Finding a Way Forward…
Results from the Saint Henry Cluster mass times survey

A survey was mailed to each registered parishioner in the Saint Henry Cluster on All Saints Day asking for feedback on a current mass times and a proposed change to the mass times schedule in the cluster. The surveys also provided an opportunity for comments from parishioners on the proposed mass times, current mass times, or other topic. Included here is a brief summary of the results of that survey, a few comments submitted, and the decision reached by the committee in response to the survey results. The new mass schedule for the cluster will go into effect in the new year, the weekend of January 5-6, 2018.

520 surveys were returned from the entire Cluster. The surveys indicated an average neutral position on changing Saturday evening mass from 5 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The surveys indicated a disagree position on rotating the Saturday evening mass between St. Henry and St. Bernard. With the current mass times schedule in the cluster, 230 disagreed with it and 82 found it unacceptable.

** The committee decided to add a 2nd Saturday evening mass in response to comments from the surveys. **
Some Comments from Surveys

“I would like to see our mass changed to 9:00 a.m. This may bring back the parishioners that presently go to St. Charles for mass. It would also help the many farmers that we have in our parish. The 8:00 a.m. time is also hard for the young families and for baptism since this is the only time families can have their children baptized if they want to have it at our parish.”

“Thank you for the proposal of changing mass times, thank you for listening to parishioners! I think this will meet the parish needs and will keep our community going to the cluster churches instead of neighboring parishes (including ourselves). We may still attend an evening Sunday mass (6 p.m.) on occasion.”

“I believe St. Bernard needs to have a Sat evening mass. For the people worried people will not drive from St. Henry, on All Saints Day we had a full church with lots of St. Henry parishioners. They will drive to go to mass. At least give us a chance for 6 months to try it out, that’s all we ask.”

“Mass times are going to be what the priest and the larger parishes want. Why send out surveys that will not change anything and give the parishioners the fake impression that they have any say in the schedule?”

“St. Bernard Church is just as big as St. Henry, so I feel it should be utilized more than twice a week; thus I think using it during the winter is a good idea.”

“Thanks for the concern and effort put into this survey. We are blessed with two awesome priests and caring parishioners - especially those on the committee. Thank you!”

“What happened to distributing communion in the back of the church at St. Henry?”

“With talking about mass times and our convenience, is church supposed to be convenient?”

“I really agree with the new schedule for the cluster.”

“We feel Robes should be worn (by servers) not only on weekdays but also on Sundays.”

“Appreciative of any mass and prayer opportunity and all priests.”

“There is a great need for a 7:30 p.m. Saturday night mass in our cluster. There are many farmers that need a later Saturday mass to finish feeding, milking, etc. We often go outside the cluster to find a later Saturday mass. Please reconsider bringing this mass time back.”

“First Communion should be at each church and not put all together. Young children will be able to see better at the small parishes instead of being 10-15 rows back and not being able to see…the kids could easily be distracted by the amount of classmates there and get less out of the special mass. It would also crowd one mass to include all of the families of each child making First Communion…Please consider the attention spans of young children when deciding if 1st Communion will be held in St. Henry only or in each parish. If the “Special” Masses are held only at St. Henry, what’s the point of being a member of the smaller churches? The families that belong to the smaller churches belong to them for a reason and I would say if you asked the families, most would agree to keep 1st Communion in each parish.”

“Thanks to everyone for all their time with this project.”

“Thanks for asking!”

“A major reason people don’t like the times of mass now is they are at three different churches at the same time. People now are not committed to one parish as they were thirty years ago.”

“I think you’re breaking up the parish of St. Aloysius.”

“Why did everyone else get to change their mass time and St. Aloysius didn’t?”

“I think many families left the parish for other mass times and are gradually making their way back. Thank you for listening.”

“Any chance of a later Saturday evening mass also?”

“We really like when you publish in the bulletin who will be the deacon/priest assistant/priest. We avoid certain masses because of some who are scheduled.”

