08/2010 capacity of the church

55 03/08/2010 Difficulty scheduling meetings

56 03/08/2010 parking

57 03/08/2010 support the parish growth and activities

58 03/08/2010 inadequate parking

59 03/08/2010 additional park

60 03/08/2010 more people involved

61 03/08/2010 Inadequate capacity (parking, meeting space); church in need of updating; school in desperate need for additional room

62 03/08/2010 Parking - meeting rooms - School Gym - School Lunchroom

63 03/08/2010 Parking lot needs improved

64 03/08/2010 crowded, no parking, not enough meeting rooms

65 03/08/2010 have outgrown existing facilities

66 03/08/2010 parking

67 03/09/2010 To have a little more breathing room.

68 03/10/2010 Improvement always discussable.

69 03/10/2010 parking, high school

70 03/11/2010 more room, more things can happen

71 03/11/2010 I think we have out grown the chapel and it could use an expansion as well as a face lift. And I would absolutely love to have an area in the church with a more traditional statue of Mary so we can pay tribute to her with candles and prayer.

72 03/12/2010 more parking.

73	03/13/2010	need more meeting space
74	03/13/2010	Parking Lot.
75	03/14/2010	we have outgrown many buildings
76	03/15/2010	gym school cafeteria
77	03/16/2010	Meeting rooms are at a premium and scheduling is difficult.
78	03/18/2010	The parish has a lot of potential
79	03/24/2010	improve do not increase
80	03/25/2010	there isn't enough seating sometimes or parking!!
81	03/25/2010	Parking and maybe meeting rooms
82	03/31/2010	We have grown in numbers but not in space.

Internet Survey  
Question 8

You just stated that St. Ambrose SHOULD NOT improve or increase the facilities capacity at our parish. In two or three words, what would be your main reason for saying this?

1	03/02/2010	The facilities seem quite adequate to me. There is
2	03/03/2010	Other things are more important
3	03/03/2010	Financial considerations
4	03/04/2010	Need fewer groups with expanded involvement
5	03/04/2010	all ok except need more parking
6	03/05/2010	big enough
7	03/05/2010	enough + funds
8	03/06/2010	we have enough buildings on campus
9	03/07/2010	NO MONEY AVAILABLE
10	03/08/2010	big enough
11	03/09/2010	Cost, Where would they be built,
12	03/09/2010	Stewardship
13	03/10/2010	Dont see a need
14	03/10/2010	the words inprove and increase should not be used together in the sentence. they should be seperate questions
15	03/11/2010	I feel the church has done a great job juggling meetings in the various areas that we currently have -- with today's
16	03/16/2010	need more parking only
17	03/26/2010	I believe we have enough facilities but they should be better maintained. The parking lot and water drainage issues should be fixed.
18	03/28/2010	use the big hall and school building more.

Internet Survey  
Question 9

The following possible items have been brought up by fellow parishioners as facility areas that require improvement at St. Ambrose. If we move forward with a facility improvement project, which item do you believe should be our top priority?

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|----|------------|--|
| 1  | 03/01/2010 | A place for large groups to gather that will not interfere with the day school activities.                       |
| 2  | 03/02/2010 | we do not need a new gym   |
| 3  | 03/03/2010 | a new traditional Mary Statue  |
| 4  | 03/04/2010 | Re-schedule Mass Times to accomodate parking situation.  |
| 5  | 03/05/2010 | I agree, new Mary statue is needed!  |
| 6  | 03/06/2010 | Also a connected campus including a sanctuary  |
| 7  | 03/06/2010 | Parking, is most immediate. New church is next for future, turning current church into a Performing Arts Center. |
| 8  | 03/08/2010 | choir loft   |
| 9  | 03/10/2010 | I believe there should be normal maintance on the church grounds   |
| 10 | 03/11/2010 | Maybe an outside pavilion  |

Internet Survey  
Question 10

In two or three words, what would be your main reason for answering the above question the way you did?

