



### You and Your Parish

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

- 1% This is my first time
- 1% Hardly ever or special occasions only
- 1% Less than once a month
- 1% Once a month
- 10% Two or three times a month
- 80% Usually every week
- 6% More than once a week

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

- 14% Less than 1 year
- 27% 1-2 years
- 43% 3-5 years
- 14% 6-10 years
- <1% 11-20 years
- <1% More than 20 years
- 1% 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?

- 87% Yes
- 3% No, but I'm in the process of becoming a member
- 7% No, but I regularly participate here
- 4% No

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

- 17% Yes, in adult faith formation programs or CCD classes
- 10% Yes, in other prayer, discussion, or Bible study groups
- 24% Yes, in clubs, social groups, or other types of groups
- 14% No, we have no group activities
- 48% 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.)

- 16% Yes, in outreach or evangelization activities
- 9% Yes, in community service, social justice, or advocacy activities of this parish
- 7% No, we don't have such activities
- 72% 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)
- 6% Sacramental (preparing children or adults for sacraments)
- 6% Education (teacher in parish programs or parish school)
- 6% Member of a leadership group (Parish Pastoral Council or Finance Council; parish fund-raising)
- 5% Leader of a group (prayer, discussion, Bible study, youth)
- 13% Other role not listed here
- 67% None

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

- 61% A great extent
- 30% Some extent
- 7% A small extent
- 3% 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)?

- 52% Every day or most days
- 20% A few times a week
- 5% Once a week
- 17% Occasionally
- 4% Hardly ever
- 2% Never



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

- 7% No real growth
- 49% Some growth
- 27% Much growth, mainly through this parish
- 4% Much growth, mainly through other groups or churches
- 12% Much growth, mainly through my own private activities

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

- 10% The Bible is the word of God, to be taken literally word for word
- 70% The Bible is the word of God, to be interpreted in the light of its historical context and the Church's teachings
- 14% The Bible is the word of God, to be interpreted in the light of its historical and cultural context
- 3% 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
- 0% The Bible is an ancient book with little value today
- 3% 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"?**

- 8% Strongly agree
- 31% Agree
- 25% Neutral or unsure
- 26% Disagree
- 10% Strongly disagree

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

- 33% Strongly agree
- 52% Agree
- 12% Neutral or unsure
- 3% 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
- 8% I do not talk about my faith; my life and actions are sufficient
- 10% I find it hard to talk about my faith in ordinary language
- 68% I mostly feel at ease talking about my faith and do so if it comes up
- 14% 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?**

- 44% Yes
- 33% No
- 22% 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.)**

- 26% Yes, social service or charity groups
- 2% Yes, advocacy, justice, or lobbying groups
- 73% 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?**

- 47% Yes, and I have done so in the past 12 months
- 41% Yes, but I have not done so in the past 12 months
- 8% No, probably not
- 1% No, definitely not
- 3% Don't know



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

- 26% Loaned money to someone outside your family
- 19% Cared for someone outside your family who was very sick
- 22% Helped someone outside your family find a job
- 48% Donated or prepared food for someone outside your family or parish
- 89% Will vote or did vote in the 2008 presidential election
- 79% Donated money to a charitable organization (other than this parish)
- 16% Worked with others to try to solve a community problem
- 14% Contacted an elected official about a public issue
- 12% Contributed money to a political party or candidate
- 4% Spoke at a decision-making meeting of this parish
- 3% 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)?**

- 20% Very satisfied
- 33% Satisfied
- 12% Mixed feelings
- 2% Dissatisfied
- 1% Very dissatisfied
- 32% Not sure or not applicable

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

- 25% No, I have little contact with others from this parish outside of activities here
- 23% 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
- 7% 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?**

- 11% I am not aware of such a vision, goals, or direction
- 7% There are ideas but no clear vision, goals, or direction
- 47% Yes, and I am strongly committed to them
- 29% Yes, and I am partly committed to them
- 6% 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?**

- 5% I have been given the opportunity and often participate in decision-making
- 11% I have been given the opportunity and occasionally get involved in decision-making
- 51% I have been given the opportunity but don't usually get involved in decision-making
- 28% I have not been given an opportunity to be involved and this is fine with me
- 4% 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?**

- 45% Yes, a strong sense of belonging that is growing
- 25% Yes, a strong sense--about the same as last year
- 6% Yes, but perhaps not as strong as in the past
- 9% No, but I am new here
- 5% No, and I wish I did by now
- 6% No, but I am happy as I am
- 3% 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.)**

- 46% Traditional hymns
- 21% Choruses or praise music
- 44% Contemporary hymns
- 22% Other contemporary music or songs (not hymns)
- 15% Sung responsorial psalms and other parts of the Mass
- 4% Classical music or chorales
- 2% Contemplative chants (Taizé, Iona)
- 8% Music or songs from a variety of cultures
- 6% Gospel music
- 1% No music or songs
- 4% 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"?**

- 69% Strongly agree
- 24% Agree
- 6% Neutral or unsure
- <1% Disagree
- 0% Strongly disagree
- 0% There is currently no leader here