“Thank you for allowing us a chance to voice our opinion on the mass times. God bless.”
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- **strongly agree**: 6

**total surveys returned**: 33

**20 sheets with additional comments**

**Most common themes:**
- 9:00 a.m. Sunday mass.
- Multiple references to competition / tug with St. Charles mass at 9:00 a.m.
- Multiple comments of parishioners of St. Aloysius not going to mass at St. Aloysius.
- 7:30 p.m. Saturday evening mass.
- No comments willingly sacrificing Sunday mass at St. Aloysius for Saturday evening mass.
- Multiple comments requesting 2 masses at St. Aloysius (Sun eve, Sat 9 a.m.).
- Multiple comments of St. Henry Parish getting what it wants and St. Aloysius losing.

**Total Comments for 7:30 p.m. Saturday vigil Mass**: 10 times
**Total Comments for 9:00 a.m. Sunday mass**: 8 times
**Total Comments referencing St. Charles**: 2 times
St. Aloysius Church

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87 total households
37.93% response rate
Comments:
• 9:00 a.m. mass because dairy farming family
• Prefer to have the 10:30 a.m. mass at St. Aloysius instead of at St. Francis
• second mass on Saturday night, maybe at 6:30 or 7:30 p.m.
• 6 month rotation between Aloysius/Francis with 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
• “I think your breaking up the parish at St. Aloysius.”
• “A Saturday night mass at St. Aloysius at 7:30 p.m. or a mass at 10:00 a.m. would be more like it.”
• I think there should be a 7:30 p.m. Saturday night mass at Carthagena or the mass at 8:30 a.m. Sunday morning
• Like a 9 a.m. mass at Aloysius
• Small parishes should alternate times of masses
• “I would like to see our mass changed to 9:00 a.m. This may bring back the parishioners that presently go to St. Charles for mass. It would also help the many farmers that we have in our parish. The 8:00 a.m. time is also hard for the young families and for baptism since this is the only time families can have their children baptized if they want to have it at our parish.”
NOTE: Baptisms are available in the 8 a.m. mass OR in the early afternoon at 12 p.m. or 12:30 p.m. at least once a month.
• “There should be a 9:00 a.m. mass at St. Aloysius to accommodate the farmers that have livestock. A Saturday night 7:30 p.m. mass in the cluster would also be appreciative. This mass should not be the only mass in a parish as it tears the parish apart. We experienced this when we only had a 7:30 Saturday night mass. Most parishioners did not go to the 7:30 mass, it was attended by other people from the cluster and other parishes.”
• We would like to see a 9:00 a.m. mass at Aloysius.
• Disappointed to not see a 7:30 p.m. Saturday mass. We feel that in our farming community that this is a very popular mass. In the event that we are unable to make it to mass on Sunday, there is no other option in our cluster for those who work/live on dairy farms.
• Good job. Thanks.
• SA needs to compete with St. Charles. Currently, people only come to mass when they have a ministry at Aloysius. Perhaps, SA could have 9 a.m. and SH could have 8 a.m. It seems SH always get the prime time masses.
• Thanks for asking for our input.
• Go back to Sat 7:30 p.m. mass.
• SA get 9 a.m. and SH get 8 a.m. “Why did everyone else get to change their mass time and St. Aloysius didn’t?”
• 9 a.m. mass.
• 4:30 p.m. mass at some of the smaller cluster parishes (unclear if Sat or Sun)
• “Mass times are going to be what the priest and the larger parishes want. Why send out surveys that will not change anything and give the parishioners the fake impression that they have any say in the schedule?”
• 7:30 p.m. Saturday mass.
• 7:30 p.m. mass added back into the cluster between SA and SF “like it used to be”.
• SA at 9 a.m. to bring people back to SA from St. Charles.
• What happened to the 7:30 p.m. Sat evening mass? I see many SH cluster parishioners at Marion Cluster at 7:30 p.m. Sat evening mass.
St. Bernard Church

**Most Common Themes:**
- Saturday Vigil Mass at St. Bernard part of the year, preferably half
- Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:30 p.m. instead of 5 p.m.
- Spread out daily mass suggestions: afternoon once a week, Weds daily mass at St. Bernard for possibilities of adoration with Weds evening CCD program
- Many comments requesting an addition of a 2nd Saturday evening mass, bringing Cluster total masses to 8
- Few comments about distance across the cluster and challenges presented with masses in rotation across cluster
- Few comments regarding Holy Day schedule, particularly more options at St. Bernard
- ‘Fairness’ invoked regularly in comments for more offered at St. Bernard
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Question 3: 48 agree or strongly agree
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Question 4: 83 agree or strongly agree
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Question 5: 10 agree or strongly agree
57 disagree or strongly disagree
15 unacceptable
Comments:

- On Holy Days, could we try to have mass earlier than 7:30 p.m.? It is hard to make with younger children.
- I strongly feel the need to alternate the Sat mass between St. Henry & St. Bernard.
- We have such a beautiful, big church. It would be nice to see it used more often.
- I would like to see St. Bernard’s mass changed back to 9 a.m. but I am ok with 9:30 a.m.
- I feel that the Sat change of schedule to half at St. Henry and half at St. Bernard is a great idea.
- An additional Sat night mass would be nice! Possibly a 6 or 6:30 p.m. (alone or in combo with a 4:30 or 5 p.m.)
- St. Bernard - we have air conditioning.
- I think it is great to add a variety of mass times. Is there any chance of adding a Saturday evening mass? Possibly rotate among the smaller parishes. Thank you!
- I strongly agree with the Saturday evening mass time being at 4:30 p.m. at Burkettsville. Also, please make our Sunday mass at 9:30 in the morning on Sundays.
- I feel it would be worth considering chaining Monday mass time to 12 p.m. instead of 7:30 a.m. It could eliminate some of the hours for adoration that we are having a hard time filling. It would also give an option for mass for those who can’t attend at 7:30 a.m.
- I would also love to see 7 a.m. Friday always be a mass with prayer service only when a priest can’t be present. The earlier time allows the kids to get to mass once a week without being late to school. I find it confusing on when we need to fast currently. We never know if it’s going to be a mass or prayer service. Mass is always a better option than a prayer service.
- I believe St. Bernard needs to have a Sat evening mass. For the people worried people will not drive from St. Henry, on All Saints Day we had a full church with lots of St. Henry parishioners. They will drive to go to mass. We have lost a number of families to North Star from the Rossburg and Ansonia areas due to our current mass schedule. At least give us a chance for 6 months to try it out, that’s all we ask (2 disagree for proposed schedule for cluster and individual parish; 4 and 5 for 4:30 Sat mass and St. Bernard 1/2 of year).
- It would be great if St. Bernard could have a Sat evening mass at 4:30 during the winter months as well as a 5:00 at St. Henry. It would give people 2 options on Saturday night. I also feel St. Bernard pulls from Ansonia, Rossburg, and Mississinawa area that would not drive to St. Henry for mass. I feel St. Henry is too crowded at times on Saturday evening and we find ourselves going to other parishes on Saturday.
- A major reason people don’t like the times of mass now is they are at three different churches at the same time. People now are not committed to one parish as they were thirty years ago. If they use envelopes, it goes to the correct parish anyway.
- This is a good idea for all parishes.
- I like the idea of a 4:30 p.m. Sat mass at St. Bernard’s in the winter months. A 4:30 p.m. mass allows the elderly to drive when there is more light when mass is finished. I also think 5 p.m. in the summer months would be better since there seem to be more activities that time of year. More of those activities may be finished by the time mass begins.
- If we have a 4:30 p.m. Sat evening mass, more people from our cluster will stay here instead of going to Fort Recovery or North Star Parishes. How about Burkettsville have an 8 a.m. or 9 a.m. mass instead?
- First of all, we want to thank Fr. Bill for caring enough about we as parishioners. Thanks. That is very much appreciated.
- I do want the committee to be aware that there are many from St. Henry going to Coldwater at 7:00 a.m. Hope the 7:30 a.m. mass will bring them back.
• We would love a 7 a.m. Sunday mass. There are lots of St. Henry Cluster people at Coldwater at this time.
• Thanks for allowing the people to fill out the survey. We love that the cluster is “open minded” to this.
• I think St. Bernard should have a Saturday mass at least part of the year.
• Distance between SA and SB - flip-flopping SW and SA could alleviate this, or switch SH and SB 9 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.
• Mass times could be rotated yearly without confusion.
• With 1 priest, I understand canceling the weekday mass. When there is a funeral with 2 I think it should go on normally.
• Consider switching morning mass days for St. Bernard and St. Francis. This could be an opportunity for parents to stay for Eucharistic Adoration during Weds Night CCD.
• Consider offering an evening mass just before or right after Weds night CCD at St. Bernard.
• I think having a Sat mass split between churches would better serve the cluster. 4:30 p.m. would be great.
• St. Bernard Church is just as big as St. Henry, so I feel it should be utilized more than twice a week; thus I think using it during the winter is a good idea.
• First, I would like to thank the administration and committees in search of an agreeable time for mass scheduling.
• My preference would be to have a 9 a.m. mass in Burkettsville on Sundays. Please give this your consideration.
• Would appreciate the Saturday mass schedule to be split between St. Henry and Burkettsville, as noted on reverse side, but if brought to a vote, I am sure we would be outnumbered.
• In all fairness, Sat evening should be shared with St. Bernard parish.
• I like the 7:30 a.m. mass at St. Wendelin.
• Any chance of a later Saturday evening mass also (7:30 p.m.)?
Most Common Themes:
- First Communion was regularly mentioned, particularly to not have a single celebration of First Communion at St. Henry Church.
- A few comments in favor of a 7:30 p.m. Saturday evening mass. Most comments were in the line of adding the mass to the current schedule of 7 masses in the cluster. No clear statement of willingness to have a Saturday 7:30 p.m. mass instead of a Sunday morning mass.
- A few comments regarding a need for a 7 a.m. mass somewhere in the cluster.
- A few comments stating that 10:30 a.m. is as late as willing to go, largely due to schedules for families with little children due to meals, naps, etc.
St. Francis Church