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|----|------------|---|
| 1  | 02/27/2010 | not enough parking for number of parishoners/activities going on  |
| 2  | 02/27/2010 | space, space, space   |
| 3  | 02/27/2010 | I just did  |
| 4  | 02/28/2010 | overlapping services make parking a nightmare   |
| 5  | 02/28/2010 | Not enough space!   |
| 6  | 02/28/2010 | Better functional integration and meeting facilitation  |
| 7  | 02/28/2010 | need to get people in & out   |
| 8  | 02/28/2010 | Traffic between Masses gets dangerous and parking is hard to find.  |
| 9  | 02/28/2010 | religious holidays  |
| 10 | 02/28/2010 | Expenses  |
| 11 | 02/28/2010 | Parking is critical. Fire Lane violations. Ease of moving in or out of parking space due to not parking in designated, lined areas.creative parking is lack of common courtesy to others.   |
| 12 | 03/01/2010 | music progam needs more space   |
| 13 | 03/01/2010 | The day school seems to be competing for space with parish activities during the school day. Example #1: The Spanish class Carnival in the Lehner Center (lower level) coincided with a funeral luncheon (upper level). Example #2: Lunches have been eaten in the classrooms because another organization needed |

- Hilkert Hall. The Ladies' Guild luncheons are ones that come to mind.
- 14 03/01/2010 Not enough parking
- 15 03/02/2010 As I stated earlier, I think the church itself is a bit dark.
- 16 03/02/2010 we desperately need parking. When maintenance issues are met, then we can add, but a gym would not be a primary need (shortening the sanctuary would allow additional seating in the church
- 17 03/02/2010 Connections with others
- 18 03/02/2010 A gym/cafeteria connected to the school would free up Hilkert Hall for other activities. CYO basketball and volleyball tournaments could be held as fundraiser opportunities as well.
- 19 03/02/2010 there is never enough parking
- 20 03/02/2010 Connecting buildings will add needed office space, etc.
- 21 03/02/2010 we could host tournaments and raise funds for the parish/school in the new gym and Hilkert Hall could be turned into a reception/gathering place. We could host wedding receptions and baptism gatherings there - also an add'l source of revenue.
- 22 03/03/2010 safety and ease of access
- 23 03/03/2010 we don't have a modern Jesus statue we don't need a modern Mary statue. there is also a group of statues on the far east side in front of a medical building that look exactly like her and it is not a religious scene. So I cannot be convinced this is a Mary statue  
Thank you for reading.
- 24 03/03/2010 It's an obvious issue to anyone attending Mass or other social activities that bring in a lot of people
- 25 03/03/2010 not enough room for vehicles
- 26 03/03/2010 It is difficult to have two activities going on the same time without causing traffic jams.
- 27 03/03/2010 Need additional parking
- 28 03/04/2010 During some church times we have a problem finding parking.
- 29 03/04/2010 I walk to SA, but I can see the problem with not enough parking creates
- 30 03/04/2010 Safety of Day School Children
- 31 03/04/2010 Limited Parking for Mass if there's something going on in Hilkert Hall
- 32 03/04/2010 overcrowded
- 33 03/04/2010 when multiple programs at once it is difficult to find a parking space
- 34 03/05/2010 It's a mess!
- 35 03/05/2010 need more space
- 36 03/05/2010 During incliment weather it is hard to socialize w/ friends
- 37 03/05/2010 need more parking & there is land available
- 38 03/05/2010 School activities (i.e.: gym, lunch) are impacted by events in Hilkert Hall, like Women's Guild, Voting, Christmas Bazaar, etc.
- 39 03/06/2010 The school is crowded.

40 03/06/2010 church is great as is

41 03/06/2010 While it's not the prettiest of improvements, we need more parking to accomodate our programs. Without places to park, we can't grow.

42 03/06/2010 The reason is obvious with all that is going on at St. Ambrose

43 03/06/2010 Safety concerns

44 03/06/2010 Parking -- Safety; decrease frustration (and eliminate reasons not to be there). New Church w/Performing Arts Center -- Draw the community to Jesus, and model that which we're passionate about (which isn't happening on TV, or in other media).

