

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Master Plan Questionnaire Responses

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## 653 Total Responses

Age:	13-20	21-30	31-40	41-50	51-60	61-70	71+	Totals
Visitors	7	7	19	5	8	5	2	52
Unregistered	7	5	12	11	7	4	2	47
Parishioners	46	32	81	87	100	71	64	476
Coordinators	1	4	2	2	9	5	8	32
Totals	10%	7%	18%	17%	20%	14%	14%	100%

### 1. What kind of image should St. John project to the greater Alvin community?

Inviting, kind, warm, friendly, uplifting + positive focus on things we have in common with others; a modest leader in the Christian way; an "open door" church aiming to be in full fellowship with our community; when people pass by we need to stand out!; that God is not dead; participation in the general community; youth friendly; a "feel at home" church with a loving family and strong faith; busy church; that we welcome all! Please remove the ugly private property, no trespassing sign in the parking lot; remember our families that need child care and elderly care; Christian (some perceive differently); humbleness and service; cozy and where there is no discrimination; free of any economic interest; positivism, charity, love and acceptance; everyone feels welcome.

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### 2. What is the greatest strengths St. John has that should be considered in planning?

Property that is not being used; we have a lot of land/space to develop; great location in center of Alvin; power to communicate to such a small town, locals need to spread the word; I am visiting today after not attending church here for over 20 years. I left the Catholic Church because the non-denomination churches had support for the whole family – care groups, teen groups, kid's church, etc. that I felt better spiritually nurtured my young family. I would like to see those things offered here at St. Johns as we return as a family; not losing the small town family, feeling as Alvin grows; sizeable land holdings; our pastor Fr. John, he is a great shepherd; big Hispanic following; being to small; the huge Hispanic membership; our church is getting bigger, more seats, restrooms; unity among different races and a community that is open to change; show willingness to help the ones in need; knowledge of the Catholic faith and bible study; continue having and supporting the retreats; ACTS.

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

Facility layout, no welcoming space before and after mass; the separation of English + Spanish; put tabernacle back in the center; the lack of religious architecture + statuary; inside the church feels bland, the statues are off to the side and unnoticed. The tabernacle seems to be stuck back in a closet and can't be seen from the left-most pews in church; make our parish family oriented; need a new eye so the council is an awesome start!!! Thank you! You asking is so much appreciated; not enough common space for meetings, no space for choir without interfering with day chapel; CCE building probably needs replacing not enough meeting rooms large & small; it does not look warm + inviting; the layout of facilities is too spread out with an ugly parking lot dividing things & not safe to cross; space for parishioners to visit after mass so that a quiet reverence may be maintained within the church; disconnected buildings, lack of dedicated space for infants, elementary, especially high

school, young singles, handicap accessibility and technology for CCE; lack of large enough (narthex) to gather in after mass or a connection from the church to hall. more class rooms & meeting rooms are needed; parking for masses; not having a larger foyer; small activity building, small church, small adoration chapel; a pantry for people in need, more space for study of the bible, and definitely a bigger church; need to show humbleness; more adult classes; lots of parish activities and sometimes not enough space.

**4. What do you believe to be St. John's greatest need at this time?**

General Need: Better Christ-centric architecture in the church; children's education expansion during mass and summer; paid full time youth minister, focus on youth; more parking; a young adult's area for them to get more involved; more masses in Spanish.

Facility Need: Fathers residence; nursery during mass (only reason this is not our primary parish-unborn/2+ year old); for now a ramp in front, more handicap spaces and resurface the parking lot; carpet & new cushions worn, stained, damaged; drain the parking lot; more space in the cry room & better sound; candles to light for prayers as in most traditional catholic church; gym; more classrooms and meeting rooms and parking; better office space for more than 4 workers; a covered walkway for handicap drop-off; chorus area and the priest house; more benches; the entrance/exit of the church is too small; bigger restrooms; bigger church; bigger parking lot and installation of cameras; a place for prayer and where you can light a candle; technology- be able to see/read the screen; a chapel next to the church for prayer, meetings, and exhibition of the blessed sacrament; the image of St. John the Baptist.

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

Church / Parish	City / Location	Building / Space
Mary Queen Methodist Church St. Mary's St. Helen	Friendswood, TX Dickinson, TX Fredericksburg, TX Pearland, TX	Church/Welcoming Room Great foyer & lobby area Church/Historic traditional feel Room's bride and small chapel, open Concept; cry room with rocking chairs; big entrance, Sanctuary; love the large foyer with stain glass, sets the right spiritual tone as you enter sanctuary.
St. Paul's Our Lady of Guadalupe Miraculous Medal	Nassau Bay Rosenberg Jules City	Welcome center, baptismal font New church bridal room that can be used as gathering room set up of the church
St. Paul Apostle St Pius	Pasadena, TX	Baptismal font

**6. Please circle the number that best indicates your priority for improvements to, or addition of, these building areas in the updated Master Plan.**

