

As a member of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, what are you most <u>PROUD</u> of?
The members are very friendly.
The participation and sincerity of the congregation. Having been members of many other parishes, the people of St. Mary's stand out in their devotion to helping and participating.
A hearing aid system would be nice. I don't know if we have that set-up. The closeness of the families, their ideals and of course I don't say enough about Fr. Peter.
Friendliness of members
The people-friendly-kind-welcoming. We attract good and holy priests, bible classes and speakers-active parish.
The people and the spiritual atmosphere and Fr. Mitchell.
Our school.
The attendance at mass. The energy that the young families provide. The exceptional youth of our parish.
We are blessed to have true teaching of the faith and not New Age Teaching. We are a young parish that is thriving with life, we have healing masses and first Sat. devotion masses, our confession lines are full and when people are in need our parish generously helps.
The Stained Glass, and the Mary Painting from the existing Church (nicer frame)
As I twenty-two year member of St. Mary's, I am most proud of the family atmosphere and generosity and compassion of our members. Our closest friendships have started at the church or school. If anyone in the parish was in dire straits, there will be an outpouring of support.
I'm proud to be a member of such a vibrant church that reaches out to all age groups. Different environment than other Catholic churches. Many can relate to Father's message.
The weekly attendance, the generosity of the parish when called upon, the school and the draw of Father Peter.
The beauty of it.
The strong commitment towards our Catholic faith seen in the parishioners. The "welcome" atmosphere and openness to new things. But mostly we are proud of our pastor Fr. Peter who is the most loving, dedicated, nurturing and dynamic priest we have ever known.
The congregation. Great group of people always willing to help each other out. Friendly.
The parish is very welcoming. Father Peter is doing a great job getting more people to participate. I leave Mass with a message.
The number of families of all ages that are members of the congregation.
I'm glad our congregation is growing. We're a friendly, welcoming people & I'm proud of that.
That our parish keeps growing, and our creative ways to raise money.
The close knit community & Father Peter for bringing us closer and connected to each other and God.
The parish has a full-time pastor, and the parish is out of debt for the first time I can remember.
Proud of the community-family of St. Mary. Everyone has become supportive of our faith and the devotion and prayer is stronger. I also know they will always be there when needed for each other.
Our church has the warmest, most welcoming feel than any other in the Valley. (Let's not change this.) Proud to say -- We don't have large TV screens!
Like the entry area
Being a member
To have a local gathering space and cemetery. To have a strong community.
The history, the sense of community, the school, the parish -- rather than the building

The children of the school/parish. The school being a part of the church building.
Fr. Peter, members of the committees and their leadership.
It's history in the community.
The soul of the congregation! There are so many kind, generous and loving people her. It feels like family.
Being debt free.
Our hearts (hopefully) are open to God's call to prayer through the Mass & the multitude of opportunities to pray led by Fr. Peter. We are generous with our material blessings to help others. We are serious about being witnesses to Jesus. When hardship hits a parish member or family, we band together to assist them emotionally & materially.
The number of parishioners - both young & old. Fr. Peter & Deacon Dave are HUGE draws for the parish as well.
Reverence to Mary & Mass in general.
Growth of young families. High attendance. Involvement.
All we have been through & came out of it like we did thanks be to God!
Being a member for 58 years. Being first lay teacher in early 60's. Social concerns chair for 20 years. Started coffee donuts, loves & fishes, greeter, bake sales, still do some simple things.
The heritage & contribution of my ancestors.
Our faith, our pretty church, our growing community, our pastor.
It is a beautiful facility inside & outside.
The activities & involvement for both youth & adults outside or just weekly Mass. We are one of the only parishes around that offer a split between daily Mass at evenings & mornings.
Young families attending Mass.
How involved the parish is in the community; especially the youth.
I'm proud of the growing, active parish membership with a diversity of age & skew to young families. We are building a strong youth ministry, the future of our church, thanks to Fr. Peter & Mrs. Bovee. Keep it going!!
How integrated the school is with our Parish. Education is the way to evangelize our Faith so our family likes how we prioritize educating youth through our School which should be a top priority for our Parish.
That we have a great Faith Formation Program.
I love that St. Mary's offers daily Masses. And Bible Studies and more opportunities to partake in different activities. (Octoberfest, study groups, Spirit, 40 days for Life, people need to hear these things to know what is available.)
How full our church is every weekend. We are a very down-to-earth community - very unpretentious. :)
Fr. Peter, and all the people & staff, daily Mass, day school.
We are proud of the good start our children received at St. Mary's School & the values they received in this community.
That St. Mary's of Greenville is a growing Catholic community with many young families.
We are a strong, Catholic community.
The cohesiveness of the parishioners. There's continuous growth in our desire to increase all of the practices of being a Catholic.
We like the painting of Mary that was saved from the ceiling of the old church and is in the library. We would love to see it have a more prominent place in the new church with the story of how it persevered the demolition (nothing short of a miracle) on a plaque next to it.
Mass attendance and participation. The generosity of so many. Our pastor -- Father Peter. Our deacon -- Dave DeYoung.
The people. Retention of some historic items.

