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Executive Summary

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Major findings can be summarized as follows:

Characteristics of Respondents and Participation in the Parish

- In calendar year 2021, the average age of valid respondents to the in-pew survey at St. Ignatius Parish is 60. Half are 60 or younger.
- CARA divides parishioners into these three age groups: ages 16 to 35 (6%), ages 36 to 64 (51%), and ages 65 and older (43%).
- Respondents were invited to write in their gender and current marital status. Two in three (68%) respondents to the survey are female and 32% are male.
- Fifty-six percent say they are currently married or remarried. Some 31% identify as single (including those in a serious relationship), 6% are divorced or separated, and 7% are widowed. Twenty-four percent report having at least one child or stepchild under age 18 living with them, with an additional 11% living with a child or stepchild over age 18.
- Asked to select the *one* Mass time they usually attend at the parish, respondents were particularly likely to say they usually attend the 11 am Sunday – Solemn Mass (34%), followed by the 11 am Sunday – Family (16%), the 9:30 am Sunday (12%), 5:30 am Saturday (10%), 7:30 pm Sunday (10%), and 8 am Sunday (8%) Masses. Finally, 10% of those who responded to the survey do not regularly attend Mass at the parish.
- Forty-five percent report being involved with at least one ministry or activity at the parish besides Mass. Some 55% are not involved with any.

Assessment of Parish Life and Needs

- St. Ignatius respondents are particularly likely to report being attracted to the parish “very much” by the following: its identity as a Jesuit parish (76%), the quality of the liturgy (74%), the quality of the music (73%), its open, welcoming spirit (66%), the sense of belonging they feel there (59%), and its commitment to social justice/peace (55%).
- More than six in ten (63%) “strongly” agree that they are made to feel welcome at the parish, with another 29% agreeing “somewhat” that they do.
- When asked how much priority the parish should place on six ministries and programs, more than half listed these formation-related programs as a “high” priority: children’s religious education/formation (70%), youth ministry (62%), opportunities for parishioners to learn more about contemporary issues within the Church (55%), and adult faith formation (54%). In addition, more than half say “high” priority should be given to social activities to build community (53%).
- Half (50%) “strongly” agree with the Mission Statement the parish adopted in 2019, with another 43% “somewhat” agreeing. As almost half did not respond to the question, however, more communication about the statement might be needed.
- About two in five “strongly” agree that the parish accompanies young people in the creation of a hope-filled future (37%), with another 49% “somewhat” agreeing it does.
- Responding parishioners are particularly likely to say the following are “very” effective ways of communicating parish news to them: weekly e-newsletters (64%), printed weekly bulletins (53%), and the announcements read at Mass (47%). In a related finding, when asked to identify what social media platform they use most frequently, the three most frequently identified are Facebook (48%), Instagram (44%), and Twitter (10%).
- When asked how they would prefer that the parish bring its Covid-19 experience closer to God, respondents are particularly likely to identify a Mass of Thanksgiving and Remembrance (49%) and a Morning of Recollection and Discernment (26%) as preferences.

Stewardship and Leadership

- A third “strongly” agree that they would volunteer more for the parish if they knew its needs (34%), with an additional 49% “somewhat” agreeing they would. Those ages 64 and younger are especially likely to “strongly” agree they would.
- Six in ten (61%) “strongly” agree that there should be more opportunities for women to use their gifts, skills, service and leadership at the parish. An additional third (32%) “somewhat” agree there should more such opportunities.

- Less than one in five (18%) agree “strongly” that they are aware of how the parish spends its money, with an additional 40% “somewhat” agreeing that they are.
- Among those *not* already doing so, 13% “strongly” agree they are interested in the option of giving to the parish every month with an electronic fund transfer. An additional 28% “somewhat” agree they are interested.

Worship

- Asked how satisfied they are with six different areas of weekend Masses, more than half say they are “very” satisfied with all six: cantors or song leaders (84%), music (80%), readers/lectors (70%), homilies (64%), joyfulness of the worship experience (64%), and the sound clarity during Mass (57%).
- More than half (56%) agree “strongly” that options for virtual Mass (weekdays and Sunday Solemn) should continue, with an additional 32% “somewhat” agreeing they should.
- More than two in five (43%) “strongly” agree that there should be more opportunities for Masses for teens. Nearly half (47%) “somewhat” agree there should be.
- Three in ten (29%) say the parish should give “high” priority to opportunities for devotions such as rosaries and Eucharistic Adoration, with another 41% giving such opportunities “medium” priority.
- Among all respondents, just over one in five (22%) “strongly” agree that Family Mass should periodically join Solemn Mass in the upstairs church. That is consistent with percentages “strongly” agreeing who identify the Family Mass (25%) and Solemn Mass (19%) as the Mass they usually attend.

Social Justice

- More than half (54%) “strongly” agree that St. Ignatius Parish encourages parishioners to walk together with those in need, the outcasts of the world, and those whose dignity has been violated.
- Concerning their priorities for social justice efforts, respondents were asked to choose their top two priorities. Those chosen most frequently are working with organizations that advocate on issues aligned with Catholic social teaching (46%), supporting organizations that empower those in need with skills necessary for employment and a stable life (39%), and supporting organizations that provide direct service to those in need (38%).

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Introduction

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Interpreting This Report

Most of the questions in this survey use four-point response scales (i.e., “not at all,” “only a little,” “somewhat,” “very much”; or “strongly disagree,” “somewhat disagree,” “somewhat agree,” “strongly agree”). These scales allow respondents to choose between two relatively “negative” choices (e.g., “not at all” and “only a little,”) and two relatively “positive” choices (e.g., “somewhat” and “very much”). In parts of the analysis in this report, these responses are combined to allow for clearer comparisons. However, as sometimes examining the most positive response distinguishes important contrasts in level of support, those responses are presented separately.

In addition, readers may also wish to compare the difference between the two extreme responses, say “poor” and “excellent,” to compare the level of intensity with which opposing opinions are held. These comparisons and others may be drawn by referring to the actual percentage responses given in Appendix I. That appendix shows the percentage responses for each item, calculated out of 100%, as well as the percentage of all respondents that did not respond to each question, separately calculated out of 100% for clarity of comparison.

¹ Strictly speaking, it is necessary to know the total population (in this case, the total number of adult parishioners) to calculate margin of error. CARA's standard assumption for its in-pew parish surveys is that about half of parishioners are represented. For obvious reasons, those who are represented in a given in-pew survey are disproportionately more frequent Mass attenders.

In addition to summarizing the responses to most questions for respondents as a whole, the report also compares the responses of those from selected subgroups. The first two sections of the report describe the characteristics of the respondents as well as the subgroups that are used in the analyses that follow. Throughout the report, the tables and charts that compare differences between and among these various subgroups are presented following the responses for parishioners as a whole in each section.

The margin of error for *differences between subgroups*, such as the differences among those of different generations or those with different levels of involvement, depends on the size of the subgroups being compared. Unless otherwise noted, all subgroup differences described in the graphs of this report are statistically significant: that is, they pass standard tests of statistical inference and can be considered to be “real” differences. In some instances, differences between or among subgroups that are not statistically significant are also noted. These differences should be treated as merely suggestive of real differences that may exist between the subgroups under consideration.

CARA regularly conducts parish surveys through its Parish Life Surveys. Parish Life Surveys are a series of dynamic survey instruments for pastoral planning, including survey data collection, analyses of key stakeholders and demographic groups, and user-friendly reports and products. From the aggregate data collected through the Parish Life Survey services over the past 20 years, CARA has a database of characteristics of parish life gathered from more than 1,000 parishes nationwide. While this database is not a random sample of parishes, and therefore not necessarily representative of all parishes nationwide, it is the most comprehensive source of data of its kind and covers a broad range of topics important to vibrant parish life.

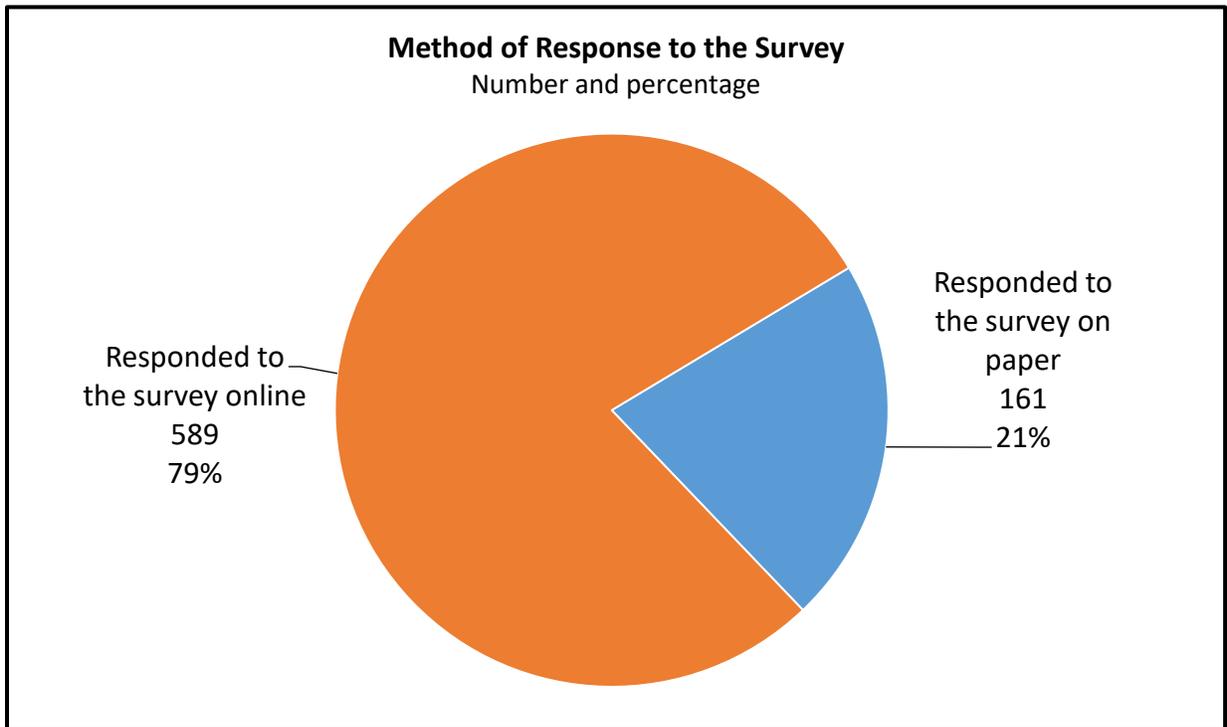
In this report, where possible, results from St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish’s current Parish Life Survey are compared to the aggregate responses from the Parish Life Survey National Database of Parish Life to put the parish results into a larger national context. Additionally, where available, comparisons are made to findings from a 2012 study of Catholics in-pew at 23 parishes across the country. Finally, comparisons are made to findings from CARA’s nationally representative surveys of adult self-identified Catholics conducted since 2012. For all of these comparisons, only differences of 10 percentage points or more are treated as meaningful.

In addition to the quantitative data analyzed in this report, one open-ended question on the survey collected qualitative data. For these data, respondents were prompted with a question and given an open box for written comments, rather than select from a set of response options. As the parish has opted to analyze these comments, no analysis is presented in this report.

The results of this survey fairly represent the characteristics and attitudes of people ages 16 or older who attend Mass at St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish. It cannot be used to make inferences about populations outside of Mass attendees at the parish; it is not representative of those who do not attend Mass or those who are only involved in parish functions excluding Mass.

Method of Response

Among the 750 valid responses, 79% responded to the survey online and 21% responded in-pew.



Section I: Demographic Characteristics of Respondents

This section of the report includes demographic and other descriptive data for the 750 valid respondents to this survey. These data may be helpful in considering who responded to the survey, which populations are represented in the data, and characteristics of those attending Mass on a typical weekend at the parish.

