

Disciple Maker Index Survey Report (Part 2)

for



This past December (2024), our parish took part in a 75-question survey administered by the Catholic Leadership Institute. The purpose of this survey was to give us a deeper perspective on four factors of a thriving parish which include:

- Spiritual Practices
- Missionary Impulse
- Sunday Experience
- Leadership Indicators

PART 2 FOCUS: MISSIONARY IMPULSE

In this report, we will focus on the specific questions related to frequency of missionary impulse. These include inviting someone to parish activities, Mass, or to priesthood/religious life. It also included frequency of answering someone's spiritual questions, volunteering to serve someone, sharing the story of Jesus or your personal witness, praying with someone, and attending parish social events.

366

RESPONDENTS

366 people took this survey, which is a good sample size both in respect to our number of registered families (896) and our average Sunday Mass attendance (~462 over a weekend).



RELIABLE DATA

The Catholic Leadership Institute considers anything over 10% of average Sunday Mass attendance as statistically significant.

Notre Dame Parish's Current Missionary Impulse

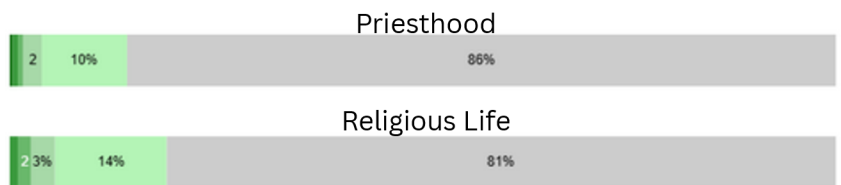
In viewing the results of the survey, we were able to see where we can help you grow in your missionary impulse over the past year and where we are seeing spiritual fruits.

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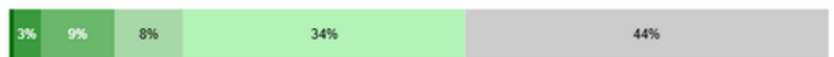
- Daily
- Weekly
- Monthly
- Quarterly
- Once or Twice a Year
- Never
- Group Daily, Weekly & Monthly



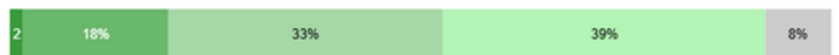
How often have you invited someone to priesthood/religious life?



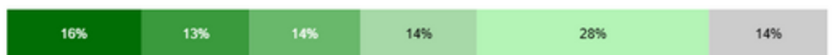
How often have you shared your personal witness story with another person?



How often did you participate in, or attend, a parish social event?



How often did you pray with another person outside of Mass?





Invited Someone to Priesthood/Religious Life

We believe that the Lord has called each one of us to a particular vocation, a way to serve the Church and achieve salvation. One of the ways that this calling is made known is through one-on-one invitation. Ask someone to consider priesthood/religious life today.

Want to know more about vocations?

Are you interested in learning more about a specific vocation, either to invite people to, or for your own discernment process? Use the QR code to take a look at the different vocations in the Archdiocese of Dubuque. If you'd like to be connected with someone in the specific vocation to ask questions to, please contact the Parish Office and we can get you connected.



Shared Personal Story

Everyone has had their own unique experience of faith, both good and bad. Our experiences of faith can help encourage, inform, and support others in their faith journey.

You never know if your story is exactly what someone needs to hear.

Sharing Your Faith Story:

First figure out how God has worked in your life. We can experience God all of the time. Our "faith story" could be the first time you "met" God, or how God has been working in your life today or when you least expected it. You can share your faith story by using the following outline:

- Before I met God...
- When I met God...
- Since I met God...

How Can Catholics Share Their Faith? - Part 1
Chris Stefanick Show



Participating in Parish Social Events

We have a very active parish with various social activities and events! Social events build community in the Body of Christ.

How can we grow?

Here is a list of action steps you can take:

- Invite someone to a parish social event
- Introduce yourself to someone you don't know at Mass
- Volunteer to help at a parish social event
- Join the Family Ministry Committee, become a chairperson of a Circle, volunteer at the Fair Stand, or just come to a social event.

Here is a link to our parish calendar:



Prayed with Someone

It was great to see this level of spiritual support for one another! The fruit of your prayer with others helps provide healing, peace, joy, love, etc. in both the person you are praying with and yourself.

How can we grow?

Five steps in praying with someone:

- 1) Identify what you're going to pray for.
- 2) Praise God
- 3) State the intention.
- 4) Open it up to additional thoughts/prayers.
- 5) Conclude with the Lord's Prayer or the Hail Mary

Bonus Points: Invite them to do this with someone else later that week.

Keep your own prayer life going!
Don't Feel Like Praying? Try This
Ascension Presents - Jackie and Bobby Angel



"One of my most important responsibilities as a parent is helping my child(ren) to know Jesus."

Notre Dame Parish Results:



As a staff, we were encouraged to see that over half of those who responded to this question strongly agree that the parents are the primary educators of the Catholic faith to their children, with Cornerstone and Notre Dame Catholic School being used as supplements to this important role.

Legend

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neither Agree nor Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Though we do offer these supplemental resources, this does not replace the individual attention your child(ren) receives at home. If you are looking for resources, activities, and other ways to incorporate our faith at home, please feel free to reach out to the parish office



***Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children. They bear witness to this responsibility first by creating a home where tenderness, forgiveness, respect, fidelity, and disinterested service are the rule.
(Catechism Paragraph 2223)***