

PARISHIONER SURVEY

The purpose of this study is to provide the pastor and the parish Pastoral Council with information which will help them learn more about parishioners' needs and how you view the role of our parish in your faith life and that of society. It will also be used to set goals for the future of the parish community. As such, your comments and suggestions are VERY IMPORTANT. You need not put your name on this questionnaire. Your answers will be kept anonymous. Neither your pastor nor anyone else in your parish will know who provided the responses.

Directions: Please answer all the questions in the order in which they appear on the questionnaire. Please read each question carefully. For most of the questions you will CIRCLE one answer only. Some questions ask you to write your answer in your own words. Please read all directions carefully.

WORSHIP: Celebrating, Sacraments, Prayer, Spiritual Growth, and Devotions

"They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers." (Acts 2:42)

Circle only one number under each statement that best describes your feelings.

1. Masses (Sunday and weekday) are prayerful, reverent, and spiritually moving.
1.....2.....3.....4.....5
Strongly Agree Agree Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree
2. The interior environment of the church provides a good atmosphere for worship.
1.....2.....3.....4.....5
Strongly Agree Agree Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree
3. The music at the Sunday Mass enhances the liturgy.
1.....2.....3.....4.....5
Strongly Agree Agree Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree
4. The preaching at the Sunday Masses at our parish assists me in making a connection between my faith and the way I live.
1.....2.....3.....4.....5
Strongly Agree Agree Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree
5. The celebration of the Sunday Mass at our parish fosters a sense of community among parishioners.
1.....2.....3.....4.....5
Strongly Agree Agree Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree
6. The availability of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is adequate.
1.....2.....3.....4.....5
Strongly Agree Agree Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree
7. There are many worship opportunities and programs or activities provided by our parish to promote spiritual growth.
1.....2.....3.....4.....5
Strongly Agree Agree Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree
8. The devotional services (Rosary, Stations of the Cross, Morning and Evening Prayer, St. Joseph Novena & Holy Hour, perpetual adoration, etc.) provided by our parish are adequate.
1.....2.....3.....4.....5
Strongly Agree Agree Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree
9. I attend these other forms of community worship in our parish besides Sunday Mass.
1.....2.....3.....4.....5
Strongly Agree Agree Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree

10. Please include any comments about or make suggestions to improve aspects of **Worship** in our parish. **If you have a complaint or negative comment, you must include your suggestion as to how we can improve it.**

PLEASE TURN THE PAGE FOR ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS.

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

"... the parish is constantly attempting to become a community of faith. Its achievement can be measured by the specific ways people acknowledge the identity they have in common and demonstrate the responsibility they have for one another. These evidences of community are in turn reflections of the even deeper communion with God that is theirs because of Christ's gift of the one Spirit." (The Parish: A People, A Mission, A Structure, NCCB - The Committee on the Parish)

Circle only one number under each statement that best describes your feelings.

11. The parishioners in our parish provide an atmosphere of welcome, hospitality, and belonging for other parishioners at Church services and other parish community functions.

1.....2.....3.....4.....5
Strongly Agree Agree Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree

12. The parishioners in our parish provide an atmosphere of welcome, hospitality and belonging for non-parishioners at Church services and other parish community functions.

1.....2.....3.....4.....5
Strongly Agree Agree Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree

13. The parishioners in our parish welcome and support other parishioners who have special needs (divorced, separated, single parents, the disabled, etc.)

1.....2.....3.....4.....5
Strongly Agree Agree Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree

14. The parishioners in our parish welcome and support other parishioners from various age groups (young, middle aged, elderly).

1.....2.....3.....4.....5
Strongly Agree Agree Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree

15. The parishioners in our parish welcome and support other parishioners and other people of different racial and ethnic backgrounds.

1.....2.....3.....4.....5
Strongly Agree Agree Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree

16. The parishioners in our parish pay special attention to the spiritual, temporal, and sacramental needs of the sick, homebound, and nursing home residents.

1.....2.....3.....4.....5
Strongly Agree Agree Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree

17. Please include any comments about or make suggestions to improve aspects of **Community** in our parish. **If you have a complaint or negative comment, you must include your suggestion as to how we can improve it.**

EVANGELIZATION: Welcoming, Ecumenism, Interfaith

"Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature." (Mark 16:15)

Circle only one number under each statement that best describes your feelings.