45 03/06/2010 Parking lot needs to be expanded

46 03/07/2010 not enough space

47 03/07/2010 Not enough room to accommodate the increase of parishioners.

48 03/07/2010 It is very frustrating to come to church because of the parking on a regular Sunday, let alone when there is activities or it is Easter. It seems to me there are too many entrance/exit points with no direction (i.e. entrance only or exit only).

49 03/07/2010 For the safety of the students.

50 03/07/2010 There never seems to be a place to park if you are not at church a half an hour prior to mass.

51 03/07/2010 Overcrowding of students

52 03/07/2010 Growth in the parish necessitates the need for additional parking

53 03/07/2010 New people cone and go and no one knows them

54 03/07/2010 There is not enough parking with so many activities going on at church and for holiday masses. Parishioners are also inconsiderate and have been parking over the lines taking up 2 spaces.

55 03/07/2010 the parking is already at capacity - where would people park if we increased the building capacity?

56 03/07/2010 Concrete is deteriorating.

57 03/07/2010 Attract more school activities to St. Ambrose community.

58 03/07/2010 space already at capacity

59 03/08/2010 Parking lot is way to small, not enough space. There should be no parking head towards St. Ambrose street in the back. It is hard to leave at mass times cause u have incoming and we can't get out. Cars are parked right on the curve.

60 03/08/2010 increased seating

61 03/08/2010 Quiet rooms needed

62 03/08/2010 Need to get there

63 03/08/2010 good as is

64 03/08/2010 insufficient to handle multiple activities already.

65 03/08/2010 inadequate parking

66 03/08/2010 conflicting activity times

67 03/08/2010 Not enough now

68 03/08/2010 The school's ability to fully perform its mission is stifled by its facilities limitations

69 03/08/2010 not large enough & chaos

70	03/08/2010	no parking spots
71	03/08/2010	not enough spaces to handle current needs.very little overflow
72	03/08/2010	too many people in a hurry to eit
73	03/09/2010	More activities occurring at the same time & no place to park
74	03/09/2010	very tight parking
75	03/10/2010	Need more parking
76	03/10/2010	As stated above, there should be normal maintance to the church grounds, a new roof, new concrete for the parking lot.
77	03/10/2010	Focus on what central ideal of Catholic Faith.
78	03/10/2010	holidays are terrible
79	03/11/2010	having children in the school, I think having a connected campus will decrease the time they spend on putting on and taking off coats and the such.
80	03/11/2010	I feel with other parishes closing we should be able to get more traditional items in our church
81	03/12/2010	If the school wants more then they should pay for it. The day school parents already feel they are superior to the PSR families.
82	03/13/2010	have had problem finding space
83	03/13/2010	Parking needed because of events after each Mass. Very few parking spaces available for next Mass.
84	03/14/2010	Not enough, in horrible condition.
85	03/15/2010	better flow
86	03/16/2010	meeting space at a premium
87	03/16/2010	need more parking
88	03/18/2010	Ease of getting to mass
89	03/24/2010	sometimes the gym is cramped and has limidid space if it expanded we'd have room for meeting rooms ex.
90	03/25/2010	not enough parking sometimes
91	03/25/2010	I have to drive around sometimes to find parking
92	03/26/2010	Our young children should be our top priority to make sure they get an excellent Catholic education.
93	03/31/2010	Not enough room during multiple events.

#### Internet Survey

#### Question 11

Which of the items, from the same list, would be your NEXT highest priority for a facility improvement project? Would it be...

1	03/03/2010	a sidewalk on both sides in the back of st ambrose
2	03/06/2010	New Church building, AND using the current building as a Performing Arts Center. See responses above in 1., and 2.
3	03/08/2010	N/A
4	03/08/2010	gathering space ; music practice / rehearsal room

5	03/08/2010	New rectory
6	03/08/2010	Banquet hall
7	03/24/2010	the play ground
8	03/25/2010	Meeting / event rooms

Internet Survey  
Question 12

In two or three words, what was your main reason for making your answer above a high priority?