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

- 13% Wider community care or social justice emphasis
- 7% Reaching those who do not attend church
- 23% Traditional style of worship or music
- 28% Contemporary style of worship or music
- 69% Celebrating the Eucharist or receiving Holy Communion
- 18% Social activities or meeting new people
- 48% Sermons or homilies
- 6% Bible study or prayer groups, other discussion groups
- 25% Ministry for children or youth
- 3% Prayer ministry for one another
- 9% Practical care for one another in times of need
- 3% The parish school or pre-school
- 8% Openness to social diversity
- 3% Adult faith education

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

- <1% No, I've come here for most or all of my life
- 5% No, before coming here I had not been going to church for several years
- 4% No, before coming here I had never regularly attended
- 91% 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.)**

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

**About You**

**28. Age of worshippers:**

- 3% 15-24
- 43% 25-44
- 37% 45-64
- 16% 65 and above

**29. Gender of worshippers:**

- 66% Female
- 34% Male

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

- 52% Employed or self-employed full-time
- 12% Employed or self-employed part-time
- 2% Unemployed
- 21% Retired
- 13% Full-time homemaker
- 3% Student
- 1% Other



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

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

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

- 6% Never married
- 69% In first marriage
- 14% Remarried after divorce
- 1% Remarried after death of spouse
- 1% Living in a committed relationship
- 0% Separated
- 4% Divorced
- 4% Widowed

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

- 46% Yes
- 54% No

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

- 4% Asian or Pacific Islander
- 1% Black or African American
- 12% Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin
- 1% Indian (American) or Alaska Native
- 83% White or Caucasian
- 1% Some other race

**35. Where were you born?**

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

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

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

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

- 94% In the United States
- 6% In another country

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

- 93% Yes
- 7% No

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

- 8% I live alone
- 30% A couple without children
- 4% One adult with child/children
- 53% Two or more adults with child/children
- 6% Some adults living in the same household

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

- 20% 85295
- 16% 85298
- 15% 85297
- 9% 85234
- 8% 85242
- 8% 85296
- 6% 85209
- 4% 85212
- 3% 85243
- 2% 85240

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

- 12% I give 10% or more of net income regularly
- 32% I give about 5% to 9% of net income regularly
- 32% I give less than 5% of net income regularly
- 20% I give a small amount whenever I am here
- 3% I do not contribute financially here



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

- 1% Less than \$10,000
- 7% \$10,000 to \$24,999
- 15% \$25,000 to \$49,999
- 20% \$50,000 to \$74,999
- 24% \$75,000 to \$99,999
- 17% \$100,000 to \$124,999
- 7% \$125,000 to \$149,999
- 9% \$150,000 or more

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

- 24% Less than 6 years old
- 35% 6 to 12 years old
- 22% 13 to 18 years old
- 8% 19 to 24 years old
- 99% 25 years old or older

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

- 22% Less than 6 years old
- 34% 6 to 12 years old
- 20% 13 to 18 years old
- 5% 19 to 24 years old
- 98% 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)**

- 15% None
- 13% One
- 31% Two
- 21% Three
- 20% Four or more

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

- 44% None
- 17% One
- 21% Two
- 13% Three
- 6% 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"?**

- 33% Strongly agree
- 48% Agree
- 18% Neutral or unsure
- 1% Disagree
- 0% 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?**

- 30% Participate more
- 41% About the same participation
- 9% Participate less
- 20% 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?**

- 21% Yes, to a great extent
- 35% Yes, to some extent
- 21% Yes, to a small extent
- 12% Not at all
- 12% Don't know

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

- 89% A sense of God's presence
- 80% Inspiration
- 7% Boredom
- 36% Awe or mystery
- 81% Joy
- 6% Frustration
- 26% Spontaneity
- 87% A sense of fulfilling my obligation

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

- 22% Strongly agree
- 22% Agree
- 21% Neutral or unsure
- 27% Disagree
- 9% Strongly disagree



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

- 5% We need to get back to the way we did things in the past
- 21% We are faithfully maintaining past directions
- 16% We are currently deciding on new directions
- 36% We are currently moving in new directions
- 4% We need to rethink where we are heading
- 1% Our future is very unclear or doubtful
- 16% Don't know

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

- 12% 1-5 minutes
- 30% 6-10 minutes
- 33% 11-15 minutes
- 16% 16-20 minutes
- 7% 21-30 minutes
- 2% More than 30 minutes

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

- 64% No conflict that I am aware of
- 11% Some minor conflict
- 1% Major conflict
- 1% Major conflict, with leaders or people leaving
- 24% Don't know

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

- 31% Extremely important
- 33% Very important
- 23% Quite important
- 12% A little important
- 1% 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?**

- 47% A great extent
- 20% Some extent
- 2% A small extent
- 1% Not at all
- 31% Don't know
- 0% 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?**

- 11% Leadership that tends to take charge
- 56% Leadership that inspires people to take action
- 16% Leadership that acts on goals that people here have been involved in setting
- 2% Leadership where the people start most things
- <1% There is currently no leader here
- 14% Don't know

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

- 38% Strongly agree
- 38% Agree
- 19% 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"?**

- 26% Strongly agree
- 40% Agree
- 15% Neutral or unsure
- 16% Disagree
- 3% Strongly disagree
- <1% I don't believe in God

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

- 11% Very conservative
- 46% Conservative
- 32% Right in the middle
- 8% Liberal
- 3% Very liberal