18. Our parishioners exhibit a spirit of welcome and invitation to those interested in becoming Catholic.

1.....2.....3.....4.....5
Strongly Agree Agree Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree

19. Our parishioners exhibit a spirit of warmth and hospitality to all those who visit our parish.

1.....2.....3.....4.....5
Strongly Agree Agree Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree

20. New members of the parish are welcomed and encouraged to become involved.

1.....2.....3.....4.....5
Strongly Agree Agree Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree

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21. Active parishioners engage in activities to encourage inactive or non-practicing members of our parish to return to the parish.

1.....2.....3.....4.....5
Strongly Agree Agree Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree

22. Parishioners reach out and welcome all people, especially those who do not belong to any church.

1.....2.....3.....4.....5
Strongly Agree Agree Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree

23. Our parishioners are sensitive to religious diversity within parish families.

1.....2.....3.....4.....5
Strongly Agree Agree Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree

24. Our parish is involved adequately with other Christian churches.

1.....2.....3.....4.....5
Strongly Agree Agree Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree

25. Please include any comments about or make suggestions to improve aspects of **Evangelization** in our parish. **If you have a complaint or negative comment, you must include your suggestion as to how we can improve it.**

TEACHING

“Then Jesus approached and said to them, ‘All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And, behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.’” (Matthew 28: 18-20)

Circle only one number under each statement that best describes your feelings.

26. Our Parish fulfills its responsibility for the continuing formation of all its members.

1.....2.....3.....4.....5
Strongly Agree Agree Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree

27. I believe the teachers of religion in our parish religious education programs are well-trained.

1.....2.....3.....4.....5
Strongly Agree Agree Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree

28. Sufficient programs and resources are provided for the religious education of adults.

1.....2.....3.....4.....5
Strongly Agree Agree Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree

29. I believe that Catholic parents have a responsibility to provide for the religious education of their children.

1.....2.....3.....4.....5
Strongly Agree Agree Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree

30. Our parish has an organized program of religious education for all parish children.

1.....2.....3.....4.....5
Strongly Agree Agree Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree

31. Our parish religious education programs include options for those who have physical or mental impairments.

1.....2.....3.....4.....5
Strongly Agree Agree Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree

32. Our parish provides religious formation for its youth and young adults.

1.....2.....3.....4.....5
Strongly Agree Agree Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree

33. Please include any comments about or make suggestions to improve aspects of **Teaching** in our parish. **If you have a complaint or negative comment, you must include your suggestion as to how we can improve it.**

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SERVICE

“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.” Then the righteous will answer him and say, “Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?” And the king will say to them in reply, “Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.” (Matt. 25:35-40)

Circle only one number under each statement that best describes your feelings.

34. Our parishioners are encouraged to become involved in all types of parish ministries, groups, and organizations.
1.....2.....3.....4.....5
Strongly Agree Agree Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree

35. Our parish responds adequately to the Gospel message to serve the poor through parish programs such as the Food Pantry, the Clothing Store, and the Outreach Ministry.
1.....2.....3.....4.....5
Strongly Agree Agree Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree

36. Our parish responds adequately through parish ministries to our parishioners and our local community groups to meet their everyday needs.
1.....2.....3.....4.....5
Strongly Agree Agree Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree

37. Our parish promotes respect for human life adequately.
1.....2.....3.....4.....5
Strongly Agree Agree Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree

38. Our parish is supportive and caring for parishioners who have experienced death in their families.
1.....2.....3.....4.....5
Strongly Agree Agree Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree

39. Our parish has groups/organizations which provide me with opportunities to address my concerns regarding peace and justice.
1.....2.....3.....4.....5
Strongly Agree Agree Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree

40. Please include any comments about or make suggestions to improve aspects of **Service** in our parish. **If you have a complaint or negative comment, you must include your suggestion as to how we can improve it.**

LEADERSHIP

“To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit. To one is given through the Spirit the expression of wisdom; to another the expression of knowledge according to the same Spirit; to another faith by the same Spirit; to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit; to another mighty deeds; to another prophecy; to another discernment of spirits; to another varieties of tongues; to another interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them individually to each person as he wishes.” (Corinthians 12:7-11)

Circle only one number under each statement that best describes your feelings.