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38.46% response rate
Comments:

- 7:30 a.m. mass at Wendelin - 7:30 every Sunday morning is a heavy task for families with small children; their people should be listened to with gracious hearts and understanding.

- First Communion masses: I would like to see the 5 individual parishes keep First Communion at their individual respective parishes. I do not want to see a cluster first communion. I consider it a privilege to witness First Communion in my own parish where I do know the families involved. I also enjoy witnessing the baptisms. I realize when there are several of them at a time it is hard to do during mass, but only one here and there is awesome to see.

- First Communion should be at each church and not put all together. Young children will be able to see better at the small parishes instead of being 10-15 rows back and not being able to see. Without being able to see the kids could easily be distracted by the amount of classmates there and get less out of the special mass. It would also crowd one mass to include all of the families of each child making First Communion. If it were all one Mass, I would probably not invite great-grandparents and all aunts/uncles just so I wouldn’t feel bad using seats for the other children’s close families. Please consider the attention spans of young children when deciding if 1st Communion will be held in St. Henry only or in each parish. If the “Special” Masses are held only at St. Henry, what’s the point of being a member of the smaller churches? The families that belong to the smaller churches belong to them for a reason and I would say if you asked the families, most would agree to keep 1st Communion in each parish.

- I think it would be fair among the 3 smaller parishes to rotate the masses a year at a time. This would seem to be more fair with attendance and convenience of parishioners.

- Please consider additional mass times on Holy Days.

- Nice to have a Sun evening Mass instead of bunching all masses in the morning.

- Problem with offering of confession: after daily mass does not work due to work/school, Sat 4-4:45 does not seem enough time to get whole family to confession, have been going outside cluster for confession. Grateful for opportunity in Advent and Lent. Suggestion of 1 hour of confessions at each parish at least some nights.

- More rotation of mass times - moving the early 7:30 and 8 to every parish. When we need an early mass due to work schedules, we can never attend mass at our home parish.

- Why should Wendelin always get the early mass?

- I feel that the proposed and current mass time is family friendly for the number of young children at SF. SF is thriving and growing. Our parish is our family.

- Concerns about “centralizing” sacraments such as First Communion at SH. SF connives to thrive due to the close support of each parishioner. I think moving away from celebrating these sacraments may drive some parishioners to other small parishes.

- It would be nice to have our priest take care of our cluster and not rely on retired priests.

- Sat night mass - I think to keep our younger generation that we need to keep it convenient.

