



Survey Responses Based on Membership Status (Q-3)

	Members	Non-Members
Number of surveys completed	436	67

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You and Your Parish

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

This is my first time	<1%	7%
Hardly ever or special occasions only	0%	7%
Less than once a month	1%	4%
Once a month	1%	3%
Two or three times a month	9%	16%
Usually every week	83%	55%
More than once a week	6%	6%

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

Less than 1 year	10%	45%
1-2 years	27%	30%
3-5 years	47%	12%
6-10 years	15%	2%
11-20 years	<1%	0%
More than 20 years	<1%	0%
I am visiting from another parish or church	0%	9%
I am visiting and do not regularly go anywhere else	0%	2%

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

	Members	Non-Members
Yes, in adult faith formation programs or CCD classes	19%	0%
Yes, in other prayer, discussion, or Bible study groups	12%	0%
Yes, in clubs, social groups, or other types of groups	28%	0%
No, we have no group activities	12%	28%
No, I am not regularly involved in group activities	44%	77%

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.)

	Members	Non-Members
Yes, in outreach or evangelization activities	18%	2%
Yes, in community service, social justice, or advocacy activities of this parish	10%	2%
No, we don't have such activities	7%	9%
No, I am not regularly involved	69%	89%



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

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Liturgical (Reader, Eucharistic minister, music minister, liturgy planning)	16%	2%
Sacramental (preparing children or adults for sacraments)	6%	2%
Education (teacher in parish programs or parish school)	7%	0%
Member of a leadership group (Parish Pastoral Council or Finance Council; parish fund-raising)	7%	0%
Leader of a group (prayer, discussion, Bible study, youth)	5%	0%
Other role not listed here	14%	2%
None	63%	95%

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

A great extent	63%	43%
Some extent	28%	40%
A small extent	7%	9%
Not at all	2%	8%



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About Your Faith

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8. How often do you spend time in private devotional activities (such as prayer, meditation, reading the Bible alone)?		
Every day or most days	53%	42%
A few times a week	20%	21%
Once a week	4%	8%
Occasionally	17%	17%
Hardly ever	4%	8%
Never	1%	5%
9. Over the last year, how much have you grown in your faith? (Mark only one.)		
No real growth	6%	12%
Some growth	49%	54%
Much growth, mainly through this parish	30%	11%
Much growth, mainly through other groups or churches	3%	11%
Much growth, mainly through my own private activities	12%	12%
10. Which statement comes closest to your view of the Bible? (Mark only one.)		
The Bible is the word of God, to be taken literally word for word	10%	12%
The Bible is the word of God, to be interpreted in the light of its historical context and the Church's teachings	72%	57%
The Bible is the word of God, to be interpreted in the light of its historical and cultural context	13%	14%
The Bible is not the word of God, but contains God's word to us	3%	2%
The Bible is not the word of God, but is a valuable book	<1%	3%
The Bible is an ancient book with little value today	0%	0%
Don't know	2%	12%
11. Do you agree or disagree with this statement: "All the different religions are equally good ways of helping a person find ultimate truth"?		
Strongly agree	7%	11%
Agree	30%	38%
Neutral or unsure	25%	27%
Disagree	27%	18%
Strongly disagree	11%	6%



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

Strongly agree	35%	17%
Agree	52%	53%
Neutral or unsure	9%	27%
Disagree	3%	3%
Strongly disagree	1%	0%

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

I do not have faith, so the question is not applicable	0%	2%
I do not talk about my faith; my life and actions are sufficient	7%	17%
I find it hard to talk about my faith in ordinary language	10%	9%
I mostly feel at ease talking about my faith and do so if it comes up	69%	58%
I feel at ease talking about my faith and seek opportunities to do so	14%	14%

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

Yes	45%	40%
No	32%	40%
Not sure	23%	21%



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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.)

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Yes, social service or charity groups	27%	18%
Yes, advocacy, justice, or lobbying groups	2%	2%
No, I'm not involved with such groups	72%	82%

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

Yes, and I have done so in the past 12 months	49%	34%
Yes, but I have not done so in the past 12 months	41%	47%
No, probably not	7%	12%
No, definitely not	1%	2%
Don't know	3%	5%

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

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Loaned money to someone outside your family	26%	27%
Cared for someone outside your family who was very sick	18%	23%
Helped someone outside your family find a job	23%	15%
Donated or prepared food for someone outside your family or parish	49%	45%
Will vote or did vote in the 2008 presidential election	90%	83%
Donated money to a charitable organization (other than this parish)	80%	75%
Worked with others to try to solve a community problem	15%	15%
Contacted an elected official about a public issue	14%	12%
Contributed money to a political party or candidate	12%	15%
Spoke at a decision-making meeting of this parish	5%	0%
Went on a mission or service trip	3%	3%

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

Very satisfied	22%	5%
Satisfied	34%	24%
Mixed feelings	13%	8%
Dissatisfied	3%	2%
Very dissatisfied	<1%	3%
Not sure or not applicable	28%	59%