Area / Aspect	1 = Lower Priority					5 = Higher Priority		
	1	2	3	4	5	# of Resp.	4's & 5's	
1) Parking	3%	6%	22%	25%	<b>44%</b>	445	2	
2) Children's CCE	3%	6%	20%	31%	<b>41%</b>	434	1	
3) Church	5%	10%	22%	24%	<b>39%</b>	439	5	
4) Youth Activity Room	4%	6%	25%	30%	<b>35%</b>	435	3	
5) Youth Meeting Room	5%	7%	25%	29%	<b>35%</b>	441	4	
6) Security	4%	12%	21%	30%	<b>33%</b>	429	6	
7) Cry Room	6%	18%	26%	22%	<b>28%</b>	432	10	
8) Daily Mass Chapel	5%	12%	27%	27%	<b>28%</b>	419	8	
9) Caring Hearts	3%	9%	26%	<b>34%</b>	27%	423	7	
10) Nursery	5%	12%	<b>29%</b>	27%	27%	410	9	
11) Foyer	7%	15%	<b>28%</b>	25%	26%	415		
12) Adult FF	6%	13%	<b>36%</b>	25%	20%	418		
13) Bride's Room	18%	28%	<b>33%</b>	13%	7%	414		
14) Choir	5%	13%	<b>30%</b>	28%	24%	438		
15) Covered drop-off	8%	18%	<b>29%</b>	23%	20%	424		
16) Interior/Exterior Signage	7%	16%	27%	<b>29%</b>	22%	393		
17) Kitchen	11%	17%	<b>33%</b>	24%	16%	423		
18) Landscaping	8%	17%	<b>34%</b>	23%	17%	426		
19) Ministry Meeting Rooms	3%	14%	<b>37%</b>	25%	20%	412		
20) Mother's Day Out	9%	15%	<b>32%</b>	25%	19%	394		
21) Music	6%	14%	<b>33%</b>	26%	21%	406		
22) Outdoor Meditation	5%	15%	<b>35%</b>	25%	19%	396		
23) Parish Administration	5%	12%	<b>35%</b>	30%	18%	386		
24) Parish Hall	7%	9%	<b>33%</b>	32%	19%	410		
25) Parish Library	7%	14%	<b>38%</b>	26%	15%	404		
26) Parish Storage	6%	17%	<b>36%</b>	23%	18%	390		
27) Pavilion Area	4%	10%	<b>33%</b>	30%	23%	417		
28) Playgrounds	8%	15%	<b>33%</b>	27%	18%	395		
29) Rectory	5%	10%	<b>33%</b>	28%	23%	402		
30) Religious Store	11%	15%	<b>30%</b>	22%	22%	418		
31) Sports Field	12%	18%	<b>30%</b>	21%	19%	414		
32) Welcome Center	6%	16%	<b>29%</b>	29%	21%	418		

**7. Additional Comments:**

Parking needs to be re-planned to expand with public safety foremost in mind; concentrate in helping those in need, make it easy for the poor to approach us for help; reorganization of the church as a whole has been muted, thank you Father John for making this happen!; the choir could be placed on an elevated area; may be time to start an "official" building fund collection; possibility of morning prayer and rosary garden, land-use area for parking; safer drop-off and pickup children from CCE separate from parking lot; mural depicting St. John/Jesus over altar, tabernacle moved to center & access to back chapel/sacristy from altar; we need more focus on drawing in the youth. So many of them don't come & from what I gather, they don't feel anything is relevant to them nor do they feel very welcome; safety first! My #1 concern: the parking lot at CCE dismissal; our facilities are in need of an over haul, everything presently in place does not meet the needs of our rapidly

growing parish; love to see more done for the youth-moved to Mary Queen for this reason; what a wonderful feeling to have a future plan in progress- thanks; need more space for festival; I like the intimacy of St. John, but we are really outgrowing the building!; a special mass for children only, it does not matter if it's at least once a month; better services in the offices, more welcoming and kind; weddings and fiftens too expensive, that the priest gives the blessing to the children with a basket to collect money; we need togetherness and humbleness; improvement in meeting area.

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

To have a beautiful worship area where prayer is the top priority and family is honored; a service center that could have a pantry, nutrition area, gym/young adult safe hanging area, etc.; a 2 story religious education building with large meeting/auditorium area on the ground floor; youth activity room, they need a place to feel welcome to hang out and fellowship; larger parking area and better lighting; adding space for catholic school & nursery; need to remodel the church or rebuild; a beautiful prayer full place to worship and grow faith; my dream is when people visit Alvin, St. John the Baptist Catholic church will stand out!; it all just needs a facelift + better traffic flow, etc.; to elevate church interior/exterior to a regal majestic/royal/traditional style and to upgrade the mindsets of the people and the building grounds (meditation + landscape) to complement; a bright atmosphere, colorful, welcoming to all; 2 story education center with permanent dedicated teen, adolescent, baby. New sanctuary + conversion of church building into large hall. Church classroom building + fellowship halls connected to and flow from one another; Make it more welcoming, especially to youth; a church that will draw more people for its beauty; to create an atmosphere that my kids will call home forever; better flow of parking; gym for teens and adults; we need to buy the Gritzmacher house (next to the Bowman deacon house) and property and make it into a rectory. Then tear down the old rectory and offices and build in that direction; catholic school for at least primary and elementary grades; have an expert on facilities advise and run with it; choir and music area + storage; I trust the committee to oversee the property mission; I'd like to see the addition of facilities that would attract youth, like the playground or basketball court; one day I would like to see a beautiful church with an organ, organist + choir. I would also like to see adequate facilities for our CCE program. Other youth + young adult outreach activities; didn't realize it was that large!; build a new church and upgrade the CCE building; children's room so that they will not interrupt the word of the lord; the blessed sacrament would be exposed 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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