



2024 Parish Survey PERCENTAGE REPORT

Liturgy

Which Mass at St. John the Baptist do you most frequently attend?

36% Saturday, 5:00 p.m.

45% Sunday, 8:00 a.m.

19% Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

Over the course of a four-weekend month, how often do you regularly attend Mass?

89% All 4 weekends

7% 3 weekends

1% 2 weekends

1% 1 weekend

0% Seasonally (Christmas, Easter, etc.)

0% Only when Religious Education is in session

3% I no longer attend Mass

Do you regularly attend Holy Days of Obligation?

79% Yes

21% No

Do you like the Holy Day Schedule of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.?

79% Yes

21% No

Do you regularly attend 8 a.m. daily Mass?

21% Yes

79% No

If yes, would you like to see the Mass time return to 7 a.m. (pre-Covid time)?

21% Yes

79% No

If you do not attend daily Mass, what would get you to start coming?

11% Earlier time

20% Evening Mass

69% Nothing right now would make a difference

Do you regularly attend the Saturday 5 p.m. vigil Mass?

36% Yes

64% No

If yes, would you like to see the Mass time change to an earlier time (4 p.m.)?

43% Yes

57% No

Would you be more likely to attend if the vigil Mass was at 4 p.m.?

34% Yes

66% No

Please indicate how well the following liturgical ministers currently enhance your prayer and worship.

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Needs Improvement</u>
Cantors	41%	48%	8%	3%
Choir	38%	36%	17%	10%
Ushers	67%	32%	1%	0%
Altar Servers	61%	35%	2%	2%
Lectors	60%	38%	1%	1%
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	61%	35%	3%	2%
Celebrants	73%	24%	2%	1%

With our sound system, can you hear the priest adequately?

11% Needs to be louder

88% It's fine

1% Needs to be quieter

With our sound system, can you hear the lector adequately?

13% Needs to be louder

87% It's fine

0% Needs to be quieter

With our sound system, can you hear the choir adequately?

10% Needs to be louder

85% It's fine

5% Needs to be quieter

Would you like to see one of our weekend Masses streamed to our website?

50% Yes

50% No

How do you feel about the length of the homily?

1% Too long

3% Too short

96% Just right

The music at the Mass I attend enhances my prayer and worship.

24% Strongly agree
38% Agree
28% Neutral
9% Disagree
1% Strongly Disagree

One specific thing that would make the music at Mass better is to:

Top responses were:

Improve/change song selection (36)
Size/makeup of choir (18)

Do you feel welcome when you attend liturgy at St. John the Baptist?

97% Yes **3%** No

Do you feel spiritually fed after attending our Masses?

94% Yes **6%** No

One specific thing that would make Mass better is to:

Top responses were:

Suggestions for Liturgy (14)
Satisfied/No Changes (14)

Do you have any suggestions to help enhance our weekend liturgies?

Top responses were:

No Suggestions (18)
More reverence (10)

Adult Faith Formation

(Adult Faith Formation includes programs such as Symbolon, Bible studies, small faith-sharing groups, retreats, or other parish-sponsored activities that enhance one's faith and knowledge of Catholic Church teaching.)

If you have attended an Adult Faith Formation program at St. John the Baptist, was it a good experience?

75% Yes
25% No

If you haven't attended an Adult Faith Formation program at St. John the Baptist, would you consider attending one in the future?

67% Yes
33% No

If you would like to attend an Adult Faith Formation program, which of the following topics most interest you?

(Multiple responses allowed)

66% Church Teachings
60% Scriptures/Bible Study
41% Small Faith-Sharing Groups
67% Practical Ways of Growing in Faith and Prayer

If you would like to attend an Adult Faith Formation program, would you prefer a:

85% Short commitment (6-8 weeks)
15% Ongoing commitment

Are you more likely to attend if the program was offered seasonally?

32% Fall/Advent
55% Spring/Lent
13% Summer

Are you more likely to attend if an Adult Formation opportunity was:

41% During the Morning
18% During the Afternoon
40% During the Evening

Do you believe you know what the parish offers on a regular basis?

73% Yes **27%** No

One specific thing that would make me attend a faith formation group is:

Top responses were:

Topic (17)
Time (13)

Do you have any suggestions to help enhance our Adult Faith Formation?

Top responses were:

Time offered (12)
No suggestion (12)

Parish Religious Education (Pre-K - 9)

Please answer the questions in the shaded area only if your child/children are currently enrolled in our Parish Religious Education program.

How would you rate the quality of instruction that our students receive in our Parish Religious Education program?

29% Excellent
50% Good
18% Adequate
4% Fair
0% Poor

Do you feel that the instruction provided by our Parish Religious Education program is consistent with the teachings of the Catholic Church?