Our reverence, our traditional teaching, our Bible studies, our school, our generosity, our young families, our social outreaches.
Our faith community. Our priest. The people.
The people and our pastor.
We have been members for over 35 years and were very active when younger. Our parish has weathered many "storms" and still offers a lot.
Being debt free.
The upkeep of the church, grounds and cemetery.
The Mass attendance.
Father Peter, our school and our parishioners. We have no mortgage.
I feel that St. Mary's focus is on God and Jesus and not a "show off" of wealth of the church.
How engaged many kids are in learning especially about their faith.
Our priest, deacon, piety of the people. Father Peter is an unbelievably wonderful, faithful priest. Deacon is amazing! Make the church beautiful and they will come! Especially is we have the only beautiful church in the area.
Our community of believers.
As a newer member of the parish, what has struck me the most is the age diversity of the parish. It also warms my heart to see so many young families and that they are truly on fire for the Lord. As so many parishes are struggling with declining membership, it is so reassuring to see the growth here at St. Mary's and that the treasures that are the Catholic faith are celebrated and shared.
Our pastor Fr. Peter, Deacon Dave, our principal Mrs. Fuller, and the vibrant faith life of our parish. It is easy to find Jesus in our parish-the tabernacle and crucifix are front and center. We are proud of the way the St. Mary parish and school staff work with the limitations of space (i.e. our music concerts are great in spite of space limitations).
I value that I always feel welcomed - part of the church community. Someone always has a smile to share.
Most proud of Father Peter & Deacon Dave - most proud of the special altar we have.
We have had great priests - Fr. Mark, Fr. Dan & Fr. Peter. All very elevated - holy priests. We have many opportunities for bible studies, etc.
Membership & their devotion to God.
The church and the friendly people, and our wonderful Father Peter.
I am proud of the faithfulness of our parish priest and the beautiful artwork & symbols of the church. I love the healing Masses, the beauty of Fr. Peter's Masses.
When visitors come to our church and see how beautiful it is.
Having a growing parish. The growing number of groups that give support to people in need.
The beauty of the church, the artifacts out on the altar. The very involved and spiritual priest - one funny deacon.
The wonderful church picnic.
Proper placement of the tabernacle and prominent placement of the crucifix. The incorporation of the first church fixtures windows into the current building.
St. Mary's is an anchor of this community! It dates back to the earliest days of Greenville.
Sense of community even though space is tight gives more feeling of closeness in the family of Christ.

We have a welcoming atmosphere with our members. This starts with the leadership at the top. Fr. Peter is doing such a fine job challenging us to become more knowledgeable about our faith and to take this into the community!

The sense of community.

The warmth & intimacy of the church that brings the people together & focuses on Mass. The feeling of God's strong presence. We have a school & dedicated staff, parish staff great too. A place where all ages belong, young, families, medium age & old people.

The building of our new church rectory and class rooms.

Our religious community & our spiritual leaders, Fr. Peter & Fr. Mark.

I'm proud of many things, the warm welcoming, the opportunities presented to grow in faith, and more. But above all, I'm proud of St. Mary's for proclaiming the truth, without attempts to modify church teaching to adjust to popular opinion. From the faith formation program to the homilies, the truth is taught, sincere to the Tradition of the Church with courage and love.

The school and all the changes and updates made over the years.

Fr. Peter. I tell people all the time about what a great priest we have!

Friendly membership with strong Catholic values.

Our priest and the kindness and generosity of our parishioners.

The faith community of all who attend. That is why we joined 12 years ago.

Doors open to church for visitation during the day.

The involvement of parishioners.

I am just plain proud to have belonged to St. Mary's for many years. I think that bringing us back to basics, starting with Fr. Mark and following with Fr. Dan and now Fr. Peter has made for so many people willing to step-up their faith journeys. Our parish is well taken care of.

Most proud of our friendly and good people. We love our pastor - Father Peter.

Generosity of congregation, apparent growth of parish - increased Mass attendance.

That items from the old church were incorporated in the current church

How spiritually dynamic we are - lots of activities & involvement. The opportunity (in many ways) to expand our faith either by ourselves or as a group. Something for everyone. Thanks, Father.

Simply the beauty amongst our parishioners. Their holiness & the warmth toward our parish.

We have been a member for 48 years and I am very proud that I contributed on many levels and was given the chance to be part of a wonderful community, St. Mary's.

Clergy, staff

Our priest & deacon

The people, the priests, the ones who are running it.

We feel blessed to have Fr. Peter. We appreciate our lectors, altar servers, greeters and those that volunteer.

Welcoming environment. Our Father Peter. Classes of our religion that are offered.

Our conservative stance on the issues facing the Catholic Church & society.

Father Peter is amazing! The church is alive because of him.

I love attending mass at St. Mary, its parishioners and the potential for growth. We have an opportunity today to make a difference for tomorrow's Catholics in Greenville.