41. The purpose and goals of our parish are communicated effectively to the parishioners by the pastor and others who work at the parish.
1.....2.....3.....4.....5
Strongly Agree Agree Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree

42. The parishioners know and understand the purpose and goals of our parish.
1.....2.....3.....4.....5
Strongly Agree Agree Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree

43. Parishioners and priest(s) of the parish work together to accomplish the purpose and goals of our parish.
1.....2.....3.....4.....5
Strongly Agree Agree Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree

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44. Our parish provides opportunities for lay people to have leadership positions and responsibility.

1.....2.....3.....4.....5

Strongly Agree Agree Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree

45. Our pastor, Pastoral Council, and parish staff appear to me to have a good working relationship.

1.....2.....3.....4.....5

Strongly Agree Agree Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree

46. It is easy to obtain help and answers when calling the parish.

1.....2.....3.....4.....5

Strongly Agree Agree Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree

47. We have adequate parish leadership – including Pastoral Council – that listens to the concerns of the parishioners.

1.....2.....3.....4.....5

Strongly Agree Agree Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree

48. Please include any comments about or make suggestions to improve aspects of **Leadership** in your parish. **If you have a complaint or negative comment, you must include your suggestion as to how we can improve it.**

STEWARDSHIP

“In generous spirit pay homage to the Lord, be not sparing of freewill gifts. With each contribution show a cheerful countenance, and pay your tithes in a spirit of joy. Give to the Most High as he has given to you, generously according to your means.” (Sirach 35:7-9)

Circle only one number under each statement that best describes your feelings.

49. Parishioners know the sources and the amounts of the income and expenses of the parish.

1.....2.....3.....4.....5

Strongly Agree Agree Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree

50. The money, buildings, and staff of our parish are sufficient to accomplish the goals of the parish.

1.....2.....3.....4.....5

Strongly Agree Agree Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree

51. Our parish operating budget provides money to support the activities I believe the parish should be doing.

1.....2.....3.....4.....5

Strongly Agree Agree Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree

52. Parish facilities and grounds appear to be properly maintained.

1.....2.....3.....4.....5

Strongly Agree Agree Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree

53. Parish facilities appear to me to be adequate for worship, meetings, and other parish activities.

1.....2.....3.....4.....5

Strongly Agree Agree Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree

54. Please include any comments about or make suggestions to improve aspects of **Stewardship** in our parish. **If you have a complaint or negative comment, you must include your suggestion as to how we can improve it.**

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Often the parish might be better able to help and support the people if more were known about their backgrounds as well as their perceptions of parish life. It would be helpful if you would complete the following section:

Please describe yourself by answering the following questions:

55. What is your status in our parish?

- Regular attendee but not registered
- Registered parishioner

56. How long have you been a parishioner?

- Less than one year
- 1 to 10 years
- 11 to 20 years
- 21 to 30 years
- 31 to 40 years
- 41 to 50 years
- More than 50 years

57. How attached do you feel to our parish?

- Not at all attached
- Somewhat attached
- Very attached

58. How active are you in our parish?

- Not active (no involvement beyond attending Mass)
- Somewhat active (attend some parish events in addition to Mass, but do not usually volunteer)
- Highly active (member of parish staff, council, ministry, group, organization, or regular volunteer)

59. Do you read the Parish Bulletin?

- Yes, faithfully
- No, and why? _____

60. Do you visit the Parish Website?

- Yes
- No, and why? _____

61. How often do you usually attend Mass at our parish?

- Only for special occasions
- Once a month
- About 2-3 times a month
- Once a week
- More than once a week

62. Current Marital Status:

- Single and never married
- Married
- Separated
- Divorced and now single
- Divorced and now remarried
- Widowed

63. Age category:

- Age 14-17
- Age 18-25
- Age 26-39
- Age 40-55
- Age 56-69
- Age 70 or older

64. Gender:

- Female
- Male



65. PLEASE MAKE ANY OTHER COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS WE COULD USE AS A DIRECTION FOR THE FUTURE OR TO IMPROVE OUR PARISH. If you have a complaint or negative comment, you must include your suggestion as to how we can improve it.