74% Yes
0% No
6% Somewhat
19% Unsure

My child(ren) is/are growing in their knowledge of the Catholic faith as a result of their attendance at our Parish Religious Education classes at St. John the Baptist.

22% Strongly agree
43% Agree
30% Neutral
4% Disagree
0% Strongly Disagree

My child(ren) is/are growing in their ability to live and share their faith as a result of their attendance at our Parish Religious Education classes at St. John the Baptist.

9% Strongly agree
55% Agree
32% Neutral
0% Disagree
5% Strongly Disagree

What do you like most about our Parish Religious Education program?

(Multiple responses allowed)

56% Catechists
40% The connection with other parish families
28% The curriculum
48% Meeting times
36% Priestly involvement

How do you think we can improve our Parish Religious Education program?

(Multiple responses allowed)

30% Get the parents more involved
15% Change the time
22% More training and support for the teachers
19% Improve the curriculum
30% More priestly involvement
30% Unsure
22% Other

Parish Life

In your experience, how responsive is our Pastor, Fr. Naill, to your needs and requests?

72% Very responsive
9% Somewhat responsive
17% Neutral
2% Unresponsive
0% Very unresponsive
25% Have not interacted with Fr. Naill (The above percentages were recalculated without the "Have not interacted..." responses included so the percentage totals equal 100%)

In your experience, how responsive is the Parish Office Staff to your needs and requests?

81% Very responsive
9% Somewhat responsive
8% Neutral
1% Unresponsive
1% Very unresponsive
11% Have not interacted with Parish Office Staff (The above percentages were recalculated without the "Have not interacted..." responses included so the percentage totals equal 100%)

What methods of communication work best for you and your family to receive parish information?

(Multiple responses allowed)

82% Bulletin
38% Web site
17% Facebook
61% Email
33% Newsletter
25% Mail
39% Flocknote
72% Announcements at Mass

Do you visit our parish's website?

57% Yes **43%** No

Should the parish offer more "FUN"raisers as opportunities for parishioners to come together?

83% Yes **17%** No

Should the parish offer more "FUND"raisers as a way of helping our parish meet our financial needs?

78% Yes **22%** No

Would you like to see a Lenten retreat offered?

62% Yes **38%** No

Do you have any suggestions to help enhance parish life?

Top responses were:

Ministries/events (7)

Retreats (6)

Stewardship

What is your perception of Stewardship (Time, Talent, and Treasure) when it is discussed?

60% Accept it as a core Gospel value and carry it out in my life

8% Don't really understand what it means

28% Think it's important, but find it hard to implement

2% Feel it's not applicable in my life

2% Feel that it's just another way to discuss fundraising

Stewardship of Time

How often does your family share a meal?

69% Daily

18% Several days a week

2% Once a week

11% Less than once a week

Do you say grace before every meal?

59% Yes **41%** No

If you have children at home, how often do you pray with them (in addition to grace before meals)?

30% Daily

26% Weekly

19% Monthly

26% Never

If you are married, how often do you pray with your spouse (in addition to grace before meals)?

23% Daily

16% Weekly

4% Monthly

57% Never

In addition to Sunday Mass and grace before meals, how often do you set aside time for personal prayer?

82% Daily

10% Weekly

4% Monthly

5% Never

If you have children, do you discuss vocations (Religious Life, Single Life, Married Life) within your family?

60% Yes **40%** No

Would you like an opportunity during the week to pray the Liturgy of the Hours (the official prayer of the Church)?

45% Yes **55%** No

Do you live your life conscious that Heaven is your destiny?

96% Yes **4%** No

How can the parish help you to pray more?

Top responses were

Faith Formation (11)

Adoration (10)

What is the one thing you could do to enhance your spiritual life?

Top responses were:

Prayer (16)

Formation (7)

What is the one thing the parish could do to help you enhance your spiritual life?

Top responses were:

No suggestion (8)

Adoration/confession (7)

Faith Formation (7)

Does our parish inspire you to be a better Christian and to share the joy of Christ with others? Rate 1-5

(1 being not really and 5 being very much)

2% 1

6% 2

26% 3

24% 4

42% 5

How likely is it that you would recommend our parish to someone? Rate 1-5

(1 being not really and 5 being very much)

4% 1

3% 2

10% 3

16% 4

67% 5

Stewardship of Talent

In how many parish ministries, committees, programs or events are you actively involved?

26% 0

26% 1

21% 2

14% 3

13% 4 or more

Beyond participating in weekly Masses, how do you rate your involvement in St. John the Baptist?

9% Very involved

25% Moderately involved

37% Somewhat involved

25% Rarely involved

5% Never involved

What single reason (if any) has most prevented you from more participation in parish ministries?

