

What do you LIKE about the existing church & overall St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception facility?

Great location

The warm atmosphere, decorations, feeling of holiness. I know you are asking about the property, but Fr. Peter is a huge reason the attendance is overwhelming. Wish he had time to know us better individually but we understand.

We just moved here several years ago from St. Louis and we instantly liked the closeness of the parish. Of course the wonderful priests. At the time of Fr. Mark was leaving just as we came and he had a real influence on our grand children.

Covered entry way- handicap door-automatic

Location

The school and offices are OK and the stained glass windows in the sanctuary are very nice.

Carpet-warmer-less echoes

The statues and windows, etc., that they have brought from the old church.

The school is connected to the parish. It has kept several items from the original church (the steeple, the Mary picture in the library, the stain glass windows and the sacred of Jesus Statue, Mary and Joseph Statue.

Here are some things I like about the existing church and facility. The rural setting and location. The stained glass windows and reuse of fixtures from the original church. I like the mature trees in the cemetery and proximity to the church. The new section of the school is still modern and functional. The size of the property is an untapped resource.

I like the overall size of the facility. Any additions should get done to maintain the closeness felt by the current size.

I truly enjoy the music and variety of ages that leads the songs -- including when Father leads/teaches a new song, new instrument, etc.

We like the young and energetic parishioners. We enjoy learning more about our faith from Father Peter. The number of deacons at St. Mary's.

I like it very much.

We like the gathering space where people can interact before or after Mass outside of the main church. Also like the sloped floor towards the altar. We like the religious icons/art.

The availability of Catholic education and attempts at keeping teens and adults involved in faith formation/education.

I like that it is not over the top. It is very nice but money was not spent on foolishness. It is a warm, welcoming place to go.

Stained glass windows

The way Father has children up by the altar at times. I think it helps children appreciate the service more. If not whole Mass at least for sermon or small part that includes our youngsters more.

That there are no steps from the parking lot into church.

Even though the congregation is large, it still has the "small town" feel...cozy, personal

I like the church as it is. I go to the 8:00 Mass on Sunday which is fairly full, but not crowded. (I recognize that the 10:00 Mass is crowded.

Stain glass windows, statues, pictures, stations of the cross, Father Peter, crucifix, Divine Mercy

The red carpeting, stain glass windows and wood all contribute to give a warm and welcoming fee. So glad we don't have cold/loud tile floors.

Tiered seating for view. Circular layout for view.

I've usually found room when I attended a function at St. Mary

Some nice stained glass
Lots of parking -- how the school and worship area are linked -- how the church looks from the outside and the location.
I like the brown building and the big cross. The beams are nice.
Fr. Peter & his presentation of the Liturgy. Youth involvement. Membership & all over involvement of adult members.
Love the inscription " Come Holy Spirit" over main Sanctuary doors.
The close to the altar feeling. The single story concept of the school. The accessibility of the offices . The history.
Right now it is a beautiful church inside and outside.
The focal points of our sanctuary - altar, tabernacle, and crucifix draw our eyes, hearts and souls prayerfully upward (to heaven). Our altar is close to the congregation. Many new churches have a huge space between people & altar. The closeness provides a feeling of involvement & intimacy.
The openness & space that creates a warm welcoming experience. The preservation of the stain glass windows gives a true church feel. I also like the large cry room for families.
Use of recycled windows.
Stained glass windows. Old bell. Statuary.
The warm colors. The size.
No steps, gradual slope of pews.
I love the glass stained windows! There is a warmth, peace & serenity to the church. I've seen renovated churches that look & feel like you're in a warehouse!
It's openness with no restricted view of the altar & good sound system.
The combination of church & school, location, size of land.
The friendliness of everyone.
The parish & school combination in one building.
Close feeling to the altar - sense of community physically close allows parishioner to feel a sense of belonging. Multiple doors to access church.
I like the "community" feeling when you walk in. It has that small town, everyone knows everyone feeling.
I like the intimate feel of the parishioners wrapped around the altar in close proximity. For me, this parish is starting to feel more like a close community. New design should foster this closeness.
The church sanctuary, specifically the altar & layout of the church (semi-circle). The fact that the school & church are together is important for our Catholic community.
I like that the church and school are attached.
I like the crucifix on the wall. I like the stained glass. That is it.
The curved shape of the church. It feels like everyone is gathering around a table.
Beautiful warm church, air conditioning in summer, nice narthex for visiting & gathering. Very nice school building, nice class room layout.
As older adults, we like the absence of a lot of steps to get into the church.
Sloped floor toward altar for better visibility. High ceiling above altar. Several entrances into the church space.
I like the semi-circular shape of the worship area and the holy and sacred feeling whether the church has only a few members there or a full church community is present.
The atmosphere is always a warm, comforting feeling.
I like how they used the old stained glass windows, statues, and crucifix from the old church. It brings a sense of history to it. Would like brick exterior -- no vinyl siding.
Narthex -- for visiting with other parishioners -- donut Sunday -- but especially the religious articles we have in our church.
Convenient entry, parking, traffic flow