- 7:30 p.m. Sat evening mass. Many farmers that would benefit from this. Not only farmers, but people working various shifts. Lots of people will not go to great lengths to get to a church service weekly if the option is not there. “We don’t give farmers, medical workers and other employees an option like the Saturday evening mass, then they eventually may walk away from the church.”

- My husband won’t be able to make mass if the evening mass is moved up to 4:30 p.m. I am unable to make mass unless there is a 7:30 p.m. mass (I am an RN who works 12-hour shifts).

- SF should stay at 10 or 9:30. Our mass is full every Sunday. 10:30 is too close to lunch/nap time.
• 10:30 a.m. mass is fine, but we do not want to go back to 11 a.m. mass. That is too late for families with small children.

• St. Henry is better centrally located than St. Bernard. Concerned more people will venture out of our cluster and go to Marion Cluster or Coldwater for Saturday evening mass.

• Thanks for the concern and effort put into this survey. We are blessed with two awesome priests and caring parishioners - especially those on the committee. Thank you!

• Need a Sun evening Youth Mass 1x a month.
St. Henry Church

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123 Additional Comments

**Most Common Themes:**
- 2nd Saturday vigil mass option, 7 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. somewhere in cluster
- Communion distribution from back of church
- Impact of mass times on families, elderly, handicapped individuals
- Need for mass times to serve across the cluster and to serve the population in Saint Henry which has the largest number of families and individuals
- Few strong desires for earlier (7 or 7:30 a.m.) than 9 a.m. Sunday mass at SH
- Few requests for Sun evening mass in Cluster
- Concern on driving conditions in winter to SB for Saturday vigil
- As many or more comments from SH parishioners attending Coldwater as attending SB
St. Henry Church