Age

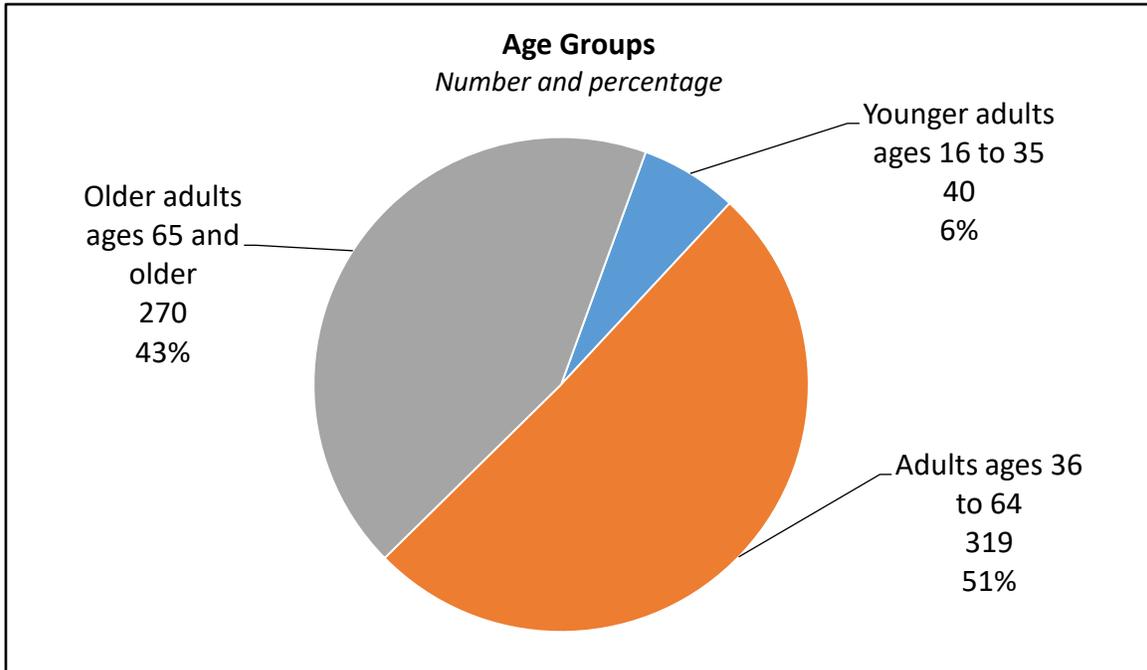
Responding parishioners were asked to write in their year of birth.² On average, they report being 60 years old during 2021, with 57 the most commonly reported age (4%). Half are ages 60 and younger.

Age in 2021		
<i>Number and percentage responding</i>		
	#	%
19 or younger	2	<1
20-29	14	2
30-39	58	9
40-49	85	14
50-59	143	23
60-69	128	20
70-79	137	22
80-89	59	9
90 or older	2	1

² Sixteen percent did not write in a year of birth.

Age Groups

Important differences between groups in parishes are typically found among those who belong to different age groups. CARA divides Catholics into the three age groups presented in the figure below. The most common age group among St. Ignatius respondents is those ages 36 to 64 (51%).³



These three age groups will be used for comparisons throughout the rest of the report.

³ Sixteen percent did not write in a year of birth for this question.

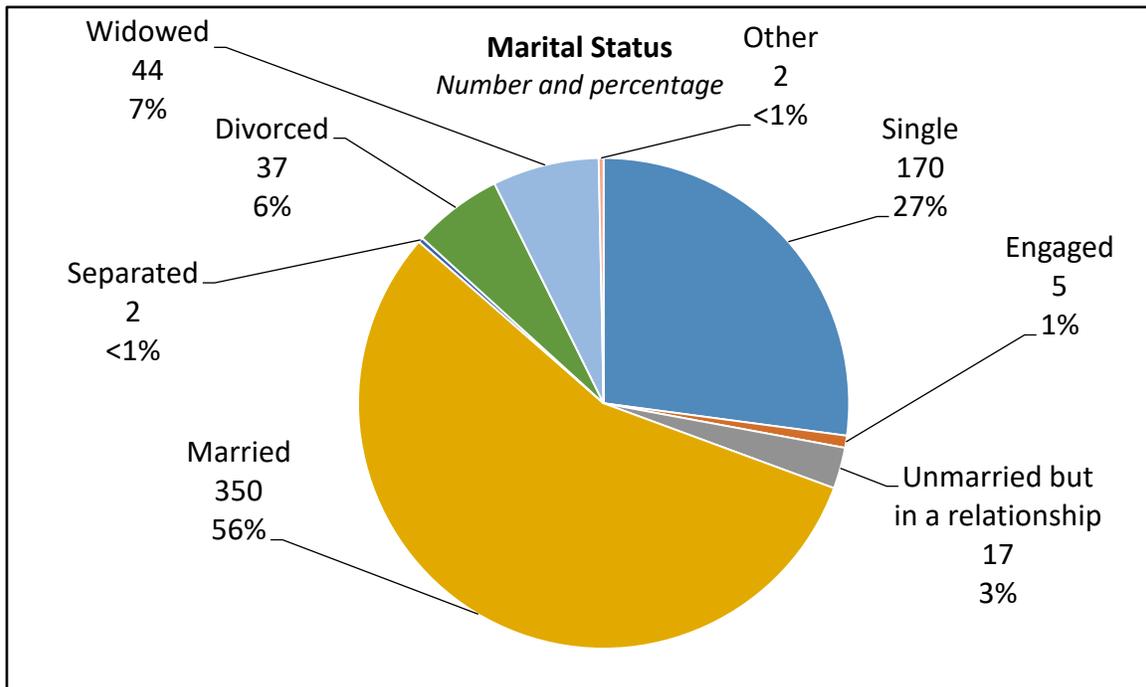
Gender and Marital Status

Respondents were invited to write in their gender. The great majority wrote in a variant on female/F (68%) and male/M/masculine (32%), with one writing in the qualifier “(Cisgender).” Fifteen percent did not write in a response. The percentages at St. Ignatius are similar to Catholics nationally in pew (64%) but higher than the percentage of self-identified Catholics nationally identifying as female (51%).

	St. Ignatius	Catholics In Pew Nationally*	Catholics Nationally**
	%	%	%
Female	68	64	51
Male	32	36	49

*Source: CARA’s 2012 Emerging Models study
**Source: CARA’s 2012 Media Use study

Respondents were also invited to write in their current marital status, with 16% declining to do so. CARA grouped their responses into the categories below, with married (56%) and single (27%) the most common responses.



The two responses categorized as “other” were “very stable” and “religious sister.”

Comparison to Catholics Nationally

As marital status was asked about in a fill-in-the blank format on the St. Ignatius survey, comparison with national data with standard responses is imprecise.⁴ The percentage married or remarried (56%) at St. Ignatius Parish is less than the percentage among Catholics in-pew nationally (70%) and the percentage among Catholics nationally (62%).

Marital Status, Compared to Catholics Nationally			
<i>Percentage responding</i>			
	St. Ignatius	Catholics In Pew Nationally*	Catholics Nationally**
Marital Status	%	%	%
Single or never married***	31	15	24
Married or remarried	56	70	62
Divorced or separated	6	8	9
Widowed	7	7	5

**Source: CARA's 2012 Emerging Models study*
***Source: CARA's 2012 Media Use study*
****The Catholics Nationally study includes those responding "living with a partner," who are included in the "never married" category here. Those categorized as single, engaged, unmarried but in a relationship are included for St. Ignatius.*

- Thirty-one percent have never married (or were identified as currently single), compared to about one in seven in-pew Catholics nationally (15%) and a quarter of adult Catholics nationally (24%).
- Some 6% are divorced or separated, compared to almost one in ten Catholics in pew and nationally (8% or 9%).
- Seven percent of St. Ignatius respondents have been widowed, compared to about one in 20 (5% to 7%) of those in pew and nationally.

⁴ As discussed in the Introduction, only differences of 10 percentage points or more are treated as meaningful.

Differences by Age Groups

Female respondents are similar among the age groups. Marital status also differs some by age group, with those ages 16 to 35 most likely to be single (60%)’ those ages 36 to 64 most likely to be married or remarried (64%), and those ages 65 and older most likely to be widowed (14%).

Gender and Marital Status, by Age Groups			
<i>Percentage responding</i>			
	Ages 16 to 35	Ages 36 to 64	Ages 65 and Older
	%	%	%
<i>Gender</i>			
Female	70	66	68
Male	30	34	32
<i>Marital Status</i>			
Single or never married	60	28	29
Married or remarried	40	64	50
Divorced or separated	0	6	7
Widowed	0	2	14

Differences by Gender

Male respondents are relatively more likely to be married than female respondents.

Marital Status, by Gender		
<i>Percentage responding</i>		
	Female	Male
	%	%
Single or never married	33	27
Married or remarried	51	67
Divorced or separated	7	5
Widowed	9	2

Children in the Household

Respondents report having from zero to six of their children or stepchildren living with them. Some 30% of respondents have at least one child of any age (including stepchildren) living with them. Twenty-four percent have at least one child under age 18 living with them.

Children or Stepchildren Living in Household	
<i>Percentage responding</i>	
	%
No children	70
One child	12
Two children	12
Three or more children	6
Ages 12 or younger	16
Ages 13 to 17	10
Ages 18 or older	11

In at least some households two parents may have responded to these questions. Respondents report 201 children or stepchildren ages 12 and younger living with them, 104 children or stepchildren ages 13 to 17 living with them, and 117 children or stepchildren ages 18 and older living with them.

Where relevant throughout the rest of the report, comparisons are made among those who have children under 18 living with them and others:

- Has a child or stepchild under age 18 living with them (176 respondents or 24%)
- Does not have a child or stepchild under age 18 living with them (574 respondents or 76%)

Most Frequently Used Social Media Platforms

Survey respondents were asked to write in the social media platform they use most frequently. Fifty-four percent (402 respondents) did not write in a response to the question. Others wrote in more than one response. Among the 345 who did respond, Facebook (48%), Instagram (44%), and Twitter (10%) are the most common responses.

<i>If any, what social media platform do you use most frequently?</i>		
<i>Number and percentage responding</i>		
	#	%
Facebook	164	48
Instagram	150	44
Twitter	34	10
LinkedIn	14	4
Email	11	3
YouTube	9	3
None	22	6
All others	11	3

*The percentages do not equal 100%
because some wrote in more than
one platform.*

Among those grouped as “other” above, the most common responses are the Internet and Snapchat.

Differences by Age Groups

Those belonging to the three age groups differ in their choice of social media platforms.

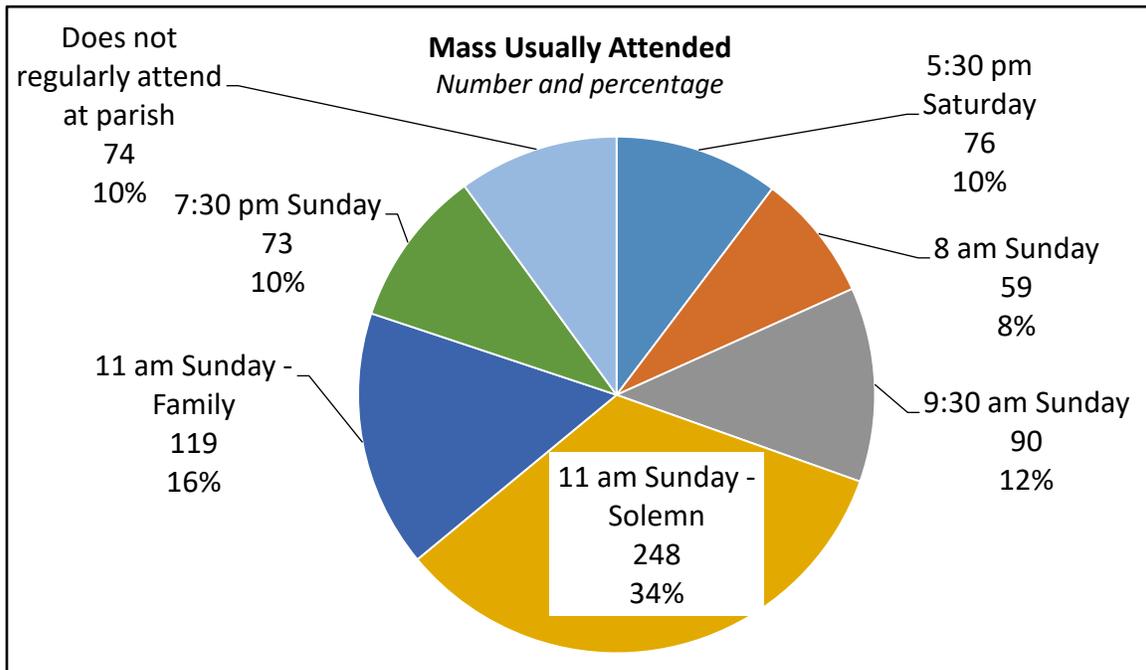
- Those ages 35 and younger are most likely to report using Instagram (77%), Facebook (13%), Twitter (7%), and none (7%).
- Adults ages 36 to 64 are most likely to report using these platforms: Instagram (50%), Facebook (48%), Twitter (18%), and none (3%).
- Respondents ages 65 and older are most likely to report using Facebook (58%), Instagram (18%), none (12%), email (7%), and Twitter (4%).

Section II: Religious Characteristics of Respondents

This part of the report describes several characteristics of the 750 valid respondents to the survey that relate to their religious attributes and parish-related behaviors.

Mass Usually Attended

Respondents were asked to select the *one* Mass time they usually attend at the parish. Respondents were particularly likely to say they usually attend the 11 am Sunday – Solemn Mass (34%), followed by the 11 am Sunday – Family Mass (16%). About one in ten each say they usually attend the 9:30 am Sunday (12%), 5:30 am Saturday (10%), 7:30 pm Sunday (10%), and 8 am Sunday (8%) Masses. Finally, 10% do not regularly attend Mass at the parish.



Where relevant throughout the rest of the report, comparisons are made among those who identified the various Masses as their usual Mass.