1	02/26/2010	bbbbbbb kkk
2	02/27/2010	Need gym for more sports activities
3	02/27/2010	fellowship, fellowship, fellowship
4	02/27/2010	space for the kids
5	02/28/2010	there is no longer reverential silence before or after Mass
6	02/28/2010	Everyone knows this!
7	02/28/2010	1) Improve traffic flow on busy mass days and holidays 2) More handicap parking space
8	02/28/2010	possibly use these spaces for meeting rooms also
9	02/28/2010	too many obstacles blocking the alter. Lecterns, chairs. decorations, Eucharistic Ministers unless I sit on the main isle.
10	02/28/2010	accomodating membership
11	02/28/2010	pot holes crowding at late masses
12	02/28/2010	Hilkert Hall temporarily works as above. Long term near worship space would be best.
13	03/01/2010	not enough space for parish size
14	03/01/2010	We all know this can be problem and most of us laugh about it. It is not a bad problem to have!
15	03/01/2010	I see no reason for improvements
16	03/02/2010	The current facility is a bit fragmented. When we became new parishioners, we had a hard time finding our way around. Better signage could also help the situation. There are several parking lots, but not all the entrances to the buildings are marked so that they can be seen from several different directions. It's like we almost need a "you are here" map :)
17	03/02/2010	Not enough parking spaces for worship and/or activites w/out a holiday
18	03/02/2010	Hard to schedule
19	03/02/2010	self explanatory
20	03/02/2010	with so many active ministries at st. ambrose, it is hard to book meeting space, plus, i feel the youth and young adult ministries need a seperate space
21	03/02/2010	PSR, preschool, and junior high need more space
22	03/02/2010	I would like to see the technology/computer lab updated.

- 23 03/03/2010 bring parishioners together
- 24 03/03/2010 walking home from church is bad and crossing over to the one sidewalk there is dangerous with the cars wanting leave. the grass can be muddy
- 25 03/03/2010 Seems as tho there are a lot of organizations meeting that may need additional areas/rooms
- 26 03/03/2010 needs music ministry area improved, sitting in the sanctuary people do not feel connected to each other
- 27 03/03/2010 Number of ministries available
- 28 03/03/2010 Improve the appearance
- 29 03/04/2010 New Statues/especially the Virgin Mary
- 30 03/04/2010 A &E doesn't have a place to meet, same with some other groups
- 31 03/04/2010 handicap accessible teacher bathroom facilities safety-entrance to school
- 32 03/04/2010 Most Meeting rooms are booked every day of the week. An impromptu meeting will find little or no space.
- 33 03/04/2010 don't feel any expansion is necessary. seems a waste of money when are facilities are adequate
- 34 03/05/2010 When I have tried to organize an activity it has been difficult to find a room, they were already booked.
- 35 03/05/2010 money
- 36 03/05/2010 it is main meeting area
- 37 03/05/2010 \$ and no need (with people out of work, they do not have the \$ to support
- 38 03/05/2010 Not enough space for meetings; lots of overbooking and bumping out going on.
- 39 03/06/2010 same as above
- 40 03/06/2010 The kids spend SO much time in school, they need a nice place to learn. This will also attract new families to the school.
- 41 03/06/2010 More ministries require room to meet.
- 42 03/06/2010 functions need space
- 43 03/06/2010 Focus; model our values. The new Performing Arts Center (current church building) would be a catalyst for drawing Christ's community together, and provide a solid alternative venue to today's modern media. Our values in Christ could be modeled on a regular, recurring basis ---- particularly with the young that are easily drawn by today's media that so often runs counter to our catholic faith.
- 44 03/06/2010 Don't believe the other items listed need improvements.
- 45 03/07/2010 safety of kids
- 46 03/07/2010 After the parking is increased, increase the size of the church so all can COMFORTABLY attend, especially on Christmas and Easter.
- 47 03/07/2010 I think it would be easier if there was one entrance/exit to the church
- 48 03/07/2010 The kids need airconditioning and dedicated rooms for art and music.