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**1001 households**

**31.27% response rate**

**Question 1:**
- 239 agree or strongly agree
- 26 disagree or strongly disagree
- 2 unacceptable

**Question 2:**
- 223 agree or strongly agree
- 28 disagree or strongly disagree
- 2 unacceptable

**Question 3:**
- 90 agree or strongly agree
- 88 disagree or strongly disagree
- 19 unacceptable

**Question 4:**
- 21 agree or strongly agree
- 148 disagree or strongly disagree
- 73 unacceptable

**Question 5:**
- 49 agree or strongly agree
- 130 disagree or strongly disagree
- 56 unacceptable
Comments:
- priests living at SF and not SH
- more daily mass available at SH b/c more elderly, larger parish
- pre-school religion and angel room at 9 a.m. mass at SH?
- “Do what needs to be done.”
- Keep Sat 5 p.m. at SH all year b/c it’s the biggest parish
- For homebound, 9 a.m. is too late at SH - many do not eat before we come. 7:30 would be better.
- would like earlier mass than 9 and 11 at SH
- need variety so parishioners in Cluster do not go to other parishes
- need 7:30 p.m. Sat evening mass
- Prefer the 10 a.m. mass at SH on Sun
- “Appreciative of any mass and prayer opportunity and all priests.”
- I was hoping for a 7:30 p.m. Sat mass at Carthagena or Cranberry as in the past. Fairy farmers would be able to make Saturday evening mass. When they had the 7:30 p.m. mass on Saturday evening, there was always a good turnout.
- SH should distribute communion in the back. Many people have left the parish due to that being forbidden.
- 10 am mass is like a darn circus - kids running to the bathroom, noisy, racket, etc.
- And please don’t start doing a bunch of chanting.
- Is a Sat night mass at 7:30 p.m. out of the picture?
- Preference would be for later mass on Sun morning to begin at 10:30 a.m.
- Aware and accept that all five parishes need to coexist and work together to ensure all have opportunity to celebrate mass on Sunday morning.
- SH 7:30 a.m. and 10 a.m.
- “As a dairy farmer we have struggled to make the current mass times. My husband has gone with 2-3 hrs of sleep on Sat nights because of the current schedule.”
- “Thank you for allowing us a chance to voice our opinion on the mass times. God bless.”
- It would be nice if a later mass was offered on Saturday evening.
- It would also be nice to have more times and larger chunks of time for working families to attend confession every month.
- Add a 7 p.m. Saturday night mass especially for farmers.
- “Varied times throughout the cluster would be great.”
- “There is a great need for a 7:30 p.m. Saturday night mass in our cluster. There are many farmers that need a later Saturday mass to finish feeding, milking, etc. We often go outside the cluster to find a later Saturday mass. Please reconsider bringing this mass time back.”
- I think we should have a Sat 7:30 p.m. evening mass in the cluster also.
- Moving Sat evening mass bad idea. More seniors in SH than SB.
- 7:30 p.m. Sat evening mass, needed for those who work 10-12 hr shifts.
- “We would like to thank the committee for allowing us to voice our opinion. We would also like to thank Fr. O’Donnell and Fr. Smith for their willingness to make some very necessary changes. Thanks to all of you for your time and work for the good of our cluster.”
- Prefer 8 a.m. mass on Sundays at SH
- Would you consider a 7:30 p.m. Sat evening mass?
- If 4:30 Sat evening would like a 7 or 7:30 option
- “We need to consider a cry room or something so all mass attendees are not disrupted by crying children and trips to bathroom.”
- “Thanks to the committee for your time well spent. God job!!”
- Due to disabilities, SB Sat evening bad idea. To much walking to elevator at SB
• I miss the 7:30 p.m. mass at Carthagena.
• Sat 4:30 time and weddings
• Communion in the back.
• “I really agree with the new schedule for the cluster.”
• Distributing communion in the back. Traffic jam in the front of the church.
• 10:30 at SH would be better than 11 but with 10:30 at SF I would have an option. Thanks.
• Another Sat evening option, later than 5 p.m. 5 seems to early.
• “Thanks for allowing our input.”
• Can’t there be a 2nd Saturday night mass?
• Sat 7:30 pm mass
• Keep Sat vigil at SH
• Communion from the back
• Sat evening 4:30 SH 6:30 SB
• bring back later Sat vigil mass 6:30 or 7:30
• “I think many families left the parish for other mass times and are gradually making their way back. Thank you for listening.”
• I feel like your proposed times are very accommodating. You maybe don’t have to have so many staggered times if it’s a problem. But having some staggering times is really nice. Thank you.
• 11 on Sun is too late. Love the idea of an earlier mass on Saturday.
• “For me, I go to the same mass every week so the change isn’t going to impact me too much. I do think the proposed change is very accommodating to people with busy schedules. I rarely go to Saturday mass, but have heard comments from various people about how the potential mass at Burkettsville could negatively impact the basketball crowd that routinely walks to the game after church. Overall, I think the change is very good and parishioners are appreciative that their voice is being heard.”
• Sat or Sun offer 7 p.m. mass
• “Can you collection offering envelopes be put in any cluster offering plate/basket?”
• Like 10 a.m. at SH
• 7:30 p.m. Sat somewhere in cluster
• “I appreciate the opportunity given to express how I feel about the mass time changes. I realize you cannot make all of us happy! I will be praying for a peaceful resolution! God Bless!”
• I would like to see a 9 and 11 at SH
• Sat evening should alternate on 6-month basis with SB. I don’t know any good reason why the mass should always be at SH
• Changes to Sat evening music
• Earlier Sat evening mass.
• Like the maximum flexibility of the mass times for the entire cluster.
• We treat the entire cluster as our parish...we like going to all the churches.
• “We really like when you publish in the bulletin who will be the deacon/priest assistant/priest. We avoid certain masses because of some who are scheduled.”
• Need a later Sun am mass.
• “Thank you to the committee for their time spent working on this proposal.”
• Need a 9 a.m. holy day mass
• Sat SH SB rotate is bad idea - confusion for parishioners.
• “We very much support the suggest mass times. If we can’t make it to our parish mass we can at least attend a mass in our cluster instead of going to Coldwater or Ft. Recovery. We know of a lot of other people who feel the same. Thank you!!”
“Thanks for taking the time and energy to address times. I never quite understood why they were changed the last time. We support the decision the committee and parish decides. One thing is for sure, no matter what you decide, not everyone will be happy. Good Luck!”