Differences by Age Groups

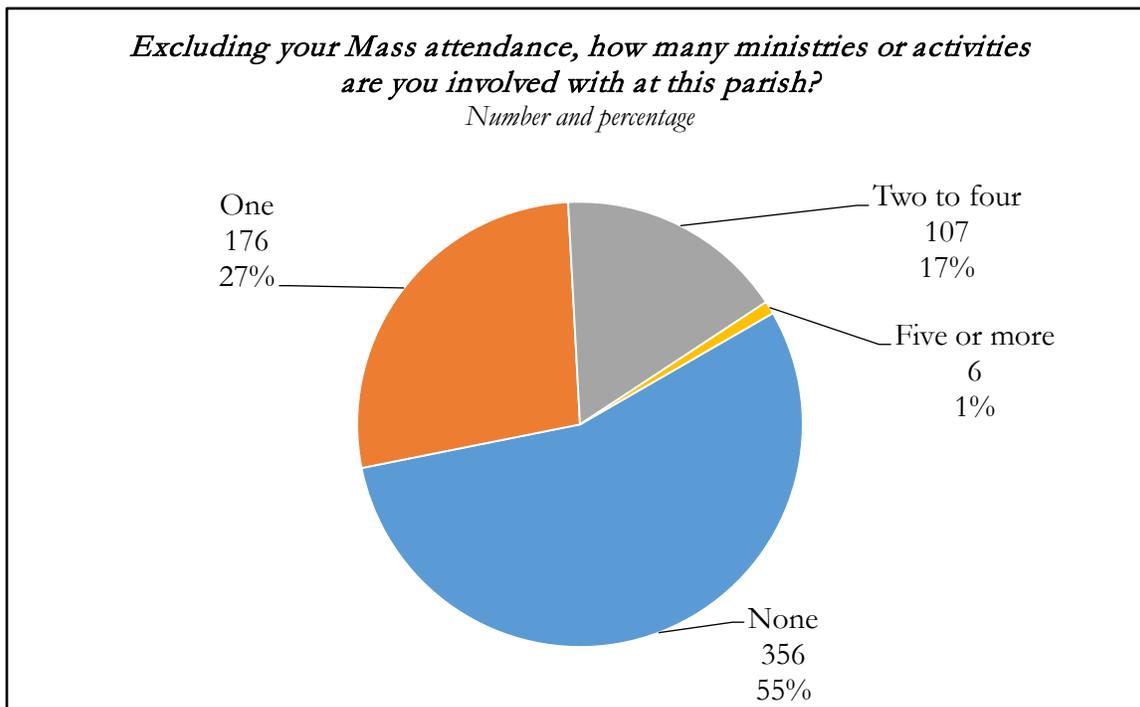
When asked to identify the one Mass they usually attend, the 11 am Sunday – Solemn Mass is the most frequent response for all three age groups (28% to 36%).

Mass Usually Attended, by Age Groups			
<i>Percentage responding</i>			
	Ages 16 to 35	Ages 36 to 64	Ages 65 and Older
	%	%	%
5:30 pm Saturday	8	10	10
8 am Sunday	0	6	8
9:30 am Sunday	15	11	12
11 am Sunday – Solemn	32	28	36
11 am Sunday – Family	18	25	16
7:30 pm Sunday	20	12	10
I do not regularly attend Mass at the parish	8	9	8

- Those ages 35 and younger are most likely to identify the 11 am Sunday – Solemn (32%), 7:30 pm Sunday (20%), 11 am Sunday – Family (18%), and 9:30 am Sunday (15%) Masses as the ones they usually attend.
- Respondents ages 36 to 64 are most likely to identify these as the Masses they usually attend: 11 am Sunday – Solemn (28%), 11 am Sunday – Family (25%), and 7:30 pm Sunday (12%).
- Those ages 65 and older are most likely to identify the 11 am Sunday – Solemn (36%), 11 am Sunday – Family (16%), and 9:30 am Sunday (12%) Masses as those they attend usually.

Ministry and Activity Participation

Forty-five percent report being involved with at least one ministry or activity at the parish. Some 55% are not involved with any.



In the remainder of this report comparison is made between two groups of respondents according to their involvement in parish activities:

- Those not involved in any parish ministries or activities (356 respondents or 55%)
- Those involved in at least one parish ministry or activity (289 respondents or 45%)

Differences by Gender

Female respondents (48%) are more likely than male ones (38%) to be involved with at least one ministry or activity at the parish.

Comparison to Parishes Nationally

St. Ignatius respondents (45%) are slightly less likely to report being involved with at least one ministry or activity at the parish as those parishes CARA has worked with in the past (50%).

Number of Ministries or Activities Involved With		
	St. Ignatius	Parishes Nationally*
	%	%
None	55	50
One	27	23
Two to four	17	22
Five or more	1	3

**Source: Cumulative average from parishes conducting CARA Parish Life Surveys*

- Eighteen percent of St. Ignatius respondents are involved in two or more ministries or activities, compared to 25% of those at parishes nationally.
- Fifty-five percent at St. Ignatius are not involved with any parish ministries or activities, compared to half of those at parishes nationally.

Differences by Age Groups

Those ages 35 and younger (72%) are most likely to report not being involved in any ministries or activities at the parish besides Mass. About two in ten of those who are ages 36 to 64 (18%) or ages 65 and older (21%) are involved with two or more.

Number of Ministries and Activities Involved with, by Age Groups			
<i>Percentage responding</i>			
	Ages 16 to 35	Ages 36 to 64	Ages 65 and Older
	%	%	%
None	72	54	54
One	25	28	25
Two to four	3	18	19
Five or more	0	0	2

Section III: Assessment of Parish Life and Needs

Overall, the results of the St. Ignatius Parish Life Survey are very positive. Ten particular areas were addressed in the survey instrument. These areas are featured in this section of the report, though readers are advised to consult the response frequencies in Appendix I of this document for response rates and other pertinent information about these data. The areas of parish life addressed are:

- Attitudes about Parish Life
- Satisfaction with Areas of Weekend Masses
- Attitudes about Parish Worship
- Effectiveness of Ways of Communicating Parish News
- Elements that Attract to the Parish
- Priority for Ministries and Programs
- Attitudes about Stewardship
- Top Priorities for Social Justice Efforts
- Preferences for Bringing their Covid-19 Experience Closer to God
- Suggestions to Help Guide the Planning Process

Attitudes about Parish Life

Respondents were asked how much they agree with different statements about parish life. They were offered these four options to respond: “strongly” disagree, “somewhat” disagree, “somewhat” agree, and “strongly” agree. The first column of numbers in the table below shows the combined percentage responding “somewhat” or “strongly” agree. The final column displays the percentage “strongly” agreeing with a statement.⁵

More than four in five respondents agree (“somewhat” and “strongly” combined) with each of the statements in the table below. They are especially likely to agree with the statements concerning ecological issues, women’s roles in the parish, feeling welcomed, and serving those in need.⁶

Please respond to the following about parish life		
<i>Percentage responding</i>		
	“Somewhat” or “Strongly” Agree Combined %	“Strongly” Agree Only %
Catholics have an obligation to care for the natural environment	94	70
This parish shows reverence to God in the wonder of creation	94	66
There should be more opportunities for women to use their gifts, skills, service and leadership at the parish	93	61
I am made to feel welcome at this parish	92	63
This parish encourages us to walk together with those in need, the outcasts of the world, and those whose dignity has been violated	91	54
This parish accompanies young people in the creation of a hope-filled future	86	37
There should be opportunities for parishioners to share reflections in parish communications	82	32
Our parish needs a plan for how to conserve natural resources	81	43

⁵ Comparisons to national findings are not possible as these questions have not been asked at least ten other parishes in the past.

⁶ With one exception, non-response rates for this section range from 10% to 17%. The one exception is the 32% non-response rate for this statement: “This parish accompanies young people in the creation of a hope-filled future.”

Concerning the statements related to ecology, about two in three “agree” strongly that Catholics have an obligation to care for the natural environment (70%) and that the parish shows reverence to God in the wonder of creation (66%). Just over four in ten agree as strongly that the parish needs a plan for how to conserve natural resources (43%).

- About six in ten agree “strongly” that they are made to feel welcome at the parish (63%) and that there should be more opportunities for women to use their gifts, skills, service and leadership at the parish (61%).
- More than half (54%) “strongly” agree that the parish encourages parishioners to walk together with those in need, the outcasts of the world, and those whose dignity has been violated.
- Some 37% agree “strongly” that the parish accompanies young people in the creation of a hope-filled future.
- A third “strongly” agree that there should be opportunities for parishioners to share reflections in parish communications (32%).

Differences by Gender

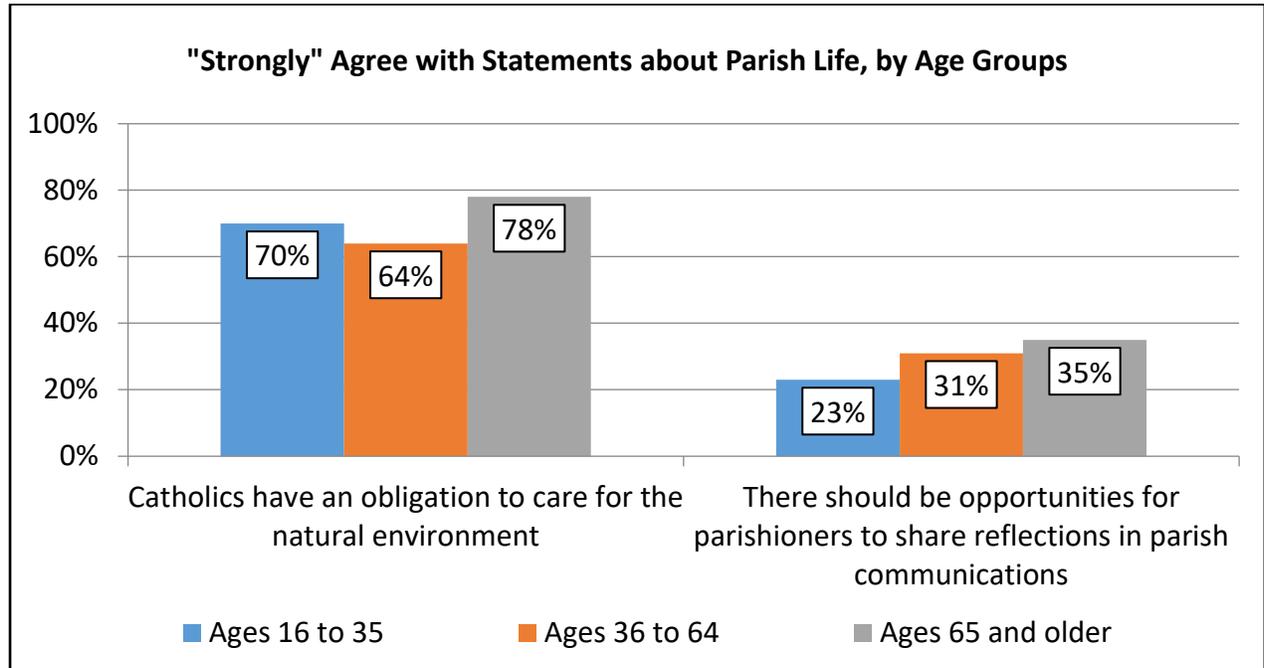
Concerning the statement: “There should be more opportunities for women to use their gifts, skills, service and leadership at the parish,” the response differences between men and women are *not* statistically significant.

Differences by Presence of Children under 18 in the Household

There are *no* significant differences between those who do (35%) and do not have children or stepchildren living with them (39%) in the proportion who “strongly” agree that the parish accompanies young people in the creation of a hope-filled future.

