

## **Parish Survey Final Analysis Report 1/13/2010**

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- Green represents the largest percentage or number
- Yellow represents the in between percentage or number
- Red represents the smallest percentage or number

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1.1 How long have you been a member of this local church?	10-20 years	70%		
2.2 How long does it usually take you to travel from home to church?	Within 15 Min of Church	92%		
3.3 On the average, about how many times have you attended church worship during the past year?	2 or more a month	85%		
4.4 In how many church organizations, committees, and groups do you hold membership?	None			47%
5.5 Has your involvement in the congregation increased, decreased, or remained the same?	Inc	22%	Dec	23%
				Same
				55%
<b>6. If your participation has INCREASED, which of the following are reasons for that? (check all that apply):</b>				
More time available	44%	Stronger faith	33%	Children
				26%
Accepted office or other new responsibility in the church				26%
More positive attitude toward the church	22%	Better health	5%	
<b>7. If your participation has DECREASED, which of the following are reasons for that? (check all that apply):</b>				
Less time available	49%	More negative attitude toward the church	33%	
Because of children	22%	Health problems	17%	
Given up office or other new responsibility in the church	6%	Decreased faith	4%	
8.6 Approximately how much does your family household contribute to your church per year?	1K - 1.5k	26%	Less	35%
				More
				45%
9.7 How many persons or families have you invited to visit or join the church in the past year?	None	55%	1 or More	45%
10.8 How many of your closest friends attend this church?	None	31%	1+	69%
<b>11. Listed below are a number of tasks that a local church is likely to perform.</b>				
9. Providing a caring ministry for the sick, shut-ins and the bereaved	6%	94%	0%	
1. Offering worship that provides a meaningful experience of God and the Christian tradition	9%	90%	1%	
10. Providing pastoral counseling to help members deal with personal problems	9%	90%	1%	
7. Engaging in acts of charity and service to persons in need	7%	89%	4%	
11. Providing fellowship opportunities for members	9%	89%	2%	
4. Providing Christian education programs for adults	10%	87%	2%	
13. Supporting the global mission of the church	2%	87%	10%	
3. Providing Christian education for children and youth	12%	87%	1%	
2. Providing worship that expresses the Gospel in contemporary language and forms	9%	87%	4%	
5. Helping members deepen their personal, spiritual relationship with God	13%	85%	2%	
12. Helping members understand their use of money, time and talents	11%	83%	6%	
6. Sharing the good news of the Gospel with the unchurched	15%	81%	4%	
15. Participating in activities and programs with other local religious groups	16%	80%	4%	
14. Helping members discover their own gifts for ministry and service	19%	79%	2%	
8. Encouraging members to act on the relationship of the Christian faith to social, political, and economic issues	8%	79%	13%	

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12. Overall, which ONE task does your congregation do best?														
1	7	3	2	5	13	9	8	11	4	14	10	12	15	6
37%	21%	10%	10%	6%	4%	3%	3%	2%	2%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
1. Offering worship that provides a meaningful experience of God and the Christian tradition														
7. Engaging in acts of charity and service to persons in need														
3. Providing Christian education for children and youth														
2. Providing worship that expresses the Gospel in contemporary language and forms														
13. For the sake of your own personal involvement in your congregation, which ONE task would you most like to see strengthened?														
14	5	15	2	1	3	12	11	4	7	10	8	6	9	13
14%	9%	9%	8%	7%	7%	7%	7%	6%	6%	6%	5%	3%	3%	1%
14. Helping members discover their own gifts														
5. Helping members deepen their personal, spiritual relationship with God														
15. Participating in activities and programs with other local religious groups														
2. Providing worship that expresses the Gospel in contemporary language and forms														
14. Every church must deal with certain organizational issues To what extent do you agree or disagree that each statement describes our parish												Agree	Dis.	?
11. Members help each other out in times of trouble												90%	4%	6%
5. Members are encouraged to discover their particular gifts for ministry and service												74%	20%	7%
7. Every member who is capable and interested has an equal opportunity to hold key leadership positions												65%	19%	16%
1. Members are well informed about what the various committees and groups in the church are doing.												65%	32%	3%
12. The current morale of our church membership is high												65%	25%	10%
6. Lay leaders are provided the training they need for their committee and task assignments												61%	9%	30%
2. The activities taking place in the parish are well publicized to the surrounding community												58%	27%	15%
3. Study of the needs of the parish and the community is regularly undertaken as the basis for church planning												57%	21%	22%
8. The theological and biblical implications of important decisions are regularly discussed												53%	22%	25%
13. There is a sense of excitement among members about our church's future												52%	32%	17%
9. Important decisions about the life of the church are rarely made without open discussion by church leaders and members												51%	26%	22%
4. Members and groups get a lot of support and encouragement for trying something new in the parish												50%	26%	24%
10. Disagreements and conflicts are dealt with openly rather than hushed up or hidden behind closed doors												31%	31%	38%
15. Please rate your agreement or disagreement with the following statements.												Agree	Dis.	SD
2. Being at this church has made a difference in my spiritual life.												89%	11%	1%
1. I have a strong sense of belonging to this congregation.												87%	13%	2%