- Communion back of church
- Would like Sat eve to stay at 5 p.m.
- Communion from the back of church
- 2nd Sat evening mass 7 or 7:30 pm - 5 pm too early for farmers
- 3 masses for each priest every Sunday seems really busy
- “Glad that you are doing this. We think this makes more people happy.”
- There are a lot of people from our cluster going to Ft. Recovery or North Star for mass on Saturday evening at 4:30 p.m.
- Keep the sermons short. After 5 minutes, you lose people.
- Sat mass, keep at SH - with bad weather in winter, why make majority of people drive farther?
- Keep schedule as is
- Preschool religion - too early numbers will drop and too late kids will be a disaster.
- Like the schedule of a 7:30 9 and 11 on Sundays at SH
- 7:30 p.m. Sat evening mass
- “This is a great idea - we definitely need more than 2 mass times on Sunday in the cluster. I think this will increase people attending church in the cluster. Thank you!”
- 7:30 p.m. Sat evening
- Communion in the back of church
- I’ve been going to Celina for 9 a.m. mass
- “We feel Robes should be worn (by servers) not only on weekdays but also on Sundays. Then that would eliminate the problem of those who desire to be scantily clad. Most of these servers gave great attention to every detail, seemingly anticipating the celebrant next move, and with folded hands.”
- “It was also noted that every church we attended displayed both the American and church (Vatican City State) flags, in Sanctuary. I believe that St. Henry church is the only one in the cluster that does not display these flags.”
- “It is also our belief that only the priests and Deacons, with consecrated hands, should handle the Blessed Eucharist and the people should receive the Holy Eucharist on the tongue. This would lessen any acts of irreverence toward the Holy Eucharist, by not consuming and taking it out the door. It also appears to us that many parishioners are only interested in how quick the Mass can be over, and since this is supposed to be a banquet that the Lord invites us to we do not believe that people should be upset if Mass takes an extra 5 or 10 minutes to complete, most don’t complain when a baseball game goes into extra innings or a basketball game into overtime.”
- Thank you for asking for additional comments, I am sure you may have others that will add some unrelated comments also, since you asked.”
- “We are a young family and have been attending Coldwater in the past few years. If the mass times were changed back in St. Henry with the proposed mass times, we would come back.”
- Like SH 10am
- Wendelin should get 9am
- 7:30 Sat evening
- 1 time and 1 location for Sat evening year round
- “This current schedule was never for the parishioners. If you want members we need flexibility and accountability of it being a mass not a communion service!”
• “Fr. Bill and Fr. James we love you. Thank you for looking out for our parish and bringing many back to our church. May God bless you!! as he has blessed us by placing you both in our parishes.”
• SH has more parishioners than SA, SB, SF, SW combined - why move a mass from SH to SB?
• Why Confirmation at SB every other year?
• concerns on DRE of CCD center
• Why no mass every day at SH?
• confusion on daily mass schedule when funeral with cancellations
• would prefer 7:30 to 8 at SH
• More opportunity for confessions - maybe a weekday evening?
• 7:30 p.m. Sat mass
• 2 Sat evening masses in cluster: 4:30 or 5 and 7 or 7:30
• Sat mass centrally located for people who go to mass on Sat evenings
• would like 4:30 mass Sat evening
• Keep Sat vigil at SH with basketball etc.
• “Thanks to everyone for all their time with this project.”
• Communion distribution in the back
• “Thank you for the opportunity to weigh in! I like the idea of staggered mass times. And I appreciate that our parish cluster now has two priests who preside over masses in an efficient, inspiring, and energetic manner.”
• keep 5 p.m. Sat vigil
• don't keep current schedule
• keep Sat vigil at SH
• Sat evening at 7 p.m. or 7:30 p.m.
• “Thanks for asking!”
• Sun evening mass 7 or 7:30 p.m.
• Sat vigil at SH year round - AC for summer and main highways for bad weather. SH centrally located in cluster.
• 2 masses Sat night - 4:30 and 7 p.m.
• “Question: what is the 5-10 year plan for the cluster? Will we always have 2 priests? Should we be planning for 1 priest in one large church? Should we stop putting money in all these churches and saving the money to add on or build a larger church? I think the cluster members should know what the plans are.”
• “It seems in cluster decisions and discussions, the committees are composed of two from each parish. This means that St. Henry is usually under represented where the percentages of families for each parish is approximately the following: SA 6%, SB 16%, SF 7%, SH 66%, SW 5%. On some committees that could mean big decisions are being made, just a thought.”
• Noon mass at Carthagena because of 6:15 and 9 a.m. at St Charles (competition with SCC)
• SH larger population than SB - don’t move Sat vigil mass
• 7:30 p.m. Sat vigil mass
• 2 Sat vigil masses - 5 p.m. and 7 or 7:30 p.m.
• “Thank you for considering changing the mass schedule in the cluster for more options.”
• 7:30 Sat evening mass.
• Later Sat evening mass
• 7:30 p.m. Sat evening mass. Sun morning times are fine.
• “Thank you for the proposal of changing mass times, thank you for listening to parishioners! I think this will meet the parish needs and will keep our community going to the cluster
churches instead of neighboring parishes (including ourselves). We may still attend an evening Sunday mass (6 p.m.) on occasion.”

