

Parishes Ministries Assessment

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. Your responses will help our parish ensure that the Catholic mission of Word, Worship, Community and Service continues in a vibrant way under the constraints of priest availability, demographics, and financial resources. Rate how well the parish provides each of these aspects of parish life using a scale of 1 to 5 (where 1 indicates "Not At All" and 5 indicates "Very Well"). If you do not understand a statement leave it blank. Put an "X" in the "Important" column for the 2-3 items that are most important to you and circle the 2-3 that need the most improvement.

WORD

Parishes that live the mission of Word, fulfill the mandate of Christ to proclaim the Good News and form disciples of all ages. Vibrant parishes offer opportunities for members of all ages to grow in their own faith, assist all the baptized in hearing and responding to God’s call in their lives, and reach out to those who feel marginalized, disaffected, or who have not yet heard the healing message of Christ. Ideally, a spirit of welcome and hospitality is a part of every encounter with the community and its members.

| | How Well Provided | | | | | Check the 2-3 that are the most important | |
|---|-------------------|---|---|---|-----------|---|--|
| | Not At All | | | | Very Well | | |
| Programs or activities are available to promote spiritual growth (Retreats, Missions, Bible Studies, Small Christian Communities) | Don't know | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
| Faith Formation opportunities are available for all age levels and cultures represented in the community | Don't know | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
| Faith Formation reaches out to and is accommodating of those with physical and mental challenges | Don't know | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
| Ministries are constantly adapting in ways that are inviting to children, youth and young adults | Don't know | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
| All events exhibit a spirit of welcome and invitation for those interested in becoming Catholic | Don't know | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
| Outreach is provided to non-practicing Catholics and the unchurched | Don't know | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
| New members of the parish are identified and welcomed | Don't know | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
| Newcomers are able to find what they are looking for (office, bathrooms, information, etc.) | Don't know | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
| The parish encourages vocations to the ordained & lay ecclesial ministries and consecrated life | Don't know | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
| Opportunities exist that support vocations to the Sacrament of Matrimony | Don't know | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
| (If applicable – if there is no school leave blank) The parish school serves the faith community and society by forming students to become active and caring members of the communities, cities and nation in which they live | Don't know | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |

Before you go to the next page, please circle the 2-3 that need the most improvement

WORSHIP

An engaging celebration of the Sacraments and effective formation for all who contribute to the sacramental life of the parish is necessary for the parish’s mission of Worship to be effective. Vibrant parishes have liturgical celebrations that invite participation by all members, each in their own way. Those preparing to receive the Sacraments are well instructed and connected to other people within the community to help on the journey of faith. Leaders who are a part of ministries of the parish are recognized, prepared, and commissioned for their roles.

| | How Well Provided | | | | | Check the 2-3 that are the most important | |
|--|-------------------|---|---|-----------|---|---|--|
| | Not At All | | | Very Well | | | |
| Masses are prayerful, reverent and spiritually moving | Don't know | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
| Masses strengthen my faith and prepare me to go out and live it | Don't know | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
| The interior environment of the church creates a good atmosphere for worship | Don't know | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
| The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is regularly scheduled at a variety of times and is clearly published in several places | Don't know | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
| There are communal opportunities for the Anointing of the Sick | Don't know | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
| Homilies are scripture based, inspirational and effectively delivered | Don't know | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
| The music ministry enhances the experience of worship with music that encourages full and active participation | Don't know | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
| The parish reaches out to those of appropriate ages and invites them into Sacramental Preparation | Don't know | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
| The parish creates an evangelizing baptism experience with hospitality from time of preparation through celebration of the sacrament | Don't know | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
| Parishioners are supportive of the RCIA process and are invited to assist catechumens (adults preparing for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) and candidates (adults already baptized who are preparing to become Catholic) on their journey of faith | Don't know | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
| Weddings are conducted with joy, optimism, personalization and a spirit of evangelization | Don't know | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
| Funerals are conducted with reverence, sensitivity, comfort, personalization and a spirit of evangelization | Don't know | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |

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SERVICE

Parishes that live their mission of Service, embody the model of Christ by actively providing for the needs of those who dwell in their boundaries and developing community relationships that are life giving and transformative. Vibrant parishes should collaborate with other Catholics, Christians, people of faith, and people of good will to reach out to those in need, in order that they know they are loved by God. They do so in a way that invites others to participate and take on leadership roles within the community.

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|---|--------------------------|---|---|---|------------------|--|
| | Not At All | | | | Very Well | |
| The mission of the parish is evident in all we do | Don't know | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| The parish is active in the community | Don't know | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Outreach/programs are offered for people with specific needs, (divorced, separated, single parents, seniors, etc.) | Don't know | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| The parish promotes respect for human life | Don't know | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Parishioners are encouraged to work for social justice | Don't know | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| The parish offers outreach to the poor, afflicted, lonely and refugees | Don't know | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| The parish cooperates with Catholic Charities and others in the community to meet local needs (food pantry, blood drives, etc.) | Don't know | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| The parish fosters outreach and care through common activity with neighboring parishes | Don't know | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| A relationship is nurtured with local leaders of other major world religions (Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism) | Don't know | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

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COMMUNITY

Parishes that live the gospel call to Community, show that followers of Christ come together in faith, love, and encouragement. Vibrant communities have members who know and support one another, unified even though diverse. They identify the giftedness of the members for the good of the mission of the Church. They communicate effectively with those who are present often or occasionally, and constantly seek to connect their message to people in new ways.

| Circle the 2-3 that need the most improvement | How Well Provided | | | | | Check the 2-3 that are the most important | |
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| | Not At All | | | | Very Well | | |
| A spirit of warmth and hospitality is exhibited in the parish | Don't know | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
| The parish exhibits sensitivity to religious diversity in families | Don't know | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
| An environment that values ethnic and cultural diversity is fostered in the parish | Don't know | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
| Efforts are made to discover parishioners' talents and invite their use in daily lives and parish ministries | Don't know | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
| Attention is paid to the spiritual and sacramental needs of the sick and homebound | Don't know | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
| Support is offered for families who have experienced death and other forms of loss | Don't know | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
| The parish makes good use of communication tools (print, digital, etc.) to keep parishioners and others informed | Don't know | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
| An increasing number of members support the parish through stewardship (sharing their time, talent and treasure) | Don't know | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
| Effective Leadership is provided by our Clergy, Staff and Lay Leaders | Don't know | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |

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Comments:

Because this survey will be used to compare data from different groups; it will be helpful if you would complete the questions below. Please put an "X" in the box next to your answer.

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| What is your relationship with the parish? | Regular attendee but not registered |
| | Registered parishioner |
| | Other |
| How active are you in the parish? (Check all that apply) | No involvement beyond attending Mass |
| | Attend some parish events beyond Mass but do not usually volunteer |
| | Member of staff, pastoral council, finance council, committee, liturgical ministry; catechist or regular volunteer |
| How attached do you feel to the parish? | Not at all attached |
| | Somewhat attached |
| | Very attached |
| How often do you attend Mass? | Never |
| | Only for special occasions |
| | Once a month |
| | About 2-3 times a week |
| | Once a week |
| | More than once a week |
| Race/Ethnicity | African American / Black |
| | Anglo / White / European |
| | Asian |
| | Hispanic / Latino |
| Gender | Female |
| | Male |
| Marital Status | Single and never married |
| | Married |
| | Separated |
| | Divorced |
| | Widowed |
| Age Category | 13-17 years |
| | 18-25 years |
| | 26-39 years |
| | 40-55 years |
| | 56-69 years |
| | 70 years and older |
| Preferred Language, if other than English: | |

Thank you for completing this survey.