49 03/07/2010 The meetings I have attended are cramped in the lower level of the Lehner Center.

50 03/07/2010 For safety of the school children, and for ease of use year-round.

51 03/07/2010 The three entrances isolate people

52 03/07/2010 The condition of the pews need to be examined. They are beginning to look shabby plus the other week I received a very LARGE splinter in my leg when walking through the pew for communion. I also preferred the cross in its original hanging spot at the side of the altar versus hanging from the ceiling.

53 03/07/2010 CYO revenue

54 03/07/2010 Space.

55 03/07/2010 Advance technology to keep up with public schools

56 03/07/2010 10:30 mass on 2/7/10

57 03/08/2010 Easier flow of traffic. A police gaurd would only be needed during holiday's.

58 03/08/2010 parking is at a premium whenever mass and other activities are scheduele at the same time

59 03/08/2010 Not enough parking

60 03/08/2010 Use space more efficiently

61 03/08/2010 N/A

62 03/08/2010 already difficult to find w/out expansion of ministries

63 03/08/2010 have needed new gym for years - can be used to host sporting events (charge admission to help defray costs)

64 03/08/2010 conflicting activity times

65 03/08/2010 Too old and outdated

66 03/08/2010 Parking is a routine challenge while attending mass and participating in ministries and school activities.

67 03/08/2010 church too small

68 03/08/2010 Banquet hall would be a very good investment and profit center.A parish our size should be able to provide reception facilities Offer catering and bar seVICES.

69 03/08/2010 many gropus meet at st ambrose

70 03/10/2010 Would like a tour.

71 03/10/2010 needa catholic high school in Brunswick

72 03/11/2010 with more space ,the school can provide a more continuity of education. The extra classess, art, music, library can have there own classroom, things can be more productive

73 03/11/2010 We have grown and are in need of more areas to park so it's safe.

74 03/13/2010 dont have

75 03/13/2010 A place to gather besides the lobby for baptisms, weddings, RICA, etc and donut Sunday.

76 03/14/2010 School is too small and too old, causes sickness to students and teachers.

77 03/15/2010 hall not big enough for cyo sports

78 03/16/2010 more activity space



18 03/03/2010 Statues that are liturgically correct

19 03/04/2010 I don't like all the wood behind the alter.I'm not sure what kind of design I would like...I don't like the statue of the Virgin Mary

20 03/05/2010 Something that will stand the test of time. Contempo designs are nice but are dated.

21 03/05/2010 I feel more at peace when surrounded by traditional religious areas

22 03/05/2010 Pews with kneelers, traditional crucifix, religious statues - especially Mary,

23 03/06/2010 more area for babies & their families

24 03/06/2010 I think the style of the church is wonderful as is

25 03/06/2010 I love what Fr. Bob did at Holy Angels. I'm not sure what that is considered, but it is beautiful there!

26 03/06/2010 I have no opinion on the type of design. I am no architect.

27 03/06/2010 A normal looking Blessed Virgin Mary

28 03/06/2010 Build a new church building that complements the existing structure. Again, use the current building as a Performing Arts Center. The new church building must be LEED certified with a minimum carbon footprint that will be the most life-cycle cost effective.

29 03/07/2010 technology for songs and prayers i.e. computer screen for visually impaired or visitors

30 03/07/2010 No changes are really necessary.

31 03/07/2010 Traditional statuary, traditional set-off area for the choir

32 03/07/2010 Something more airy and light

33 03/07/2010 Something timeless. I've always loved the look of St. Ambrose's main sanctuary, the look doesn't need to change.

34 03/07/2010 The current contemporary design is nice; but you can't beat the feeling of an old traditional church.

35 03/07/2010 space for music ministry

36 03/08/2010 Lighten it up, and really I would prefer a bigger Cry Room.