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16. In your judgment how high or low a priority would you like each of the following to be for the pastor of this church?			
	High	Mod.	Low
16. Preparing and preaching inspiring sermons	92%	7%	1%
7. Planning and leading worship sensitive to the needs of the congregation	84%	14%	2%
8. Emphasizing the spiritual development of members	81%	18%	2%
12. Developing and supporting religious education programs for children and youth	65%	27%	8%
3. Directly involving laity in the planning and leadership of church prog. and events	63%	33%	4%
11. Pastoral counseling of members having personal, family and/or work related problems	61%	34%	5%
1. Providing administrative leadership for the congregation's ministry	58%	34%	8%
9. Visiting the sick, shut-in and bereaved	51%	39%	10%
2. Actively and visibly supporting the church's stewardship program	46%	47%	7%
13. Developing and leading adult education programs	44%	45%	11%
6. Holding social justice issues before members	38%	42%	20%
14. Supporting the world mission of the church	30%	47%	24%
5. Participating in local community activities, issues and problems	27%	53%	20%
4. Planning and leading a program of new member recruitment	18%	54%	28%
10. Visiting members at their homes	17%	38%	45%
15. Participating in denominational activities beyond the local church, that is, at the regional or national level	15%	45%	39%
17. In your judgment how high or low a priority would you like each of the following to be for the pastoral associate of this church?			
	High	Mod	Low
7. Emphasizing the spiritual development of members	77%	20%	3%
15. Preparing and preaching inspiring sermons	74%	16%	9%
6. Planning and leading worship sensitive to the needs of the congregation	74%	21%	5%
10. Pastoral counseling of members having personal, family and/or work related problems	68%	27%	5%
8. Visiting the sick, shut-in and bereaved	66%	28%	6%
11. Developing and supporting religious education programs for children and youth	64%	27%	8%
2. Directly involving laity in the planning and leadership of church prog. and events	63%	31%	5%
12. Developing and leading adult education programs	56%	36%	8%
1. Actively and visibly supporting the church's stewardship program	43%	46%	11%
3. Planning and leading a program of new member recruitment	31%	48%	20%
5. Holding social justice issues before members	35%	44%	21%
4. Participating in local community activities, issues and problems	30%	51%	19%
9. Visiting members at their homes	28%	38%	33%
13. Supporting the world mission of the church	25%	46%	29%
14. Participating in denominational activities beyond the local church, that is, at the regional or national level	18%	47%	36%
18. Please assess each of the following in terms of general condition and aesthetic appeal.			
	Ex.	Ade.	Poor
Worship space	84%	12%	4%
Fellowship space	60%	37%	3%
Office space	50%	48%	2%
Exterior and grounds	45%	44%	11%
Educational space	45%	47%	8%
Parking	44%	49%	7%

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<b>19. For you, personally, how important are each of the following in the mix of qualities that make a good worship service?</b>	More	Sat	Less
4. Attention given to sacraments	8%	90%	3%
1. Providing time for members to greet one another	4%	87%	9%
5. Lay participation in leading worship	7%	86%	7%
3. Providing worship that is intellectually challenging	15%	83%	2%
2. Providing worship that is emotionally moving	16%	82%	2%
6. Having parts of the worship especially for children	16%	80%	3%
8. Use of contemporary worship styles, music and language	12%	76%	12%
7. Use of new or unfamiliar hymns	7%	73%	20%
<b>20. Please identify to what extent you are satisfied with the following aspects of your church:</b>		Sat	Dis
2. The parish's worship service, other than the music		93%	7%
1. The music (choir, anthems, and instrumentals) during worship service		92%	8%
3. The way your spiritual needs are being met in the worship service		90%	10%
<b>21. If you could choose any time on Sunday morning, what time would you prefer for worship to start?</b>	< 9	9:00	> 9
	31%	29%	41%
<b>22. How satisfied are you with the following aspects of our christian Education program:</b>		Sat	Dis
3. Adult Program		92%	8%
1. Childrens Program (0 - 5th grade)		91%	9%
5. The times and days our programs are held.		90%	10%
4. Total number of people in our education programs.		88%	12%
6. The training provided our teachers.		88%	12%
2. Youth program (6th - 12th grade)		80%	20%
<b>23. In your judgment how high or low a priority would you like each of the following to be for the Christian Education program for children in this church (0 - 5th grade)?</b>	High/Mod	Low	No
2. Giving children the feeling that they are loved by God and the church	98%	1%	1%
3. Developing in children a sense that Christian love includes respect for and service to others	98%	2%	1%
4. Providing examples of what it means to be a Christian in today's world	97%	2%	1%
1. Teaching children about the Bible and the church	96%	3%	1%
5. Offering enjoyable fellowship activities	89%	10%	1%
6. Including the children in the worship service	82%	16%	2%
<b>24. In your judgment how high or low a priority would you like each of the following to be for the Christian Education program for youth of this church (grades 6 - 12)?</b>	High/Mod	Low	No
3. Programming that involves youth in serving others	98%	2%	0%
2. Educational programming that helps youth clarify values and beliefs	98%	1%	0%
4. Providing fellowship opportunities for youth to have fun in Christian setting	93%	6%	1%
1. Educational programming that is biblically centered	90%	9%	1%
6. Including the youth in the worship service	87%	11%	2%
5. Youth choirs or other kinds of musical groups	75%	23%	2%