- Weekday evening mass? I wish I could at least attend a weekday mass in the evening.
- 6 p.m. Sun evening mass
- 7 p.m. Sat mass somewhere
- morning mass even when funeral
- Sat morning mass
- Could we have our “special” masses again: 1st Communion, Feast of Holy Innocents, etc.?
- Communion in back of church
- early mass at SH so not have to drive to Wendelin - switch SH 9 to 7:30 a.m.
- 7:30 p.m. Sat evening option
- later Sat evening mass 7:30 p.m.
- SH Sat vigil - we walk across the street to winter sports
- “Good job. I think many St Henry people would go to Coldwater if Burkettsville had Saturday evening mass.”
- 7:30 p.m. Sat evening mass - rotate location
- communion back of church
- Statues in church again
- “Also, we give our new priests credit for allowing us a choice in time schedules. They both are doing a wonderful job, including our staff of teachers, office workers, deacons, etc.”
- 7:30 p.m. Sat night
- 7 or 7:30 Sat evening mass along with 4:30 mass
- “I’m quite happy with the changes proposed for St. Henry Church.”
- 4:30 Sat vigil
- if Sat vigil at SB, then later at SH vigil - 6 or 7 p.m.
- Sun evening 6 p.m.
- Communion back of church
- 7 or 7:30 Sat evening vigil mass
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- SH year-round Sat vigil
St. Wendelin Church

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13 pages with additional comments on back side.

Most Common themes:
- Most comments relate to suggestion in reference to Saturday evening mass.
- Strong preference to leave Saturday evening mass at St. Henry Church year round.
- Multiple comments regarding 8 a.m. preferred to 7:30 a.m., especially for families, but a strong openness to a 7:30 a.m. mass
St. Wendelin Church

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Question 4: 5 agree or strongly agree
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Question 5: 4 agree or strongly agree
10 disagree or strongly disagree
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Comments:
• Suggestion of travel and location of mass times, flopping 7:30/8 with Aloysius and Wendelin
• concern of travel for handicap individuals for Saturday vigil mass if it was rotated between Henry and Bernard
• 4:30 p.m. vigil mass for winter months; 5 or 5:30 p.m. for summer months
• Baptism at Wendelin to be done after mass
• Preference to leave Saturday vigil mass at St. Henry year-round
• Question of why mass time/location is supposed to be convenient: “is church supposed to be convenient?”
• 8:00 a.m. has been nice; 7:30 a.m. is a bit earlier but can work with our family schedule
• Preference for year-round vigil mass at St. Henry at 5 p.m.
• Concern is 5 p.m. mass crowd will go to Coldwater before they will go to Burkettsville
• Concern of 7:30 a.m. mass time for young families
• “With 5 parishes and 2 priests the mass times are totally unacceptable” (4 support for cluster mass time proposal, 0 unacceptable for current mass time schedule)
• Thank you for your time and energy it’s taken to get this all figured out :-) 
• Saturday night mass should stay in St. Henry unless you have 2 Saturday night masses

Front Side comments:
• I like the 8:00 a.m. mass.
• X’ing out preferences for a “strongly agree” current mass time schedule with the comment: “As long as we have help from St. Charles”.
• Prefer 8:00 a.m. at St. Wendelin
• 7:30 a.m. too early for family farmers