37 03/08/2010 architecture that would stand the test of time "always in style"

38 03/08/2010 Traditional Statue of the Blessed Virgin

39 03/08/2010 N/A

40 03/08/2010 Traditional statue of holy family (missing St. Joseph right now, consider current Mary statue not appropriate) LOVE the statues at St. Albert the great in the adoration chapel (would love see us w/ a perpetual adoration chapel), need more space for choir w/out impeding flow of traffic in church. Would like to see more traditional (carved) stations of the cross.

41 03/08/2010 no pews, padded seats

42 03/08/2010 open/lots of natural light,stained glass

43 03/09/2010 Church is a timeless design now. Still looks up to date.

44 03/10/2010 Focus on faith ideals not personal decorating taste.

45 03/11/2010 I feel church is a place where old values and traditions should stay in tact!

46 03/13/2010 Visable traditional statues of Mary and Joseph.

- 47 03/14/2010 Just a larger area.
- 48 03/16/2010 A more natural statue of Mary with Jesus
- 49 03/24/2010 if you update the rest of the church contemporary to match a traditional sanctuary
- 50 03/25/2010 It is a contempory design but we do have some traditional design also, The building is just a back drop of what is going on on the Alter etc.
- 51 03/28/2010 I like old fashion traditional statues etc.
- 52 03/31/2010 Either would be fine but let in some light! It is so dark in the church. People come alive when out of the dark.

Internet Survey  
Question 18

You just stated that you WOULD likely financially support an improvement in the St. Ambrose facilities. In two or three words, what would be your main reason for offering financial support?

- 1 02/26/2010 bbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbbb
- 2 02/27/2010 I would do my best to give as much as we could in these difficult time because St. Ambrose is a very important part of our family prepare for the future
- 3 02/27/2010 I have nothing else to do with my money..lol
- 4 02/27/2010 Create something great!
- 5 02/28/2010 Make facilities functionally effective for the parish's needs
- 6 02/28/2010 accomplish more as a group
- 7 03/01/2010 Good school and only Catholic school in northern Medina County
- 8 03/01/2010 a more engaged parish
- 9 03/01/2010 We are the parishioners, it is our duty and responsibility.
- 10 03/01/2010 I belive in the community
- 11 03/02/2010 I enjoy contributing to make our community better. We are a new family to the parish and have been very impressed with this community and the administration. I've never seen such willingness to make us all part of the decision-making process. I love it! Since you are asking for my opinion, I'm much more likely to contribute because I already feel part of the process.
- 12 03/02/2010 Belief in Parish
- 13 03/02/2010 Investing in the St. Ambrose community is an investment also to the Brunswick community. A strong parish/school can be one way to draw more people/businesses to the area.
- 14 03/02/2010 this is my parish and i plan on being here for awhile and possibly having a family and sending kids to school here
- 15 03/02/2010 Keep vision 20/20 stable and not in the "red."
- 16 03/03/2010 depends on the improvement that is done. if I feel it is necessary
- 17 03/03/2010 because it is our church to support

19 03/03/2010 This is our parish and we need to support it

20 03/04/2010 This is our parish and I believe we should help support it.

21 03/04/2010 I love my parish.

22 03/04/2010 St. Ambrose is my faith community

23 03/04/2010 Improve things for the present and into the future.

24 03/04/2010 right thing to do

25 03/04/2010 always want to support my parish if it is the general consensus but don't feel anything needs done esp now when economy is so bad

26 03/05/2010 It would be something I believe in & if goals were set I believe they can be reached.

27 03/05/2010 For change/ betterment to occur, funds are needed

28 03/05/2010 St. Ambrose parish and school is an important part of my family's life.

29 03/06/2010 it is our duty to do so

30 03/06/2010 We are active, and we want our kids to be active and want to be at church. It's an investment in our families future.

31 03/06/2010 I usually do.

32 03/06/2010 future generations

33 03/06/2010 Expand our vibrancy.