Differences by Age Groups

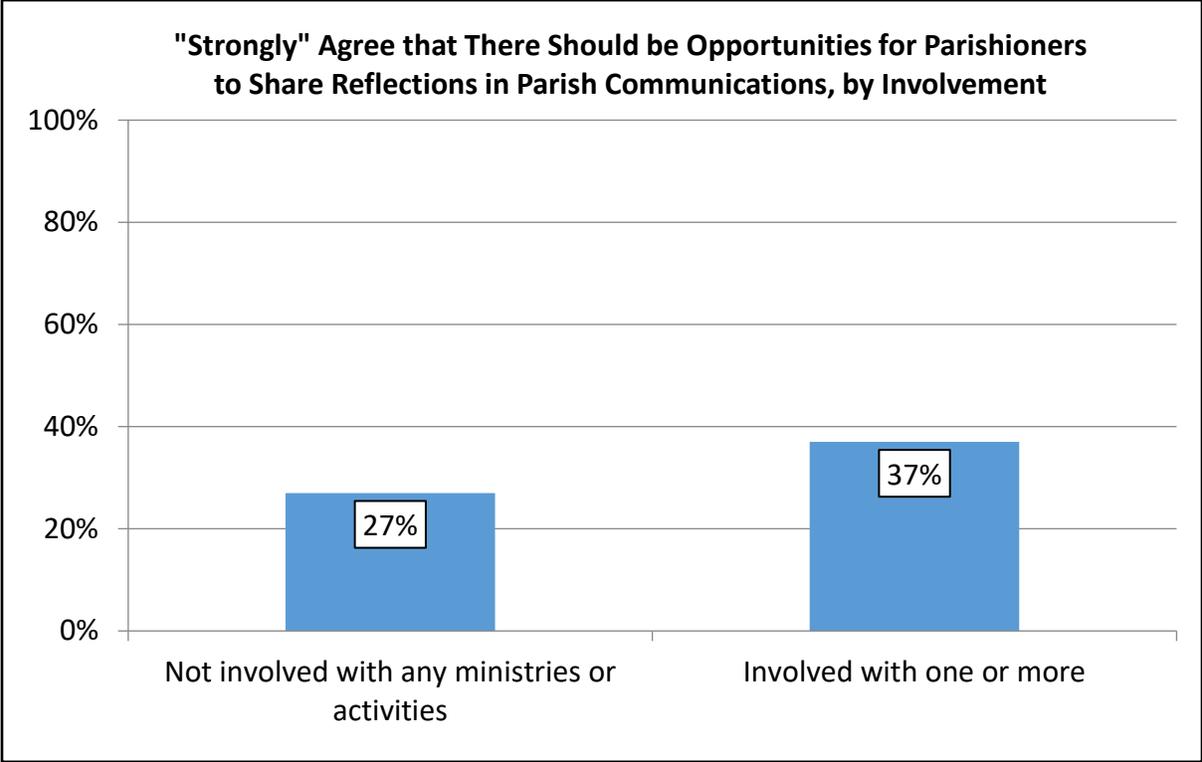
Those ages 65 and older are most likely to “strongly” agree that Catholics have an obligation to care for the natural environment.



In addition, the older the age group, the more likely its members are to “strongly” agree that there should be opportunities for parishioners to share reflections in parish communications.

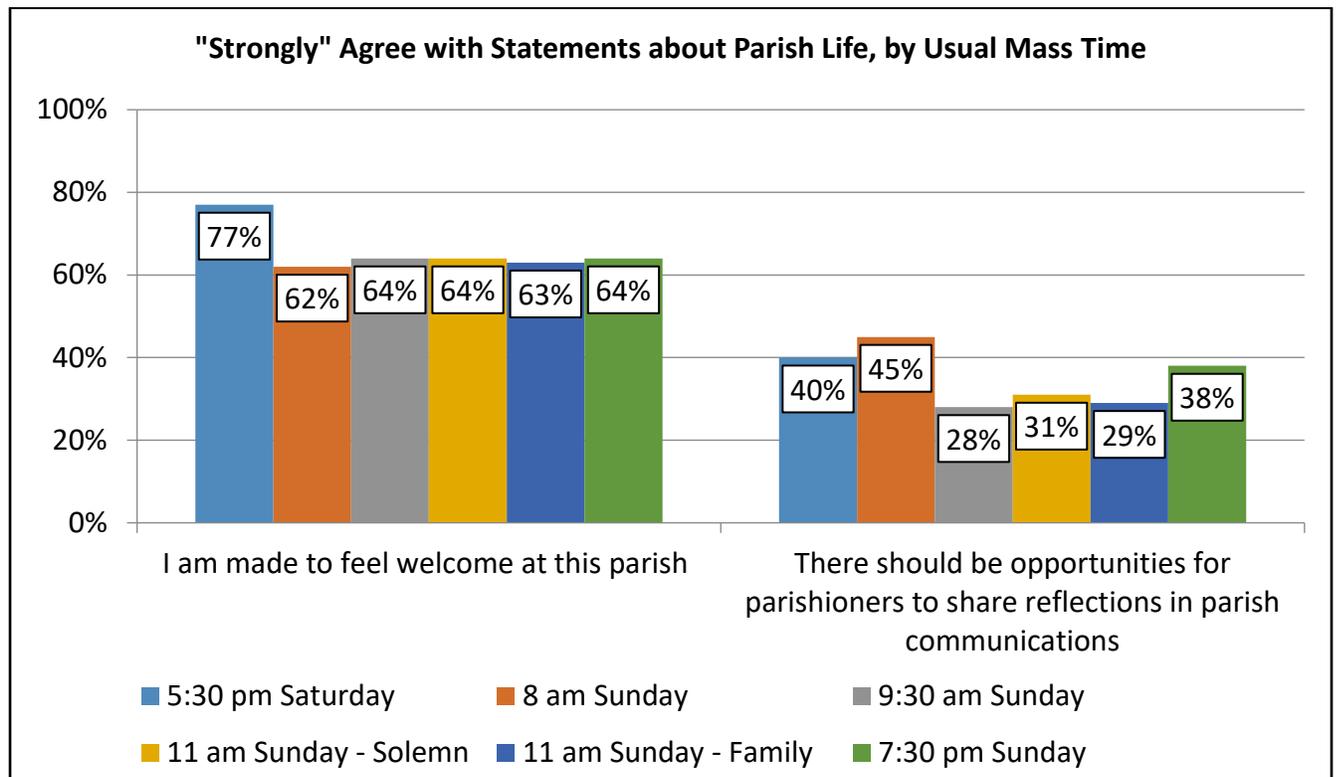
Differences by Level of Involvement

Those who are involved with one or more ministries or activities are more likely than those not involved with any to “strongly” agree that there should be more opportunities for parishioners to share their reflections in parish communications.

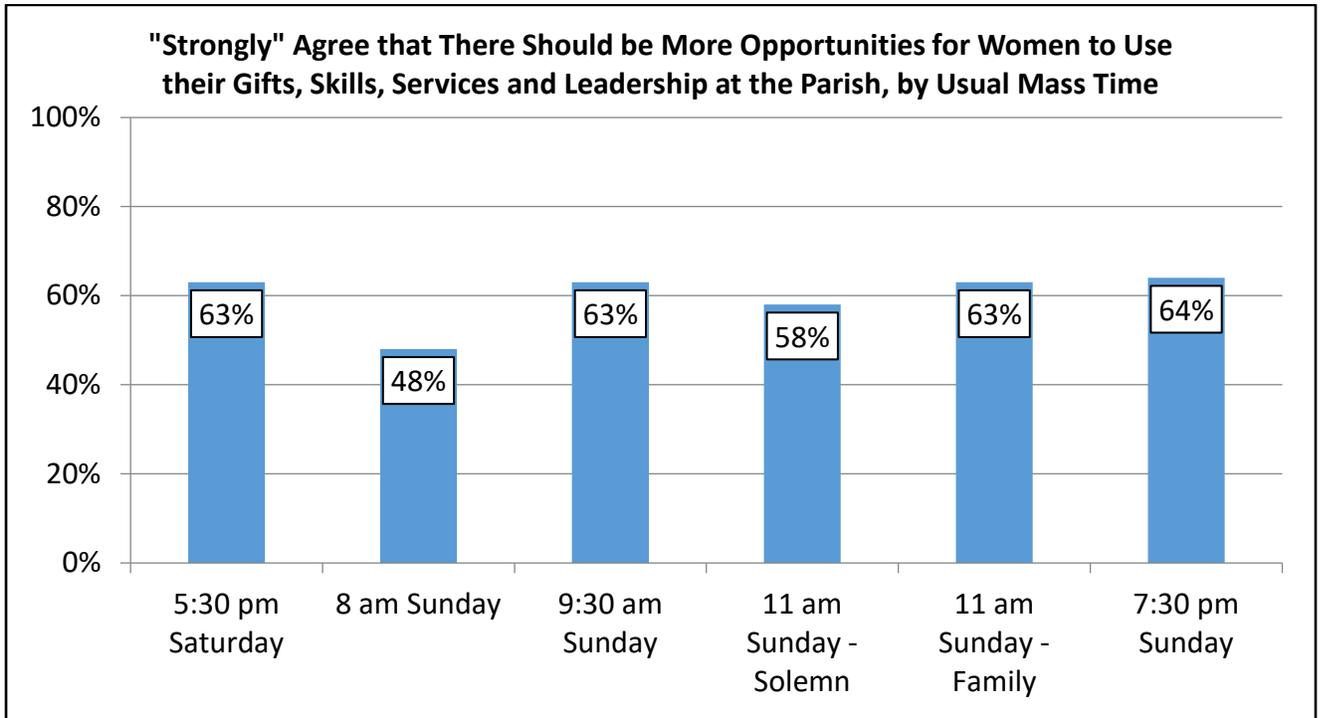


Differences by Mass Usually Attended

Those usually attending the Saturday 5:30 pm are most likely to “strongly” agree that it is important they are made to feel welcome at this parish. There is more diversity of strong agreement about whether there should be opportunities for parishioners to share reflections in parish communications, with those who regularly attend the 8 am Sunday (45%), 5:30 pm Saturday (40%), and 7:30 pm Sunday (38%) Masses most likely to “strongly” that there should be such opportunities.



Those usually attending the 8 am Sunday Mass (48%) are relatively *less* likely than regular attenders of the other Masses to “strongly” agree that there should be more opportunities for women to use their gifts, skills, services and leadership at the parish.



Satisfaction with Areas of Weekend Masses

Following the initial question on the survey where respondents were asked what Mass they usually attend at the parish, they were asked how satisfied they are with six areas of weekend Masses, focusing their responses on the Mass they most regularly attend. Respondents were asked to evaluate each area whether they are “not at all” satisfied, “only a little” satisfied, “somewhat” satisfied, and “very” satisfied. The table below summarizes the positive side of the findings, with the first column of numbers showing the percentage that gave a combined “somewhat” or “very” satisfied rating to each area. The final column shows the percentage giving that area a “very” satisfied rating.⁷⁸

Between 86% and 98% say they are satisfied (“somewhat” and “very” combined) with each of the areas of weekend Masses displayed in the table below. Areas related to the music are most likely to receive a positive evaluation, with the sound clarity least likely.

How satisfied are you with these areas of weekend Masses for the Mass you most regularly attend?		
<i>Percentage responding</i>		
	“Somewhat” and “Very” Satisfied Combined %	“Very” Satisfied Only %
Cantors or song leaders	98	84
Music	96	80
Readers/lectors	96	70
Homilies	92	64
Joyfulness of the worship experience	91	64
Sound clarity during Mass	86	57

Respondents are most likely to identify the areas of weekend Masses related to music as those they are “very” satisfied with: cantors or song leaders (84%) and music (80%).

