

WHY JOIN ST MARY'S IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

Why do you choose to be Catholic?

- I was raised Catholic & any time I attended other churches I felt like something was missing.
- We have moved around a lot and at every new place just going to Mass makes me feel at home.
- We have chosen to be Catholic because we enjoy the traditionalism and beliefs.
- I grew up as a Catholic and love that we're able to celebrate communion each Sunday.
- To receive Christ in the Eucharist. To be a part of the church Christ established through the apostolic succession. To take part in the historic traditions of the Church.
- It is the faith my parents passed on to me. The "universality" of the Church as I have gone to mass in foreign countries and although I did not understand the language, I knew the ritual. Social justice teachings of the Church.
- It's the source of truth. The Eucharist and sacraments are source of life.

Why do you think it's valuable for people to join a church?

- A place to belong
- To maintain and grow in their faith - to journey together - to be part of something greater
- To be fed on the Word and the Body of Christ. To be a contributing part of the Body of Believers.
- Life-everlasting. Weekly refresher/direction of our lives
- To find the Lord and live the life we are meant to, following God's word
- To keep the Word of God alive. Sense of community and church "family." To help each other grow in faith.
- It gives you something to enrich your lives & it's a sense of community.

What do you appreciate most about St. Mary's IC parish?

- The warm community. The open, friendly pastor
- Sense of community
- Music, Feel of Community, Have a priest
- The warmth of all members one to another. Have been here 3 years and from day one, felt that we were in a family.
- The people are very wonderful. Father Harris is an amazing man.
- The great priest we have - I really enjoy his sermons & all he does & the friendliness of the people in the parish.
- Father Jerry. Efforts of all who help make the parish run smoothly