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25. Please identify how high or low a priority you like each of the following to be for the Christian Education program for adults of this church.			
	High/Mod	Low	No
2. Study and discussion groups dealing with contemporary issues, topics and problems	87%	11%	2%
1. Study groups dealing with the Bible and theology	86%	12%	1%
3. Prayer, meditation and spirituality groups	82%	17%	1%
10. Groups and classes that explore marriage, the family, and parenting issues	81%	17%	2%
7. Social concern groups for planning and working on projects directed at community or social issues/problems	74%	21%	4%
4. Support groups in which members share with each other at the level of feelings and personal experience	74%	23%	3%
5. Fellowship events or hobby groups	54%	40%	6%
6. Evangelistic outreach and visitation groups	49%	42%	9%
8. Recreation/Athletic activities	46%	41%	13%
9. Literary/culture groups	42%	46%	12%
26. If you were going to attend the adult education programs, which THREE of the following are the BEST times for you?			
	Wkd P	Sat A	Sun P
	86%	56%	54%
27. If you were going to attend the adult education programs, which THREE of the following are the WORST times for you?			
	Wkd A	P	Retr.
	73%	70%	64%
28. In your judgment how high or low a priority would you like each of the following to be for the way the parish could be involved with community and social issues?			
	>Prior	<Prior	
1. Providing or supporting social services for persons in need	95%	5%	
2. Providing meeting rooms in the church for community groups working on various issues and problems	68%	32%	
4. Calling attention to social, community and world issues from the pulpit and in study groups	62%	38%	
6. Helping organize or support disadvantaged groups to pursue their own causes	59%	41%	
3. Encouraging the pastor to use a portion of his time working with community and social action groups	52%	48%	
5. Organizing social issue advocacy or action groups	48%	52%	
7. Lobbying and petitioning corporate and government officials on peace and justice issues	41%	59%	
29. If the parish were able to raise significantly more money than currently budgeted, how high a priority would you give to the following uses of that money?			
	>Prior	<Prior	
7. Increase budget for educational and program materials and resources	74%	26%	
1. Increased support to our denomination	70%	30%	
2. Increased support for community social service programs	70%	30%	
4. Increase current staff salaries	64%	35%	
8. Begin an endowment or add to an existing one	55%	45%	
3. Increased support for world missions	44%	55%	
5. Hire additional staff	41%	59%	
9. Increase evangelistic efforts and advertising	28%	72%	
6. Renovate, enlarge or add to current facilities	22%	78%	

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<b>30. In thinking about the many possible ways that the church could use to share the Gospel and to recruit new members for the church, rate the priority of each of the following efforts.</b>				
1. The use of a church web site			83%	17%
2. Developing church programs especially targeted at unchurched persons in your community			73%	26%
<b>31. Please rate your agreement or disagreement with the following belief statements.</b>				
		Agree	Unsure	Dis.
1. Social justice is at the heart of the Gospel		67%	25%	7%
2. It is often difficult to live out my faith in daily work, leisure and community life.		39%	14%	47%
<b>32. In thinking about what ORIGINALLY attracted you to this congregation, select from the list below those reasons that best match your reasons for coming. You may select more than one.</b>				
		Origin.		Now
I am Catholic		73%		69%
The worship style		51%		58%
The church's reputation		46%		41%
St. Mary Parish School		37%		25%
The Pastor		36%		47%
The music program		16%		28%
My friends are here		15%		36%
Child and youth program		11%		11%
The social outreach		9%		24%
Adult education program		4%		13%
The self-help groups		2%		4%
<b>Background Information about yourself.</b>				
34. Gender?	Male	34%	Fem	66%
35. Age?	< 35	3%	> =35	97%
36. Racial/Ethnic Background?	Cauc	98%	Other	2%
37. Marital Status?	Single	7%	Married	81%
			Div/Wid	12%
38. Children At Home			0 - 5	21%
			6-12	23%
			13-18	20%
			> 19	15%
39. No children living at home				29%
Do not have children				10%
Which best describes your current household?		No Child	53%	Child
				47%
40. What is your highest level of formal education?		High School or less	11%	College
				89%
41. Are you?	Retired	33%	Emp	63%
			Unemp	4%
42. If currently employed, presently job-hunting or retired, what is/was your occupation?			Prof	62%
			Clerical	11%
			Sales	8%
43. Are you self-employed or an independent business person?			Yes	11%
44. If married, is your spouse employed?			Yes	64%
45. What is your household income range?	>= 100 K	37%	< 100k	63%
46. How many years have you lived in this general area?	> 10 y	86%	< 10 y	14%