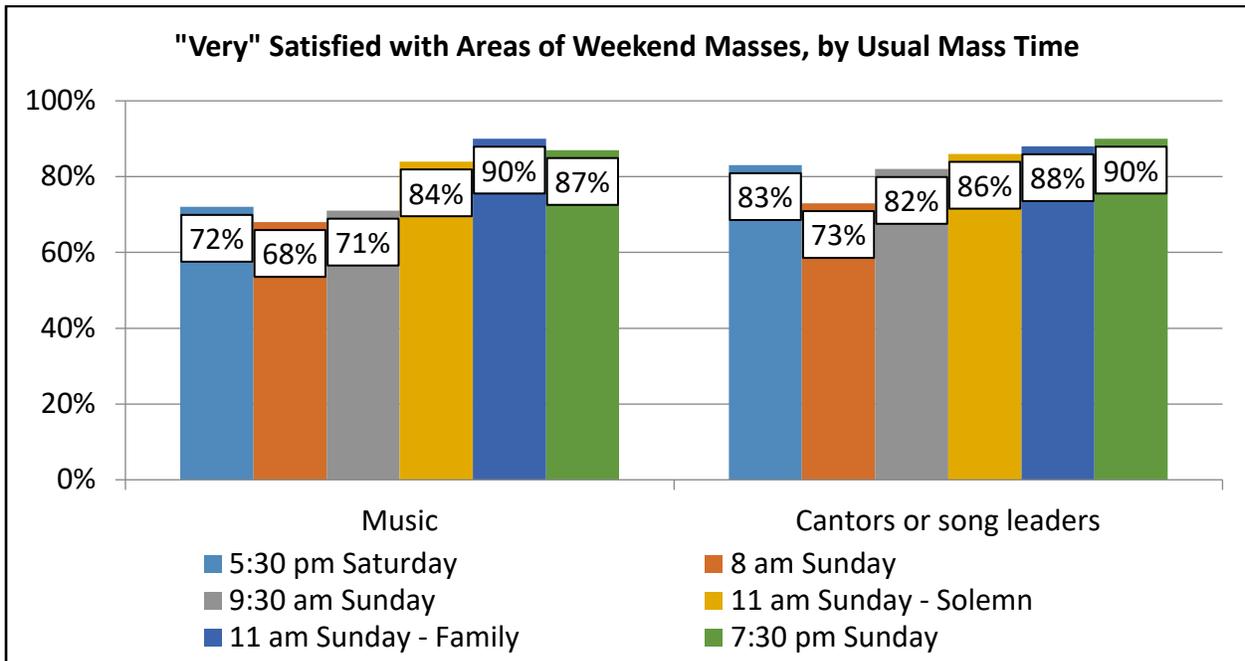
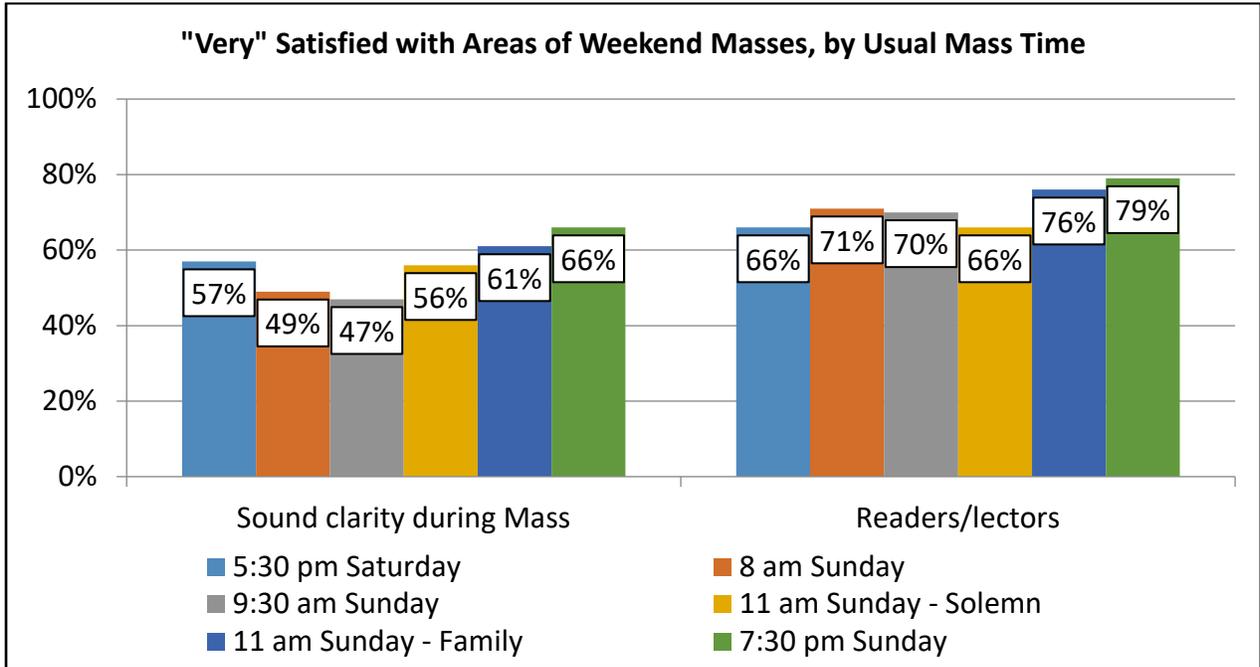
- The readers/lectors (70%), homilies (64%), and joyfulness of the worship experience (64%) receive an evaluation of “very” satisfied by about two in three respondents.
- Some 57% report being “very” satisfied with the sound clarity during Mass.

⁷ As was discussed in the Introduction, the complete record of each response, including the percentages not responding to each question, are presented in Appendix I. Presenting just the positive side allows for readers to see both what the strongest items in each section are (in the top rows of the table) as well as those in need of improvement (in the bottom rows).

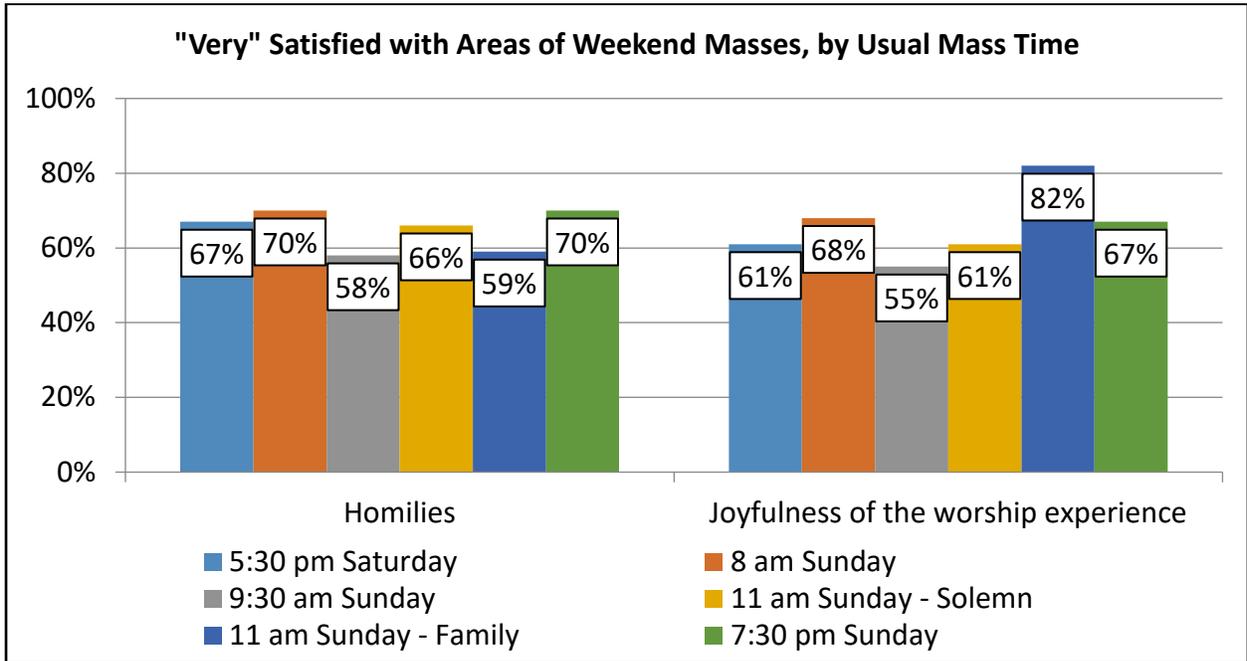
⁸ Comparisons to the national data is not possible here as the usual set of questions uses different responses: “poor,” “fair,” “good,” or “excellent.”

Differences by Mass Usually Attended

Those who attend the 11 am Sunday Family Mass and the 5:30 Sunday evening Mass are most likely to be “very” satisfied in the areas of sound clarity, readers/lectors, music, and cantors/song leaders.



Those who attend the 8 am and 5:30 pm Sunday Masses are most likely to be “very” satisfied with the homilies.



Those who attend the Sunday 11 am Family Mass are most likely to say they are “very” satisfied with the joyfulness of the worship experience.

Attitudes about Parish Worship

Respondents were asked how much they agree with different statements about parish worship. They were offered these four options to respond: “strongly” disagree, “somewhat” disagree, “somewhat” agree, and “strongly” agree. The first column of numbers in the table below shows the combined percentage responding “somewhat” or “strongly” agree. The final column displays the percentage “strongly” agreeing with a statement.⁹

About nine in ten agree (“somewhat” or “strongly” combined) that they agree with the Mission Statement the parish adopted in 2019 (93%), that there should be more opportunities for Masses for teens (89%), and that options for virtual Mass (weekdays and Sunday solemn) should continue (88%). Just over half agree that Family Mass should periodically join Solemn Mass in the upstairs church (54%).

Please respond to the following about parish worship		
<i>Percentage responding</i>		
	“Somewhat” and “Strongly” Agree Combined %	“Strongly” Agree Only %
I agree with the Mission Statement the parish adopted in 2019	93	50
There should be more opportunities for Masses for teens	89	43
Options for virtual Mass (weekdays and Sunday Solemn) should continue	88	56
Family Mass should periodically join Solemn Mass in the upstairs church	54	22

Half or more agree “strongly” that options for virtual Mass (weekdays and Sunday Solemn) should continue (56%) and that they agree with the Mission Statement the parish adopted in 2019 (50%).

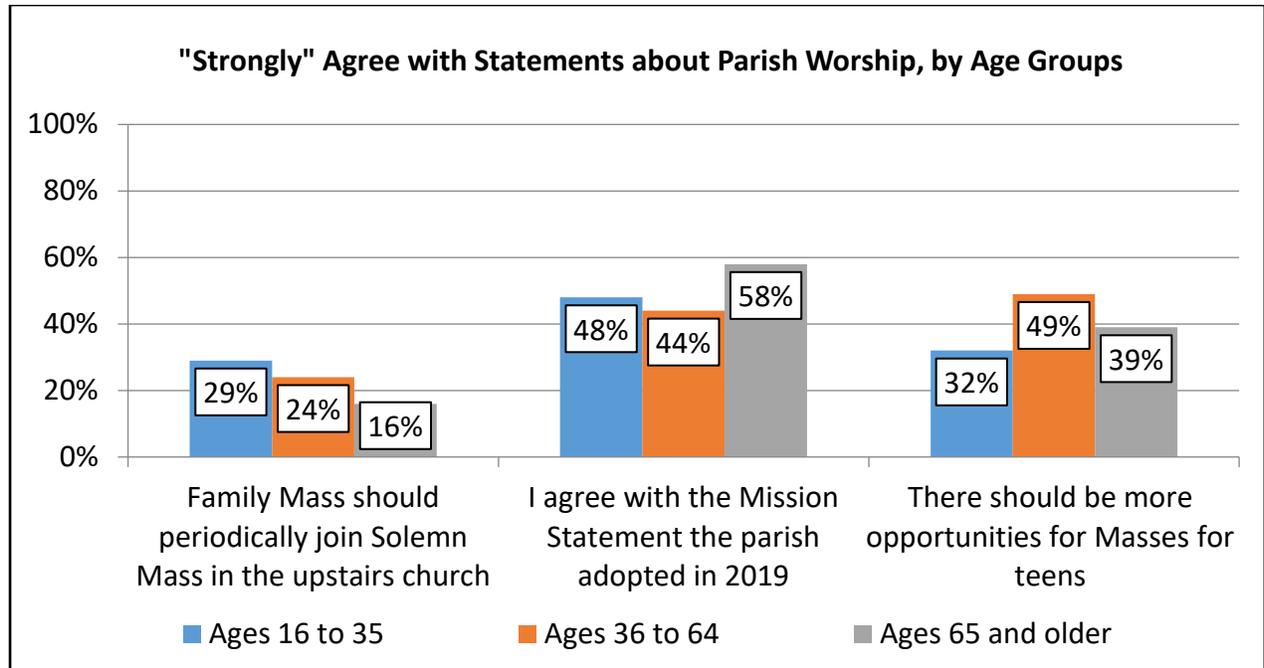
- About two in five “strongly” agree that there should be more opportunities for Masses for teens (43%).

⁹ Non-response rates range from a low of 14% (options for virtual Mass question) to a high of 46% (agreement with the Mission Statement).

- Just over one in five agrees “strongly” that Family Mass should periodically join Solemn Mass in the upstairs church (22%).

Differences by Age Groups

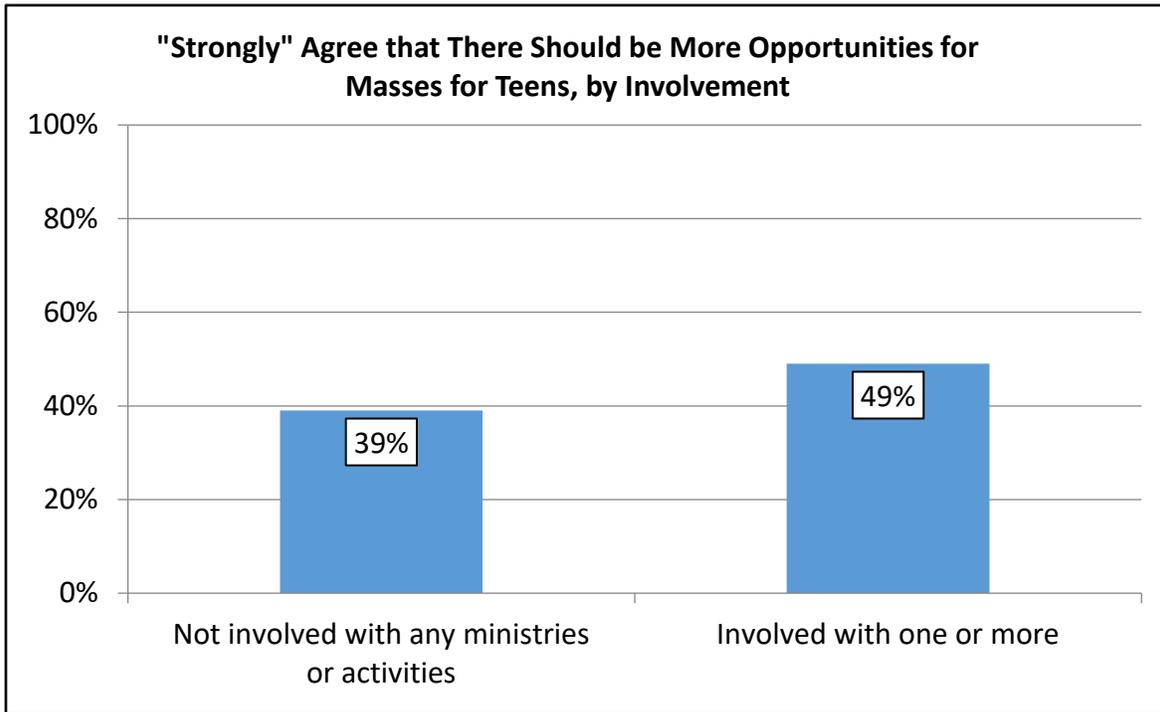
The younger the age group, the more likely its members are to “strongly” agree that Family Mass should periodically join Solemn Mass in the upstairs church.



