



## You and Your Parish

### 1. How often do you go to Mass at this parish?

- 3% This is my first time
- 3% Hardly ever or special occasions only
- 2% Less than once a month
- 4% Once a month
- 11% Two or three times a month
- 63% Usually every week
- 14% More than once a week

### 2. How long have you been going to church at this parish?

- 10% Less than 1 year
- 9% 1-2 years
- 13% 3-5 years
- 17% 6-10 years
- 18% 11-20 years
- 28% More than 20 years
- 5% I am visiting from another parish or church
- 1% I am visiting and do not regularly go anywhere else

### 3. Are you currently a member of this parish?

- 73% Yes
- 3% No, but I'm in the process of becoming a member
- 12% No, but I regularly participate here
- 12% No

### 4. Are you regularly involved in any group activities here? (Mark all that apply.)

- 7% Yes, in adult faith formation programs or CCD classes
- 12% Yes, in other prayer, discussion, or Bible study groups
- 17% Yes, in clubs, social groups, or other types of groups
- 16% No, we have no group activities
- 58% No, I am not regularly involved in group activities

### 5. Do you regularly take part in any activities of this parish that reach out to the wider community (community service, social justice, advocacy, outreach, evangelization)? (Mark all that apply.)

- 15% Yes, in outreach or evangelization activities
- 9% Yes, in community service, social justice, or advocacy activities of this parish
- 9% No, we don't have such activities
- 70% No, I am not regularly involved

### 6. Do you currently have any of the following roles here? (Mark all that apply.)

- 14% Liturgical (Reader, Eucharistic minister, music minister, liturgy planning)
- 3% Sacramental (preparing children or adults for sacraments)
- 4% Education (teacher in parish programs or parish school)
- 4% Member of a leadership group (Parish Pastoral Council or Finance Council; parish fund-raising)
- 4% Leader of a group (prayer, discussion, Bible study, youth)
- 12% Other role not listed here
- 73% None

### 7. To what extent do the worship services or activities of this parish help you with everyday living?

- 56% A great extent
- 30% Some extent
- 8% A small extent
- 5% Not at all

## About Your Faith

### 8. How often do you spend time in private devotional activities (such as prayer, meditation, reading the Bible alone)?

- 49% Every day or most days
- 17% A few times a week
- 6% Once a week
- 18% Occasionally
- 8% Hardly ever
- 3% Never



**9. Over the last year, how much have you grown in your faith? (Mark only one.)**

- 8% No real growth
- 37% Some growth
- 31% Much growth, mainly through this parish
- 7% Much growth, mainly through other groups or churches
- 16% Much growth, mainly through my own private activities

**10. Which statement comes closest to your view of the Bible? (Mark only one.)**

- 21% The Bible is the word of God, to be taken literally word for word
- 57% The Bible is the word of God, to be interpreted in the light of its historical context and the Church's teachings
- 11% The Bible is the word of God, to be interpreted in the light of its historical and cultural context
- 4% The Bible is not the word of God, but contains God's word to us
- 1% The Bible is not the word of God, but is a valuable book
- 1% The Bible is an ancient book with little value today
- 4% Don't know

**11. Do you agree or disagree with this statement: "All the different religions are equally good ways of helping a person find ultimate truth"?**

- 20% Strongly agree
- 42% Agree
- 20% Neutral or unsure
- 13% Disagree
- 5% Strongly disagree

**12. Do you agree or disagree: "My spiritual needs are being met in this parish"?**

- 35% Strongly agree
- 48% Agree
- 14% Neutral or unsure
- 2% Disagree
- 1% Strongly disagree

**13. Which one of the following best describes your readiness to talk to others about your faith? (Mark only one.)**

- 1% I do not have faith, so the question is not applicable
- 13% I do not talk about my faith; my life and actions are sufficient
- 12% I find it hard to talk about my faith in ordinary language
- 55% I mostly feel at ease talking about my faith and do so if it comes up
- 19% I feel at ease talking about my faith and seek opportunities to do so

