

St. Isaac Jogues, Jefferson Hills, PA
Survey for May 20/21, 2017
170 in attendance received survey-stuffed bulletins.
35 returns = 21%

Grouping #219

St. Benedict the Abbott + St. Francis of Assisi + St. Isaac Jogues

ADVANTAGES TO THIS GROUPING

St. Francis and St. Isaac already tied together	5
None	11
More opportunity to be involved with church	2
All three parishes are financially solvent	1
Less travel for priests	1
Less facilities to maintain	1
Larger venue to allow more people at Mass	1
Better attendance	1
Proximity	1
Consolidation is a cost savings	1
Keep grouping	1

DISADVANTAGES/CHALLENGES TO THIS GROUPING

Distance	28 = 80%	N.B. Closest Campus is SFA
Decline in attendance	9	
Justifying improvements in parking lot	9	
CCD attendance declines	3	
Justifying improvements in concrete work	7	
Loss of support to local food bank	1	
Difficult to keep changing parishes/mergers	1	
Decline in income	1	
Loss of tradition/small parish	1	
More impersonal in larger parish	2	
Priest maybe overwhelmed with ministering	1	

Decline in volunteer/leadership participation	1
Difficulties in blending parishes	4
Handicap parking	1

SUGGESTIONS AND/OR ALTERNATIVES TO THIS GROUPING

Keep parish open	15 = 43%
None	1
One mass weekly (at least)	10 = 29%
Keep as a worship site	3
More deacons	1
Pair with St. Thomas A Becket	1
Keep CCD program	1