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

No, I have little contact with others from this parish outside of activities here	21%	60%
No, I have some friends in this parish, but my closest friends are not involved here	24%	15%
Yes, I have some close friends here as well as other close friends who are not part of this parish	48%	25%
Yes, most of my closest friends are part of this parish	8%	0%

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

I am not aware of such a vision, goals, or direction	6%	41%
There are ideas but no clear vision, goals, or direction	6%	9%
Yes, and I am strongly committed to them	51%	18%
Yes, and I am partly committed to them	30%	25%
Yes, but I am not committed to them	6%	7%

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

I have been given the opportunity and often participate in decision-making	5%	0%
I have been given the opportunity and occasionally get involved in decision-making	13%	0%
I have been given the opportunity but don't usually get involved in decision-making	50%	55%
I have not been given an opportunity to be involved and this is fine with me	27%	43%
I have not been given an opportunity to be involved and I am not happy about this	5%	2%

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

Yes, a strong sense of belonging that is growing	48%	18%
Yes, a strong sense--about the same as last year	28%	7%
Yes, but perhaps not as strong as in the past	6%	5%
No, but I am new here	6%	35%
No, and I wish I did by now	6%	2%
No, but I am happy as I am	5%	17%
Not applicable	1%	17%



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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.)

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Traditional hymns	48%	31%
Choruses or praise music	21%	23%
Contemporary hymns	43%	49%
Other contemporary music or songs (not hymns)	22%	23%
Sung responsorial psalms and other parts of the Mass	15%	10%
Classical music or chorales	5%	2%
Contemplative chants (Taizé, Iona)	2%	2%
Music or songs from a variety of cultures	8%	8%
Gospel music	6%	8%
No music or songs	1%	2%
Don't know	3%	7%

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

Strongly agree	72%	52%
Agree	23%	29%
Neutral or unsure	4%	19%
Disagree	<1%	0%
Strongly disagree	0%	0%
There is currently no leader here	0%	0%



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

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Wider community care or social justice emphasis	13%	12%
Reaching those who do not attend church	7%	2%
Traditional style of worship or music	22%	25%
Contemporary style of worship or music	26%	45%
Celebrating the Eucharist or receiving Holy Communion	70%	65%
Social activities or meeting new people	20%	6%
Sermons or homilies	49%	45%
Bible study or prayer groups, other discussion groups	7%	2%
Ministry for children or youth	27%	10%
Prayer ministry for one another	3%	0%
Practical care for one another in times of need	10%	4%
The parish school or pre-school	3%	2%
Openness to social diversity	7%	20%
Adult faith education	3%	0%

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

No, I've come here for most or all of my life	<1%	0%
No, before coming here I had not been going to church for several years	5%	2%
No, before coming here I had never regularly attended	4%	5%
Yes, immediately prior to coming here, I was going to church somewhere else	91%	93%

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

Another Catholic parish	96%	95%
Assembly of God	0%	0%
Baptist	<1%	0%
Episcopal	0%	0%
Lutheran	<1%	2%
Methodist	0%	0%
Nazarene	0%	0%
Non-denominational	<1%	0%
Pentecostal	0%	0%
Presbyterian	0%	0%
Seventh-day Adventist	0%	0%
United Church of Christ	<1%	0%
Other	1%	2%
I did not attend another church before coming here	2%	2%



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About You

28. Age of worshipers:

15-24	3%	3%
25-44	43%	44%
45-64	37%	41%
65 and above	17%	12%

29. Gender of worshipers:

Female	66%	68%
Male	34%	32%

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

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Employed or self-employed full-time	53%	51%
Employed or self-employed part-time	12%	15%
Unemployed	2%	3%
Retired	21%	22%
Full-time homemaker	14%	12%
Student	3%	3%
Other	1%	2%

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

No formal schooling	0%	0%
Primary school through 8th grade (K-8)	0%	0%
Some high school	1%	4%
Completed high school	22%	21%
Trade certificate	10%	4%
Associate degree	15%	19%
Bachelor's degree from a university or college	33%	37%
Master's, Doctorate, or other graduate degree	18%	16%

^= For questions with multiple responses possible, percentages usually total well over 100. On other questions, totals may not equal 100 due to rounding.



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32. What is your present marital status?

Never married	5%	15%
In first marriage	71%	58%
Remarried after divorce	14%	12%
Remarried after death of spouse	1%	0%
Living in a committed relationship	1%	5%
Separated	0%	0%
Divorced	4%	5%
Widowed	4%	5%

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

Yes	49%	24%
No	51%	76%

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

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Asian or Pacific Islander	4%	5%
Black or African American	1%	3%
Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin	12%	13%
Indian (American) or Alaska Native	1%	0%
White or Caucasian	84%	78%
Some other race	1%	2%

35. Where were you born?

In the United States	93%	93%
In another English-speaking country	2%	3%
In a non-English-speaking country	4%	3%

36. Where were your parents born?

Both born in the United States	85%	85%
Only father born in the United States	3%	3%
Only mother born in the United States	3%	2%
Both father and mother born in another country	10%	10%