34 03/07/2010 obligation as a parishoner

35 03/07/2010 Everyone should be able to attend Mass and other activities without worrying about whether there will be a place to park or room in the church. I would go a long way in reducing stress.

36 03/07/2010 Feel it's part of my responsiblity as part of the parish.

37 03/07/2010 Now that my husband and I are settled in Brunswick and considering starting a family soon I want to make sure the condition of the church and its facilities are in good shape as we will parishioners for a long time.

38 03/07/2010 St. Ambrose is our Faith Home.

39 03/07/2010 Additional parking.

40 03/07/2010 Improve the facilities surrounding my children suring their time at St. Ambrose

41 03/07/2010 it's our parish

42 03/08/2010 Growing with the church and community

43 03/08/2010 I belive the items mentioned are in need of upgrades

44 03/08/2010 Help improve parish

45 03/08/2010 to maintain a vibrant faith community

46 03/08/2010 Stewardship... It's our spiritual home!

47 03/08/2010 better parish

48 03/08/2010 Love of Christ

49 03/08/2010 It's only right that I do so as an active member of the parish and parent of day school pupils.

50 03/08/2010 the improvements are needed (parking lot)

51 03/08/2010 As a member for the last 15 years I would view it as a investment, both in faith and the betterment of our school age kids.

52 03/08/2010 to see a better church

53	03/09/2010	To make a better church community
54	03/10/2010	My beliefs are faith rather than personality based.
55	03/10/2010	better church community
56	03/11/2010	Improving St. Ambrose will only make our community a better place
57	03/13/2010	to make it happen
58	03/13/2010	It is our parish and if we want improvements, parishiners should financially support it. Where else would the money come from?
59	03/14/2010	We would offer our weekly offering towards support.
60	03/15/2010	to keep the parish current
61	03/16/2010	parish growth
62	03/24/2010	because id love new renvations
63	03/26/2010	I would like to see St. Ambrose continue to be an excellent Catholic community.
64	03/28/2010	To make the church and school more traditionally spritual.
65	03/31/2010	Because we love our parish and what it does for the community.

Internet Survey  
Question 20

You just stated that you WOULD NOT likely financially support an improvement in the St. Ambrose facilities. In two or three words, what would be your main reason for NOT offering financial support?

1	02/28/2010	fixed income - have already financially supported building the current church building
2	02/28/2010	the school parents need to provide the resources for the school, not the others whose children go to public school.
3	02/28/2010	tight finances
4	03/02/2010	We are both retired and on a very limited Social security income.
5	03/02/2010	we are not financially able to give more at this time. We are a one income family and with the recession, things are tight.
6	03/03/2010	lack of funds to do so.
7	03/03/2010	I already financially support the church
8	03/03/2010	Paid to build the church. On fixed income now.
9	03/05/2010	can't afford it
10	03/05/2010	Between us, in last 5 years, one of us has always been out of work. Now out of work for over a year again. Need to make house payments, food and tuition and appliances that are failing. Now medical bills are coming in. There is barely enough money to live on. I volunteer at places when I can. I contributed to various charites + church when working - now I can't.
11	03/06/2010	financially unable - retired
12	03/06/2010	Living on a fixed income

13	03/07/2010	the recession, increased taxes, job uncertainty
14	03/07/2010	We have only one income in our family.
15	03/07/2010	Can't afford it
16	03/07/2010	Need to focus on financing Catholic high school education for children
17	03/07/2010	No money we are below poverty level which is why I donate my time
18	03/08/2010	Economic times
19	03/08/2010	misplaced focus
20	03/08/2010	large health bills. big family
21	03/09/2010	Current financial circumstances
22	03/11/2010	Currently it would be tough now that I am not working but we are hoping that will change soon.
23	03/12/2010	ecomony is not good, finances are very tight.
24	03/16/2010	Money is already there; pastor needs to use money for parish
25	03/25/2010	I am a single parent trying to make it on the little income that I have.
26	03/25/2010	Fixed Income