Very warm atmosphere
The traditional look of the statues, tabernacle front and center, stained glass windows. The red carpet -- for some reason I like the boldness of the red carpet -- reminds me of the blood Jesus shed.
Everything -- people are friendly. I've belonged to the parish for over 60 years.
Love our church -- it is still a friendly community and the church itself is very nice and simple architecture. I can no longer kneel so I like the chairs with the option.
It's fine and I like the Mass times. Maybe a bigger room for the overflow of people with a TV to see the altar and priest and her the Mass.
Father Peter and the friendly people that belong to our congregation. The school.
We have no mortgage!
We like the layout of the overall church, the beautiful stained glass windows and the simplicity of the altar.
The narthex is a great welcoming space. The wood beams and red carpet make the church feel warm and welcoming.
The school is OK. The stained glass windows are nice.
The amazing staff!
I do like the design of the worship space. It makes for a close community.
We like that the church, church offices, school, school offices, gym, etc. are all connected. Jesus is (literally) the center of our parish, with the tabernacle in the front & center.
I like the simple stone like interior walls, combined with wood accents. Warm colors enhance the welcoming feeling.
I like the altar-the warmness, holiness, intimate part of altar - stained glass windows.
The beautiful windows of St. Peter and St. Paul and the side windows. The beautiful stone/brick. Beautiful large crucifix.
Beautiful statues.
I like the chairs in the back rows, also the pews aren't real close.
I think it is a very welcoming & warm church. I love all the education opportunities of the church. I like Fr. Peter's passion for our faith & his knowledgeability to teach.
I love everything about this church. It is a beautiful facility.
Maintaining some items from the old church.
It's not too modern it's cozy. It has the look of an older church. Some of the newer churches are too art deco. Keep the kneelers please.
Separation of the congregation from the gathering area which reduces noise and creates a more reverent atmosphere in the church.
I like the covered overhang when letting out grandparents and daughter with a baby. The interior concept with the half round is good unless more people could be seated in conventional row style.
Semi-circle with rise in floor from front to rear. Large gathering space with sizable "cry" room for children. Access to school gymnasium. Artifacts from earlier St. Mary's facilities proximity to cemetery.
Statues, windows & other items from previous churches, like our pews with a shelf, like candles & pictures at altar - new hymns & bookmarks.
I like the stained glass windows & the statues.
Ample parking, big narthex/gathering space.

Bell, stain glass windows, wood ceiling, the warmth & intimacy of the inside of the church itself (where mass is celebrated) curved seating in church, glass doors to see the church itself.

I like everything about our church and parish.

It is a warm-feeling, pretty building inside.

The central configuration of the altar to the church seating. The religious statues & pictures. The tabernacle is located at the center of the church. We have a crying room.

I like that it has a "small" feel to it. I don't know how best to maintain that the size expands, but I think it's important to avoid the overly large, impersonal feeling that exists in many churches. I like the soft lighting and the gradual sloped flooring so that visibility is good from all pews. I like the additional statues & images of the saints that have been added. And I like that the tabernacle is the focal point.

It has important parts of the old church included with the existing church.

Fr. Peter! / The Crucifix.

Very intimate, feel like part of the Mass.

Sanctuary, statues of Jesus, Joseph & Mary, pictures of Our Lady of Guadeloupe & Divine Mercy, soft kneelers/position location to pew.

It meets the mass needs most of the time. The social needs is another thing - no space. The church has a prayful environment. Lot of new churches are cold.

Stone work, stained glass windows & colors near altar. Hope you do not change the colors. They are peaceful with a touch of excitement.

I like the wood ceiling & the wood & brick at the front of church. Also like the half round seating configuration. I like the simplicity of the church as it is not overly ornate.

I like the feeling of reverence and respect in our current church; the old nostalgic statues and stained glass windows & dark woods are nice. It's nice to incorporate the old with the new. Too many churches now days feel like the inside of a refrigerator. Everything has straight lines and is way to contemporary.

Our church is a beautiful building.

Stained glass windows. Tabernacle near the altar in sanctuary. Kneelers

Its warmth & the outside has character.

Its cozy - but we do have a fairly nice Narthex - could be bigger!

1. The narthex is large & open for gathering. 2. The Good Shepherd Room is large & spacious for those with their young children & for the preparation of the weddings. 3. Parking is adequate. 4. Kneelers are a necessity. We have plenty. 5. Love stained glass windows. 6. Our school.

The church is beautiful. School rooms are bright and clean. Kitchen is easy to work in. Love the beautiful, peaceful cemetery and grounds.

Half round pew layout, children's room, exterior and interior look is not overly expensive - for example, not marble everywhere, stained glass.

The closeness and small town church atmosphere. The statues, pictures of saints, Jesus & Mary.

It is a nice parish.

Sloped floor and raised platform for altar. Holy pictures and statues. Stained glass. The seating layout like a semi-circle towards the altar.

Love the religious icons and windows. Love the shape of the church (positioning).

I like the wood beams, red carpet & the cross at the front of the church. These provide "an old world" feel. Please do not "modernize" this church in the way that it feels. There is a warmth here. I have been to several new churches where the warmth is lost.

It is nice to see so many young families. Love having a school.

