

Disciple Maker Index Survey Report (Part 3)

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 3 FOCUS: SUNDAY EXPERIENCE

In this report, we will focus on the specific questions related to the Sunday experience at Mass. These include how welcoming we are as a community, if we have grown in our faith during the Mass, how well our music deepens the participation in the Mass, and how well the preaching helps us grow in our faith.

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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).



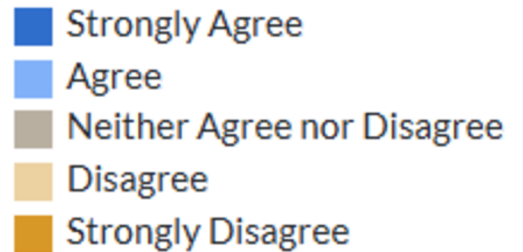
RELIABLE DATA

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

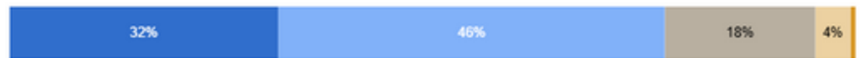
Notre Dame Parish's Current Sunday Experience

The Sunday Experience of coming together as a community is not entertainment, but worship of God and fellowship with one another. Here are some items that you indicated were beneficial to our Sunday worship, and some ways we can grow.

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Offering music that deepens my desire to participate more fully in the Sunday liturgy



Making me feel welcomed and accepted



Preaching and homilies that connect my faith with my everyday life



Offering vibrant and engaging Sunday Masses





Music

Even though this category had the most room to grow, it is one of only four in this focus. Our results were higher than the Archdiocesan average for this category, as well as parishes of similar size.

We would like to thank in a special way our directors, accompanists, cantors, choirs, and all those who enhance our liturgies with their musical gifts and talents.

We can still grow!

All Catholics are called to full, active, and conscious participation in each part of the Liturgy, regardless of skill level. When you engage with the songs, the prayers, etc. it will draw you deeper into the mystery and experience. It will help you feel even closer to God and members of the community. As Saint Augustine said, "When you sing, you pray twice."

If you'd like to share your musical talent, or if you'd like to join the Liturgy Committee, scan the QR code.



Hospitality

Although we are doing well with making people feel welcomed and accepted, there is still plenty of room for growth to make sure our parish is a place where everyone can worship together. We would like everyone to know they are beloved, they have a place here, and they belong.

We would like to thank in a special way our ushers, greeters, sacristans, and all volunteers who make our worship space beautiful and welcoming.

We can still grow!

Be mindful of those around you. A simple gesture makes a lasting impression. If there's someone you don't know, welcome them and get to know their name. As Saint Thérèse of Lisieux said, "Remember that nothing is small in the eyes of God. Do all that you do with love."

Do you have the gift of Hospitality? There are many different ways to use this gift in our parish. Scan the QR code for some of the options



Homilies

The homily is an explanation of the mysteries we are celebrating and addressing the needs of the people. Our survey shows that this is a strength in our parish community.

How can we grow?

To deepen and enrich your faith life, take time each day to reflect on and pray with the Sunday Scripture readings. Doing so will help you more clearly recognize the connections and central themes shared by the Liturgy and the Sunday readings.

Another way to grow in your knowledge of Scripture and historical connections, attend Bible Study with Duane Heit on Wednesdays in the Parish Office at 8:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Use the QR code to see what this weekend's readings are.



Sunday Mass

It was encouraging to see so many people who strongly agreed that our Sunday Masses are vibrant and engaging. Thank you to all who have volunteered in all of the liturgical roles. We are grateful for the time and talent you have shared with our community.

How can we grow?

- Bring a friend with you to Mass. Everyone of any age is always welcome.
- Our parish is blessed with so many families faithfully attending each weekend. Invite another family to attend with you.
- Continue to remember your own full, active, and conscious participation by welcoming, singing, responding, praying, and listening.

The Veil Removed

A short film that reveals the coming together of heaven and earth at Mass, as seen by saints and mystics, revealed by scripture and in the catechism of the Catholic Church.



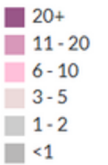
Survey Demographics

Get to know your parish!

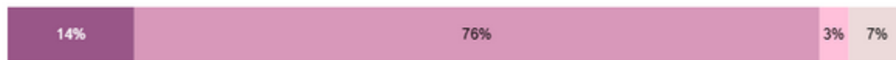
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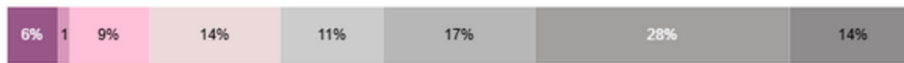
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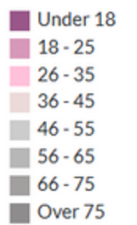
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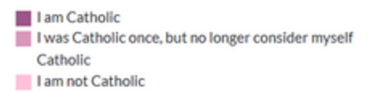
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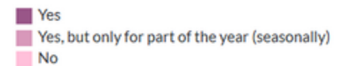
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ND is your primary place of worship



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Do you have school age children?



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Education Choice



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