**14. Have you ever had a conversion experience or a moment of decisive faith commitment?**

- 47% Yes
- 28% No
- 25% Not sure

**About Your Involvement**

**15. Are you involved in any community service, social service, or advocacy groups not connected to this parish? (Mark all that apply.)**

- 24% Yes, social service or charity groups
- 4% Yes, advocacy, justice, or lobbying groups
- 74% No, I'm not involved with such groups

**16. Would you be prepared to invite to a Mass here any of your friends and relatives who do not now go to church?**

- 38% Yes, and I have done so in the past 12 months
- 42% Yes, but I have not done so in the past 12 months
- 10% No, probably not
- 1% No, definitely not
- 8% Don't know



**17. In the past 12 months, have you done any of the following? (Mark all that apply.)**

- 33% Loaned money to someone outside your family
- 25% Cared for someone outside your family who was very sick
- 21% Helped someone outside your family find a job
- 44% Donated or prepared food for someone outside your family or parish
- 71% Will vote or did vote in the 2008 presidential election
- 67% Donated money to a charitable organization (other than this parish)
- 16% Worked with others to try to solve a community problem
- 10% Contacted an elected official about a public issue
- 11% Contributed money to a political party or candidate
- 4% Spoke at a decision-making meeting of this parish
- 5% Went on a mission or service trip

**18. How satisfied are you with what is offered here for children and youth (less than 19 years of age)?**

- 31% Very satisfied
- 35% Satisfied
- 8% Mixed feelings
- 1% Dissatisfied
- 1% Very dissatisfied
- 23% Not sure or not applicable

**19. Do you have any close friends in this parish?**

- 28% No, I have little contact with others from this parish outside of activities here
- 17% No, I have some friends in this parish, but my closest friends are not involved here
- 45% Yes, I have some close friends here as well as other close friends who are not part of this parish
- 10% Yes, most of my closest friends are part of this parish

**20. Does this parish have a clear vision, goals, or direction for its ministry and mission?**

- 14% I am not aware of such a vision, goals, or direction
- 5% There are ideas but no clear vision, goals, or direction
- 34% Yes, and I am strongly committed to them
- 29% Yes, and I am partly committed to them
- 19% Yes, but I am not committed to them

**21. Which one statement best describes your involvement in the making of important decisions in this parish?**

- 6% I have been given the opportunity and often participate in decision-making
- 10% I have been given the opportunity and occasionally get involved in decision-making
- 44% I have been given the opportunity but don't usually get involved in decision-making
- 34% I have not been given an opportunity to be involved and this is fine with me
- 6% I have not been given an opportunity to be involved and I am not happy about this

**22. Do you have a strong sense of belonging to this parish?**

- 38% Yes, a strong sense of belonging that is growing
- 26% Yes, a strong sense--about the same as last year
- 9% Yes, but perhaps not as strong as in the past
- 7% No, but I am new here
- 3% No, and I wish I did by now
- 9% No, but I am happy as I am
- 6% Not applicable

**23. While you may value many different styles of music, which two of the following do you prefer at the Masses you attend? (Mark up to two.)**

- 51% Traditional hymns
- 29% Choruses or praise music
- 20% Contemporary hymns
- 8% Other contemporary music or songs (not hymns)
- 9% Sung responsorial psalms and other parts of the Mass
- 8% Classical music or chorales
- 4% Contemplative chants (Taizé, Iona)
- 12% Music or songs from a variety of cultures
- 13% Gospel music
- 5% No music or songs
- 6% Don't know



**24. Do you agree or disagree: "In general, there is a good match between our parish and our pastor or pastoral leader"?**

- 53% Strongly agree
- 32% Agree
- 13% Neutral or unsure
- 1% Disagree
- <1% Strongly disagree
- <1% There is currently no leader here

**25. Which of the following aspects of this parish do you personally most value? (Mark up to three.)**

- 26% Wider community care or social justice emphasis
- 19% Reaching those who do not attend church
- 28% Traditional style of worship or music
- 11% Contemporary style of worship or music
- 57% Celebrating the Eucharist or receiving Holy Communion
- 10% Social activities or meeting new people
- 22% Sermons or homilies
- 10% Bible study or prayer groups, other discussion groups
- 15% Ministry for children or youth
- 7% Prayer ministry for one another
- 11% Practical care for one another in times of need
- 17% The parish school or pre-school
- 12% Openness to social diversity
- 8% Adult faith education