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

In the United States	94%	93%
In another country	6%	7%



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

Yes	93%	90%
No	7%	10%

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

I live alone	7%	12%
A couple without children	27%	48%
One adult with child/children	4%	3%
Two or more adults with child/children	57%	27%
Some adults living in the same household	5%	10%

40. Most often reported ZIP codes of worshipers:

85295	19%	23%
85298	16%	16%
85297	15%	13%
85234	9%	10%
85242	9%	5%

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

I give 10% or more of net income regularly	13%	5%
I give about 5% to 9% of net income regularly	36%	7%
I give less than 5% of net income regularly	32%	33%
I give a small amount whenever I am here	16%	48%
I do not contribute financially here	2%	7%

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

Less than \$10,000	1%	2%
\$10,000 to \$24,999	7%	4%
\$25,000 to \$49,999	14%	22%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	22%	9%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	24%	26%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	17%	20%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	7%	7%
\$150,000 or more	9%	9%



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

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Less than 6 years old	25%	13%
6 to 12 years old	39%	9%
13 to 18 years old	24%	11%
19 to 24 years old	8%	9%
25 years old or older	99%	98%

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

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Less than 6 years old	22%	15%
6 to 12 years old	38%	6%
13 to 18 years old	22%	8%
19 to 24 years old	5%	4%
25 years old or older	98%	100%

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

None	13%	31%
One	13%	13%
Two	31%	33%
Three	21%	15%
Four or more	22%	8%

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

None	39%	73%
One	18%	14%
Two	22%	12%
Three	14%	2%
Four or more	6%	0%



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Some Final Questions

47. Do you agree or disagree: "In the past year we have grown in unity and strength as a parish community"?		
Strongly agree	36%	13%
Agree	48%	50%
Neutral or unsure	15%	37%
Disagree	1%	0%
Strongly disagree	0%	0%
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?		
Participate more	34%	4%
About the same participation	43%	23%
Participate less	9%	9%
Not applicable (been coming less than 2 years)	14%	64%
49. Have this parish's leaders encouraged you to find and use your gifts and skills here?		
Yes, to a great extent	22%	11%
Yes, to some extent	37%	20%
Yes, to a small extent	22%	14%
Not at all	10%	23%
Don't know	9%	32%
50. How often do you experience the following during worship services at this congregation? (Always or Usually)		
A sense of God's presence	88%	90%
Inspiration	80%	77%
Boredom	7%	4%
Awe or mystery	38%	26%
Joy	83%	74%
Frustration	6%	2%
Spontaneity	27%	20%
A sense of fulfilling my obligation	88%	85%



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

Strongly agree	23%	13%
Agree	23%	13%
Neutral or unsure	19%	30%
Disagree	26%	36%
Strongly disagree	9%	9%

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

We need to get back to the way we did things in the past	5%	2%
We are faithfully maintaining past directions	23%	11%
We are currently deciding on new directions	17%	11%
We are currently moving in new directions	38%	23%
We need to rethink where we are heading	4%	2%
Our future is very unclear or doubtful	1%	0%
Don't know	12%	51%

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

1-5 minutes	11%	19%
6-10 minutes	30%	33%
11-15 minutes	34%	29%
16-20 minutes	16%	15%
21-30 minutes	8%	2%
More than 30 minutes	1%	2%

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

No conflict that I am aware of	67%	50%
Some minor conflict	12%	2%
Major conflict	1%	0%
Major conflict, with leaders or people leaving	<1%	2%
Don't know	20%	46%

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

Extremely important	33%	15%
Very important	35%	17%
Quite important	22%	35%
A little important	10%	30%
Not at all important	1%	2%



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56. To what extent does the pastor or pastoral leader here take into account the ideas of those who worship here?		
A great extent	49%	31%
Some extent	21%	15%
A small extent	1%	4%
Not at all	1%	0%
Don't know	28%	50%
There is currently no leader here	0%	0%
57. Which of the following is the best description of the style of leadership of your pastor, minister, or priest?		
Leadership that tends to take charge	11%	13%
Leadership that inspires people to take action	59%	34%
Leadership that acts on goals that people here have been involved in setting	16%	17%
Leadership where the people start most things	2%	0%
There is currently no leader here	<1%	0%
Don't know	11%	36%
58. Do you agree or disagree: "God is directly involved in worldly affairs"?		
Strongly agree	40%	26%
Agree	35%	53%
Neutral or unsure	20%	15%
Disagree	4%	4%
Strongly disagree	2%	2%
I don't believe in God	0%	0%
59. Do you agree or disagree: "God is angered by human sin"?		
Strongly agree	27%	19%
Agree	40%	40%
Neutral or unsure	15%	19%
Disagree	16%	17%
Strongly disagree	3%	4%
I don't believe in God	0%	2%
60. Which of the following terms best describes your current stand on theological issues?		
Very conservative	11%	10%
Conservative	47%	40%
Right in the middle	31%	38%
Liberal	8%	8%
Very liberal	2%	4%