- Those ages 65 and older are most likely to “strongly” agree with the Mission Statements the parish adopted in 2019.
- Half of adults ages 36 to 64 “strongly” agree that there should be more opportunities for Masses for teens (49%). That age group is the one most likely to have a teen living with them.

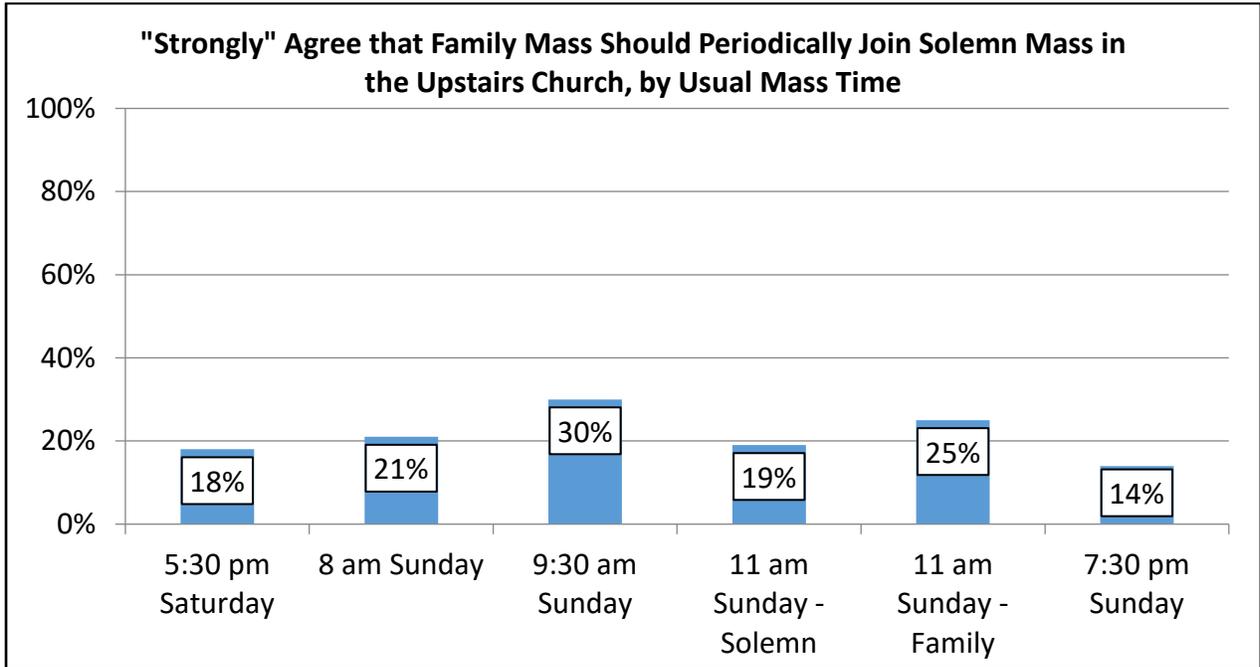
Differences by Level of Involvement

Those who are involved with one or more ministries or activities at the parish are more likely than those not involved with any to “strongly” agree that there should be more opportunities for Masses for teens.



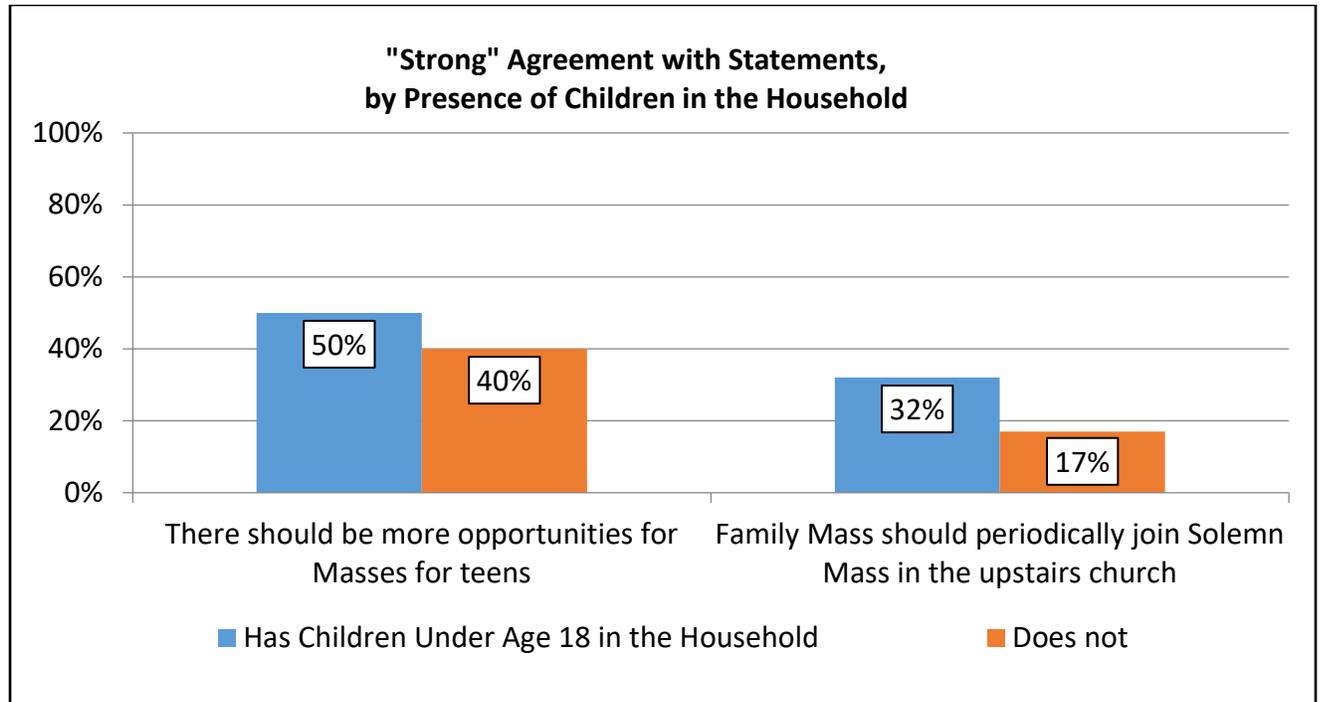
Differences by Mass Usually Attended

A quarter of those who usually attend the 11 am Sunday Family Mass (25%) “strongly” agree that Family Mass should periodically join Solemn Mass in the upstairs church, with one-fifth of those who usually attend the 11 am Sunday Solemn Mass (19%) agreeing as strongly.



Differences by Presence of Children in the Household

Half of those who have children or stepchildren under age 18 living with them “strongly” agree that there should be more opportunities for Masses for teens at the parish. A third agree “strongly” that Family Mass should periodically join Solemn Mass in the upstairs church.



Effectiveness of Ways of Communicating

As already described earlier, respondents were asked what social media platform they use most frequently. As presented in the table below, they were also asked to evaluate how effective different ways of communicating parish news to them are. They were asked to evaluate each way as “not at all” effective, “a little” effective, “somewhat” effective, and “very” effective. The first column of numbers in the table below summarizes the positive side of the scale, showing the percentage that rated each way of communicating as “somewhat” or “very” effective” combined. The final column displays the average percentage nationally, for comparison purposes.¹⁰

“Somewhat” and “Very” Effective Combined

While at least half say that each of the ways of communicating parish news is effective (“somewhat” and “very” effective combined), more than three in four say the first four ways listed in the table below are effective.

How effective are these ways of communicating parish news to you?		
<i>Percentage responding “Somewhat” or “Very” effective combined</i>		
	St. Ignatius	Parishes Nationally*
	%	%
Weekly e-newsletter	90	–
Printed weekly bulletins**	84	95
Announcements read at Mass	81	90
Parish website	78	62
Social media	51	–

**Source: Cumulative average from parishes conducting CARA Parish Life Surveys*
***On the national surveys, this was asked as “Sunday bulletins”*

Comparison to Parishes Nationally¹¹

Respondents at St. Ignatius Parish are 16 percentage points more likely than those at parishes nationally to report that the parish website (78% compared to 62%) is a “somewhat” or “very” effective way for the parish to communicate news to them.

¹⁰ Most non-response rates range from 8% to 12%, except for social media (21%).

¹¹ As discussed in the Introduction, only differences of 10 percentage points or more are treated as meaningful.

On the other hand, those at St. Ignatius Parish are 11 percentage points *less* likely than those at parishes nationally to report that printed weekly bulletins (84% compared to 95%) is a “somewhat” or “very” effective way for the parish to communicate news to them.

“Very” Effective Ways of Communicating

The top three ways of communicating parish news to respondents that are seen as “very” effective are the weekly e-newsletter (64%), the printed weekly bulletins (53%), and the announcements read at Mass (47%). Fewer say the parish website (38%) or social media (21%) are “very” effective.

How effective are these ways of communicating parish news to you?		
<i>Percentage responding “Very”</i>		
	St. Ignatius	Parishes Nationally*
	%	%
Weekly e-newsletter	64	–
Printed weekly bulletins**	53	70
Announcements read at Mass	47	57
Parish website	38	30
Social media	21	–

**Source: Cumulative average from parishes conducting CARA Parish Life Surveys*
***On the national survey, this was asked as “Sunday bulletins”*

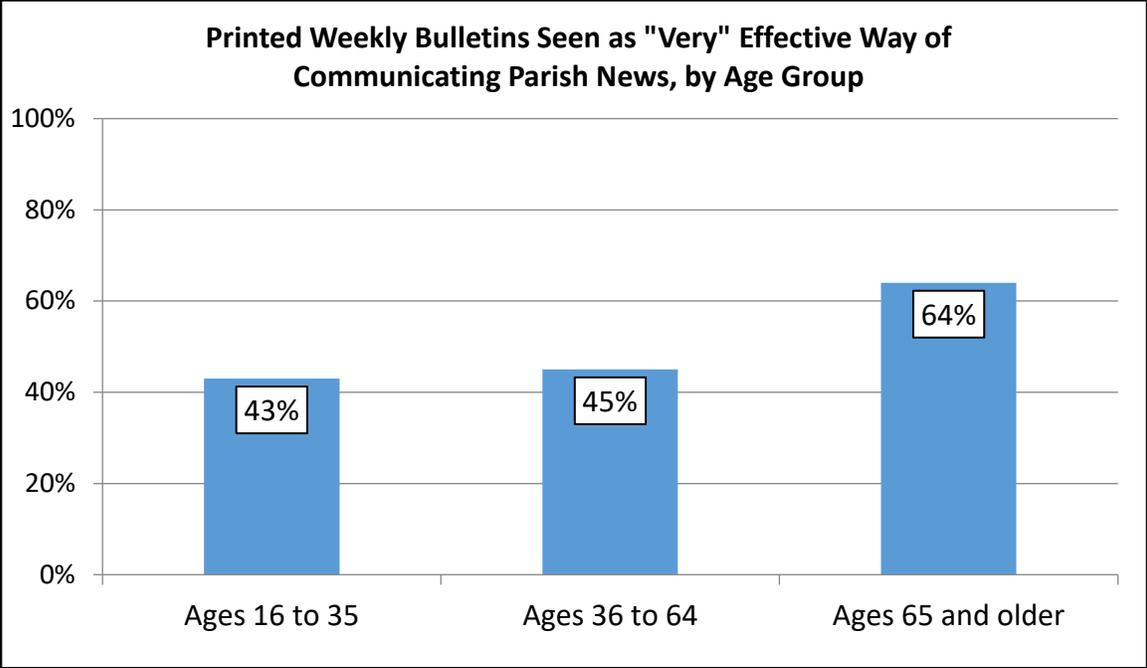
Comparison to Parishes Nationally

St. Ignatius respondents are 10 to 17 percentage points *less* likely than those at parishes nationally to say the following are “very” effective ways of communicating parish news to them:

- Printed weekly bulletins (53% compared to 70%)
- Announcements read at Mass (47% compared to 57%)