**26. Before you started coming to this parish, were you going to church anywhere else?**

- 13% No, I've come here for most or all of my life
- 8% No, before coming here I had not been going to church for several years
- 5% No, before coming here I had never regularly attended
- 74% Yes, immediately prior to coming here, I was going to church somewhere else

**27. Before you started coming here, what type of church did you attend? (Mark only one.)**

- 84% Another Catholic parish
- 1% Assembly of God
- 1% Baptist
- <1% Episcopal
- <1% Lutheran
- <1% Methodist
- <1% Nazarene
- 1% Non-denominational
- <1% Pentecostal
- <1% Presbyterian
- <1% Seventh-day Adventist
- <1% United Church of Christ
- 2% Other
- 9% I did not attend another church before coming here

#### About You

**28. Age of worshipers:**

- 9% 15-24
- 25% 25-44
- 34% 45-64
- 33% 65 and above

**29. Gender of worshipers:**

- 60% Female
- 40% Male

**30. What is your employment status? (Mark all that apply.)**

- 43% Employed or self-employed full-time
- 9% Employed or self-employed part-time
- 5% Unemployed
- 31% Retired
- 9% Full-time homemaker
- 8% Student
- 4% Other



**31. What is the highest educational level you have completed? (reported for worshippers age 25 and older)**

- <1% No formal schooling
- 2% Primary school through 8th grade (K-8)
- 6% Some high school
- 34% Completed high school
- 8% Trade certificate
- 15% Associate degree
- 22% Bachelor's degree from a university or college
- 13% Master's, Doctorate, or other graduate degree

**32. What is your present marital status?**

- 15% Never married
- 52% In first marriage
- 8% Remarried after divorce
- 2% Remarried after death of spouse
- 2% Living in a committed relationship
- 1% Separated
- 10% Divorced
- 9% Widowed

**33. Do you have a spouse or partner who is also completing a survey here?**

- 47% Yes
- 53% No

**34. What is your race or origin? (Mark all that apply.)**

- 11% Asian or Pacific Islander
- 2% Black or African American
- 34% Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin
- 1% Indian (American) or Alaska Native
- 54% White or Caucasian
- 3% Some other race

**35. Where were you born?**

- 81% In the United States
- 7% In another English-speaking country
- 12% In a non-English-speaking country

**36. Where were your parents born?**

- 61% Both born in the United States
- 6% Only father born in the United States
- 6% Only mother born in the United States
- 26% Both father and mother born in another country

**37. Where did you live when you were 5 years old?**

- 81% In the United States
- 19% In another country

**38. When you were 5 years old, was English your primary language?**

- 73% Yes
- 27% No

**39. Which statement best describes the people who currently live in your household?**

- 15% I live alone
- 30% A couple without children
- 8% One adult with child/children
- 36% Two or more adults with child/children
- 12% Some adults living in the same household

**40. Most often reported ZIP codes of worshippers:**

- 29% 85710
- 22% 85730
- 11% 85747
- 6% 85711
- 6% 85756
- 3% 85715
- 3% 85748
- 3% 85641
- 2% 85749
- 2% 85706

**41. About how much do you give financially to this parish (not including school tuition)?**

- 10% I give 10% or more of net income regularly
- 23% I give about 5% to 9% of net income regularly
- 28% I give less than 5% of net income regularly
- 29% I give a small amount whenever I am here
- 10% I do not contribute financially here



**42. Which of the following describes your total annual household income before taxes?**

- 8% Less than \$10,000
- 18% \$10,000 to \$24,999
- 30% \$25,000 to \$49,999
- 19% \$50,000 to \$74,999
- 12% \$75,000 to \$99,999
- 8% \$100,000 to \$124,999
- 2% \$125,000 to \$149,999
- 3% \$150,000 or more

**43. Respondents with at least one household member: (adjusted for multiple responses per household)**

- 14% Less than 6 years old
- 22% 6 to 12 years old
- 23% 13 to 18 years old
- 15% 19 to 24 years old
- 93% 25 years old or older