6% Not interested in what the parish offers

24% Health issues

13% Usually unaware of opportunities within the parish

41% Not enough time due to family and work responsibilities

3% Transportation

11% Haven't yet made the effort to get involved

1% Lack of babysitting services

Are you satisfied with your PERSONAL level of involvement in parish ministries?

70% Satisfied with my current level of involvement

30% Would like to become more involved

Are you satisfied with your FAMILY'S level of involvement in parish ministries?

75% Satisfied with current level of involvement

25% Would like to become more involved

44% Not applicable (The above percentages were recalculated without the "Not applicable" responses included so the percentage totals equal 100%)

At what times would you most likely be able to attend parish events, prayer, series?

	<u>No</u>	<u>Maybe</u>	<u>Yes</u>
Saturday Morning	48%	36%	16%
Saturday After Mass	45%	37%	18%
Sunday between Masses	32%	36%	33%
Sunday after 11 am Mass	47%	28%	25%
Weekday Mornings	43%	28%	29%
Weekday afternoons	45%	38%	17%
Weekday evenings	25%	43%	32%

Stewardship of Treasure

Each parishioner is responsible for supporting our parish financially.

51% Strongly agree

39% Agree

6% Neutral

3% Disagree

1% Strongly disagree

How often do you make financial contributions to St. John the Baptist?

- 58%** Every week
- 3%** Every other week
- 13%** Once a month
- 21%** Monthly (for all the weeks in the month)
- 5%** Never

How do you determine the amount you contribute in the offertory collection?

- 19%** I give a certain dollar amount based on a percentage of my income.
- 58%** I have chosen a certain dollar amount in some other way.
- 2%** I base the amount on what I think the parish needs.
- 7%** I give whatever I can afford that week.
- 11%** I don't have a system that determines how much I give.
- 4%** I don't financially support the parish.

What is your perception of our parish's current financial position?

- 17%** We are easily able to pay our operating bills and put aside money in savings.
- 28%** We are easily able to pay our operating bills.
- 8%** We barely generate enough revenue to pay our operating bills.
- 1%** We are not generating enough revenue to pay our operating bills.
- 46%** I am unaware of the state of our parish finances.

If you are not currently making contributions electronically, what is the primary reason you don't make them?

- 10%** I am unable to use a computer
- 7%** I don't trust internet-based monetary transactions
- 84%** I prefer not to use electronic contributions

Would like to see more financial reporting throughout the year in addition to the regular year end?

- 57%** Yes
- 43%** No

Do you have any suggestions regarding embracing

stewardship as a way of life?

Top responses were:

- No suggestion (10)
- Make it beneficial (7)

Demographics

Gender

- 26%** Male
- 74%** Female

Marital Status

- 9%** Single
- 66%** Married
- 15%** Widowed
- 10%** Divorced
- 0%** Separated

Age (**more than one box was checked if husband and wife completed the survey together**)

- 6%** 18-29
- 2%** 30-39
- 11%** 40-49
- 15%** 50-59
- 21%** 60-69
- 47%** 70+

How long have you been a registered parishioner at St. John the Baptist?

- 13%** 0 - 1 year
- 10%** 2-3 years
- 1%** 4-5 years
- 8%** 6-10 years
- 67%** More than 10 years

General Information

The things I like best about St. John the Baptist Catholic Church are...

Top responses were:

Clergy/staff (49)

Parishioner/Community (48)

Building and Environment (38)

I wish St. John the Baptist would...

Top responses were:

Suggestions for Clergy (12)

Suggestions for Ministries (8)

Suggestions for Mass (7)

What is your satisfaction level with the parish? Rate 1-5

(1 being not very satisfied and 5 being highly satisfied)

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>Average Rating</u>
Christ-centered parish	3%	2%	10%	22%	63%	4.4
Engaging homilies	2%	3%	6%	22%	66%	4.5
Holy and reverent worship experience	4%	4%	7%	27%	58%	4.3
Dynamic and lively worship experiences	1%	5%	22%	33%	39%	4.0
Uplifting music	5%	9%	28%	33%	26%	3.7
Feeling of warmth and welcome	2%	4%	8%	25%	61%	4.4
Joy and excitement in parishioners	4%	3%	15%	38%	39%	4.1
Engaging Religious Education	0%	11%	20%	46%	22%	3.8
Inspiring adult faith formation	4%	10%	31%	37%	18%	3.6
Service oriented parish serving the needy	3%	6%	28%	33%	30%	3.8
Beautiful architecture and grounds	1%	2%	9%	33%	55%	4.4
Fun social gatherings	5%	8%	25%	36%	26%	3.6

Why would or wouldn't you recommend the parish to someone?

Top responses were:

Yes - Fr. Naill (18)

Yes - Welcoming Community (16)

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