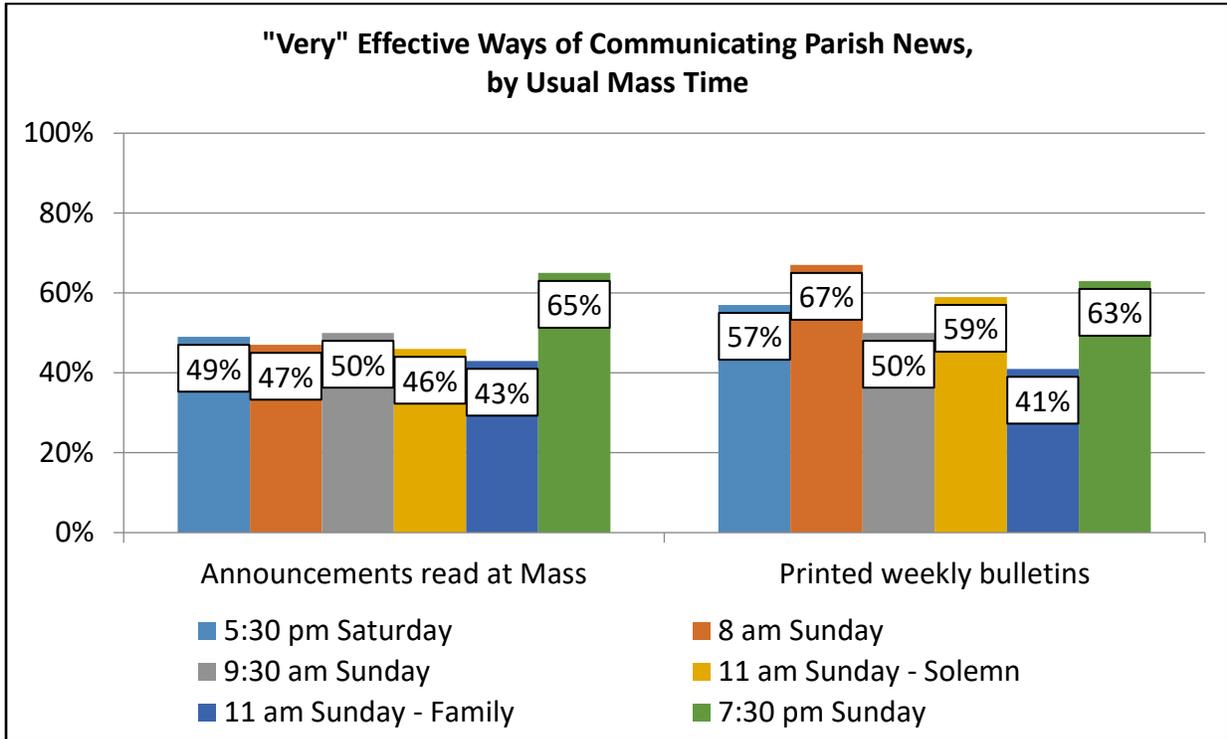
Differences by Age Groups

Those ages 65 and older are most likely to say that printed weekly bulletins are “very” effective ways of communicating parish news to them.

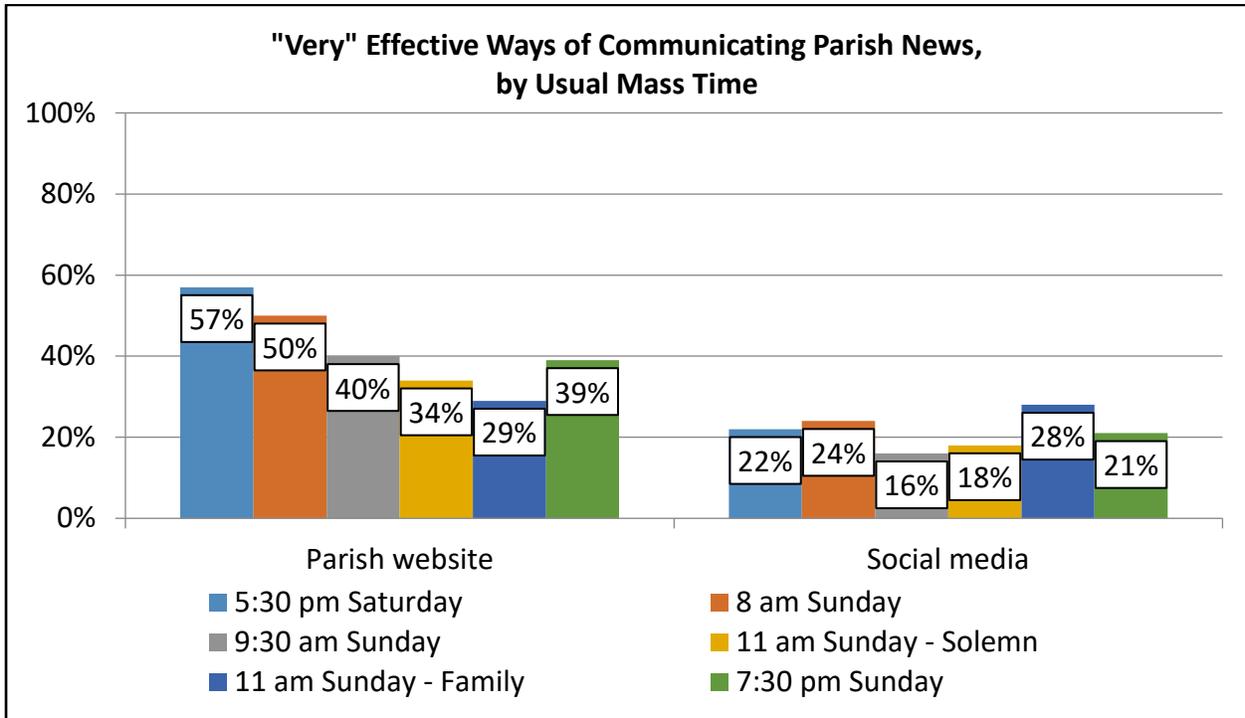


Differences by Mass Usually Attended

Those who attend the Sunday 7:30 pm Mass are among the most likely to find the announcements read at Mass and printed weekly bulletins a “very” effective way of communicating parish news.



Those who usually attend the 5:30 pm Saturday evening Mass are most likely to find the parish website a “very” effective way of communicating parish news. Usual attenders of the 11 am Family Mass are most likely to find social media “very” effective.



Elements that Attract to the Parish

Respondents were asked to indicate how much different elements of parish life attract them to St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish, being offered the responses of: attracts them “not at all,” attracts them “a little,” attracts them “somewhat,” and attracts them “very much.” The first column of numbers in the table below shows the combined percentage saying an element attracts them “somewhat” or “very much.” The final column shows the national averages, for comparison purposes.¹²

Elements That Attract “Somewhat” or “Very Much” Combined

Those attending the parish report being especially attracted by the quality of the liturgy (95%), the quality of the music (94%), its identity as a Jesuit parish (92%), and its open, welcoming spirit (90%). At least nine in ten say these elements attract them “somewhat” or “very much.”

How much do the following attract you to the parish?		
<i>Percentage responding “Somewhat” or “Very Much” combined</i>		
	St. Ignatius %	Parishes Nationally* %
The quality of the liturgy	95	89
The quality of the music	94	74
Its identity as a Jesuit parish	92	–
Its open, welcoming spirit	90	86
The sense of belonging you feel here	86	86
Its commitment to social justice/peace	79	71
Its faith formation for adults	72	66
Its religious education/formation for children and youth	63	74

**Source: Cumulative average from parishes conducting CARA Parish Life Surveys*

- At least eight in ten indicate that the following attract them to the parish at least “somewhat”: the sense of belonging they feel there (86%) and its commitment to social justice/peace (79%).
- Concerning formation at the parish, less than three in four indicate that the parish’s faith formation for adults (72%) and its religious education/formation for children and youth (63%) attract them at least “somewhat.”

¹² While most non-response rates were from 6% to 11%, there were higher non-response rates for its religious education/formation for children and youth (30%) and its faith formation for adults (22%).

Comparison to Parishes Nationally

St. Ignatius respondents are 20 percentage points more likely than those at parishes nationally to report that the quality of the music “somewhat” or “very much” attracts them to the parish (94% compared to 74%).

Respondents at St. Ignatius Parish are 11 percentage points *less* likely than those at parishes nationally, on the other hand, to report that the parish’s religious education/formation for children and youth “somewhat” or “very much” attracts them to the parish (63% compared to 74%).

Elements That Attract “Very Much”

With the exception of the two areas of formation in the table below, more than half (55% to 76%) report being “very much” attracted by each element.

How much do the following attract you to the parish?		
<i>Percentage responding “Very Much”</i>		
	St. Ignatius %	Parishes Nationally* %
Its identity as a Jesuit parish	76	–
The quality of the liturgy	74	55
The quality of the music	73	40
Its open, welcoming spirit	66	57
The sense of belonging you feel here	59	62
Its commitment to social justice/peace	55	32
Its religious education/formation for children and youth	38	40
Its faith formation for adults	38	28

**Source: Cumulative average from parishes conducting CARA Parish Life Surveys*

About three in four say they are “very much” attracted to the parish by the following: its identity as a Jesuit parish (76%), the quality of the liturgy (74%), and the quality of the music (73%).

- More than half indicate being attracted to the parish “very much” by the parish’s open, welcoming spirit (66%), the sense of belonging they feel there (59%), and its commitment to social justice/peace (55%).
- The parish’s religious education/formation for children and youth (38%) and its faith formation for adults (38%) attracts nearly two in five to the parish “very much.”

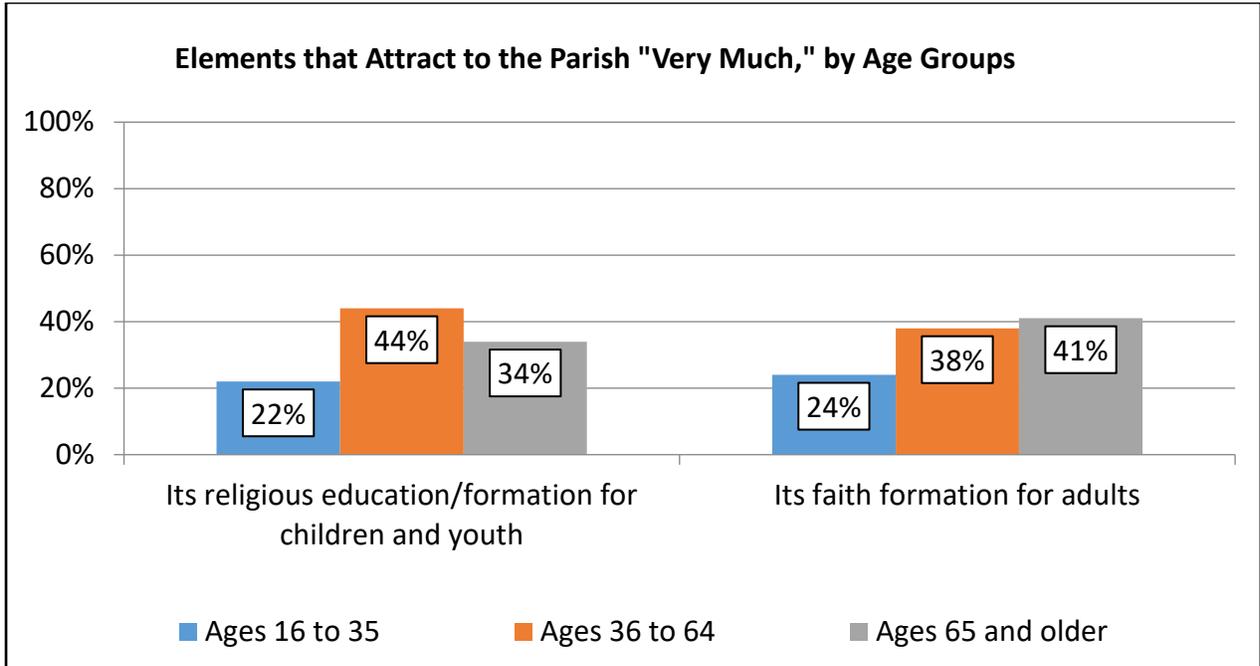
Comparison to Parishes Nationally

St. Ignatius respondents are 10 to 33 percentage points more likely than those at parishes nationally to say the following “very much” attracts them to the parish:

- The quality of the music (73% compared to 40%)
- Its commitment to social justice/peace (55% compared to 32%)
- The quality of the liturgy (74% compared to 55%)
- Its faith formation for adults (38% compared to 28%)

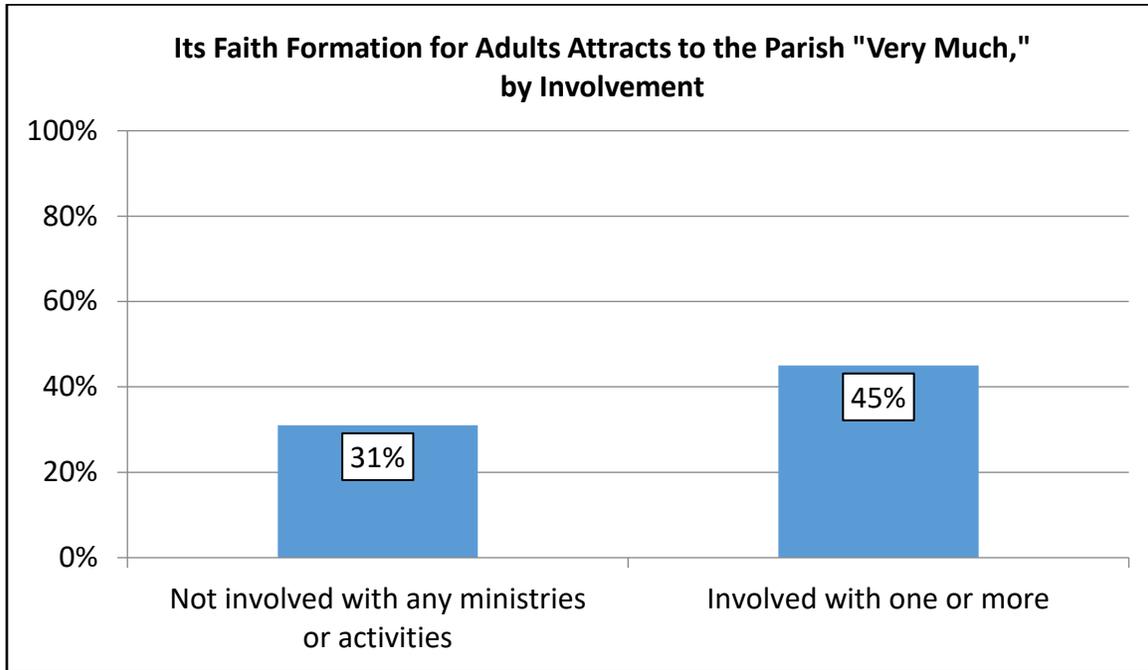
Differences by Age Groups

Those ages 36 to 64 are most likely to “very much” feel attracted to the parish by its religious education and formation for children and youth. In addition, those ages 36 and older are relatively more likely to say the parish’s faith formation for adults attracts them “very much.”