**44. Respondents with at least one household member participating here: (adjusted for multiple responses per household)**

- 13% Less than 6 years old
- 23% 6 to 12 years old
- 24% 13 to 18 years old
- 12% 19 to 24 years old
- 94% 25 years old or older

**45. How many children of any age do you have, whether they live at home or elsewhere? (adjusted for multiple responses per household)**

- 25% None
- 11% One
- 24% Two
- 19% Three
- 21% Four or more

**46. How many of your children of any age live at home with you? (adjusted for multiple responses per household)**

- 59% None
- 16% One
- 16% Two
- 5% Three
- 4% Four or more

**Some Final Questions**

**47. Do you agree or disagree: "In the past year we have grown in unity and strength as a parish community"?**

- 27% Strongly agree
- 44% Agree
- 27% Neutral or unsure
- 2% Disagree
- <1% Strongly disagree

**48. Compared to 2 years ago, do you think you participate in activities of this parish more, less, or about the same amount as you did then?**

- 23% Participate more
- 48% About the same participation
- 13% Participate less
- 16% Not applicable (been coming less than 2 years)

**49. Have this parish's leaders encouraged you to find and use your gifts and skills here?**

- 32% Yes, to a great extent
- 27% Yes, to some extent
- 13% Yes, to a small extent
- 13% Not at all
- 15% Don't know

**50. How often do you experience the following during worship services at this congregation? (Always or Usually)**

- 84% A sense of God's presence
- 76% Inspiration
- 10% Boredom
- 39% Awe or mystery
- 74% Joy
- 7% Frustration
- 29% Spontaneity
- 76% A sense of fulfilling my obligation

**51. Do you agree or disagree: "Only followers of Jesus Christ can be saved"?**

- 22% Strongly agree
- 19% Agree
- 19% Neutral or unsure
- 26% Disagree
- 14% Strongly disagree





**52. Of the following, which one best describes your opinion of the future directions of this parish?**

- 8% We need to get back to the way we did things in the past
- 18% We are faithfully maintaining past directions
- 14% We are currently deciding on new directions
- 26% We are currently moving in new directions
- 4% We need to rethink where we are heading
- 1% Our future is very unclear or doubtful
- 29% Don't know

**53. How long does it usually take you to get here?**

- 20% 1-5 minutes
- 29% 6-10 minutes
- 21% 11-15 minutes
- 18% 16-20 minutes
- 9% 21-30 minutes
- 3% More than 30 minutes

**54. Over the last two years, has there been any conflict in this parish? (Mark only one.)**

- 61% No conflict that I am aware of
- 11% Some minor conflict
- 2% Major conflict
- 1% Major conflict, with leaders or people leaving
- 26% Don't know

**55. How important is this parish community in your life?**

- 32% Extremely important
- 32% Very important
- 18% Quite important
- 15% A little important
- 4% Not at all important

**56. To what extent does the pastor or pastoral leader here take into account the ideas of those who worship here?**

- 48% A great extent
- 21% Some extent
- 5% A small extent
- 1% Not at all
- 25% Don't know
- <1% There is currently no leader here

**57. Which of the following is the best description of the style of leadership of your pastor, minister, or priest?**

- 22% Leadership that tends to take charge
- 46% Leadership that inspires people to take action
- 13% Leadership that acts on goals that people here have been involved in setting
- 1% Leadership where the people start most things
- <1% There is currently no leader here
- 17% Don't know

**58. Do you agree or disagree: "God is directly involved in worldly affairs"?**

- 43% Strongly agree
- 35% Agree
- 16% Neutral or unsure
- 4% Disagree
- 2% Strongly disagree
- 0% I don't believe in God

**59. Do you agree or disagree: "God is angered by human sin"?**

- 28% Strongly agree
- 33% Agree
- 20% Neutral or unsure
- 14% Disagree
- 5% Strongly disagree
- 0% I don't believe in God

**60. Which of the following terms best describes your current stand on theological issues?**

- 14% Very conservative
- 39% Conservative
- 36% Right in the middle
- 8% Liberal
- 2% Very liberal