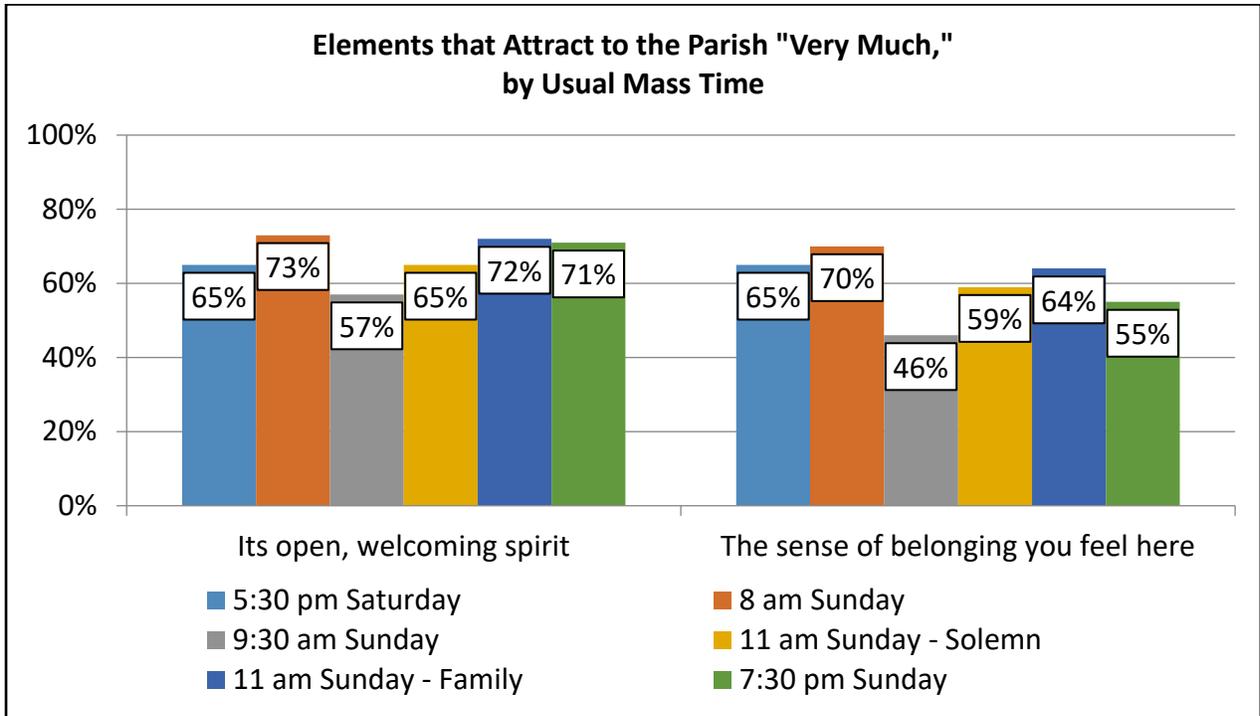
Differences by Level of Involvement

More than four in ten of those who are involved in one or more ministries or activities find the faith formation for adults at the parish attracts them “very much.”

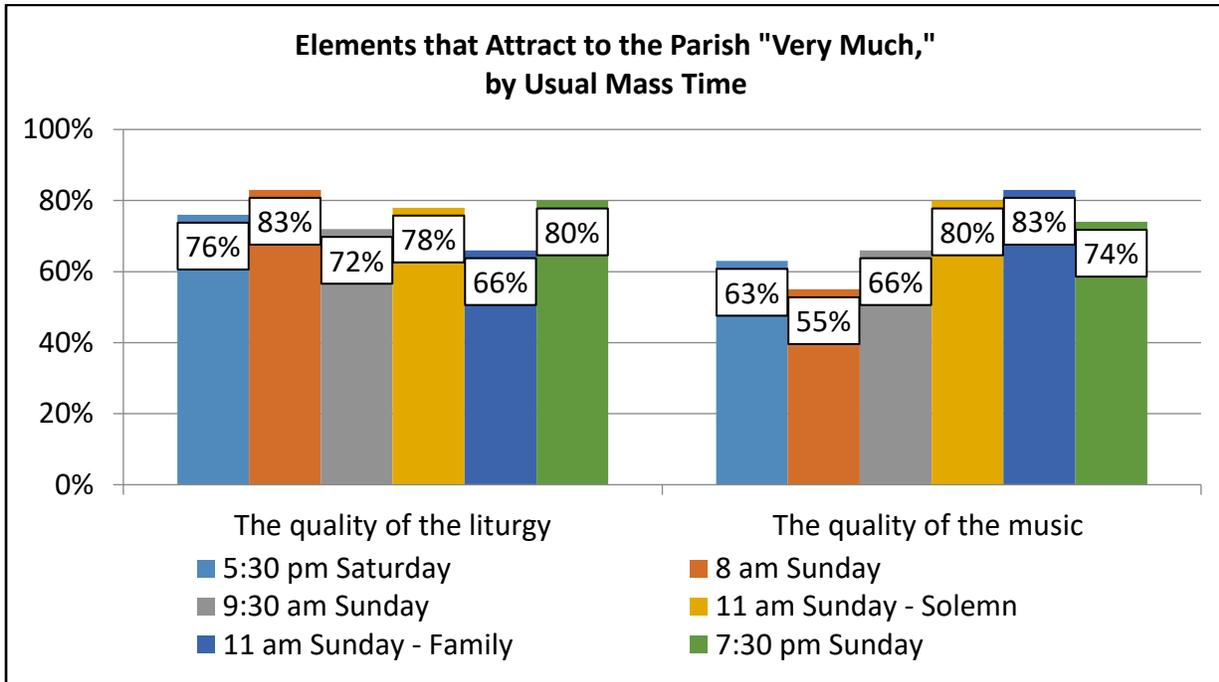


Differences by Mass Usually Attended

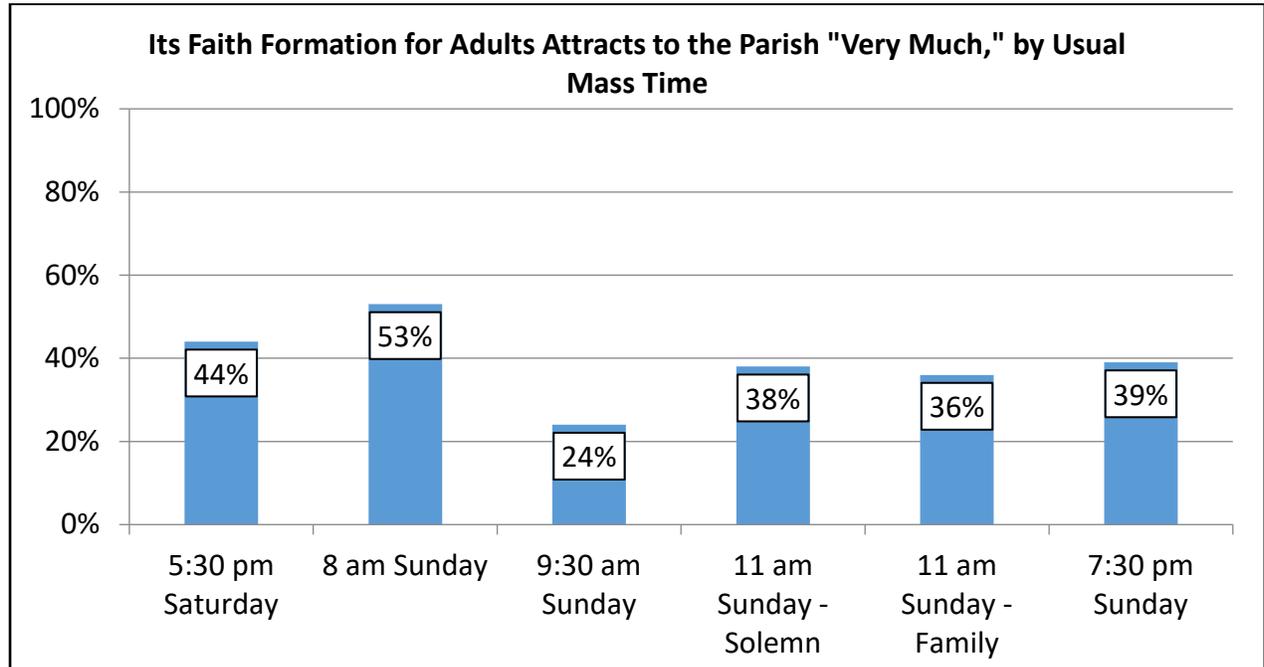
Usual attenders of the 9:30 am Sunday Mass are *least* likely to report being attracted to the parish “very much” by its open, welcoming spirit or the sense of belonging they feel there.



Usual attenders of the 8 am Sunday Mass are most likely to say the quality of the liturgy attracts them to the parish “very much,” with those identifying the 11 am Sunday Family Mass most likely to say the same about the quality of the music.



Usual attenders of the 8 am Sunday Mass are most likely to report that the parish’s faith formation for adults attracts them to the parish “very much.”



Differences by Presence of Children in the Household

More than half of those who have at least one child in their household under age 18 (54%) say the parish’s religious education/formation for children and youth attracts them to the parish “very much,” compared to 31% saying the same among those without children under age 18 present in their household.

Priorities for Parish Ministries and Programs

Respondents were asked how much priority the parish should give to a list of ministries and programs. They were offered these four options to respond: “no” priority, “a little” priority, “medium” priority, and “high” priority. The first column of numbers in the table below shows the combined percentage responding “medium” or “high” priority. The final column displays the national averages, for comparison purposes.¹³

“Medium” and “High” Priority Combined

With one exception (opportunities for devotions), at least 88% give at least “medium” priority to each of the ministries and programs listed in the table below.

How much priority should the parish give to the following ministries and programs?		
<i>Percentage responding “Medium” and “High” priority combined</i>		
	St. Ignatius	Parishes Nationally*
	%	%
Children’s religious education/formation	92	91
Adult faith formation	92	86
Youth ministry	91	88
Social activities to build community**	90	91
Opportunities for parishioners to learn more about contemporary issues within our Church	88	–
Opportunities for devotions such as rosaries and Eucharistic Adoration	70	80

**Source: Cumulative average from parishes conducting CARA Parish Life Surveys
**“Developing a parish sense of community” or a variation on that question was what was asked on the national surveys*

Comparison to Parishes Nationally

St. Ignatius respondents are 10 percentage points *less* likely than those at parishes nationally to say the parish should give opportunities for devotions such as rosaries and Eucharistic Adoration (70% compared to 80%) at least “medium” priority.

¹³ Non-response rates for these questions range from 8% to 16%.

“High” Priority

All of the formation ministries and programs assessed are given “high” priority by more than half of responding parishioners: children’s religious education/formation (70%), youth ministry (62%), opportunities for parishioners to learn more about contemporary issues within our Church (55%), and adult faith formation (54%).

How much priority should the parish give to the following ministries and programs?		
<i>Percentage responding “High” priority</i>		
	St. Ignatius	Parishes Nationally*
	%	%
Children’s religious education/formation	70	70
Youth ministry	62	59
Opportunities for parishioners to learn more about contemporary issues within our Church	55	–
Adult faith formation	54	46
Social activities to build community**	53	60
Opportunities for devotions such as rosaries and Eucharistic Adoration	29	39

**Source: Cumulative average from parishes conducting CARA Parish Life Surveys*
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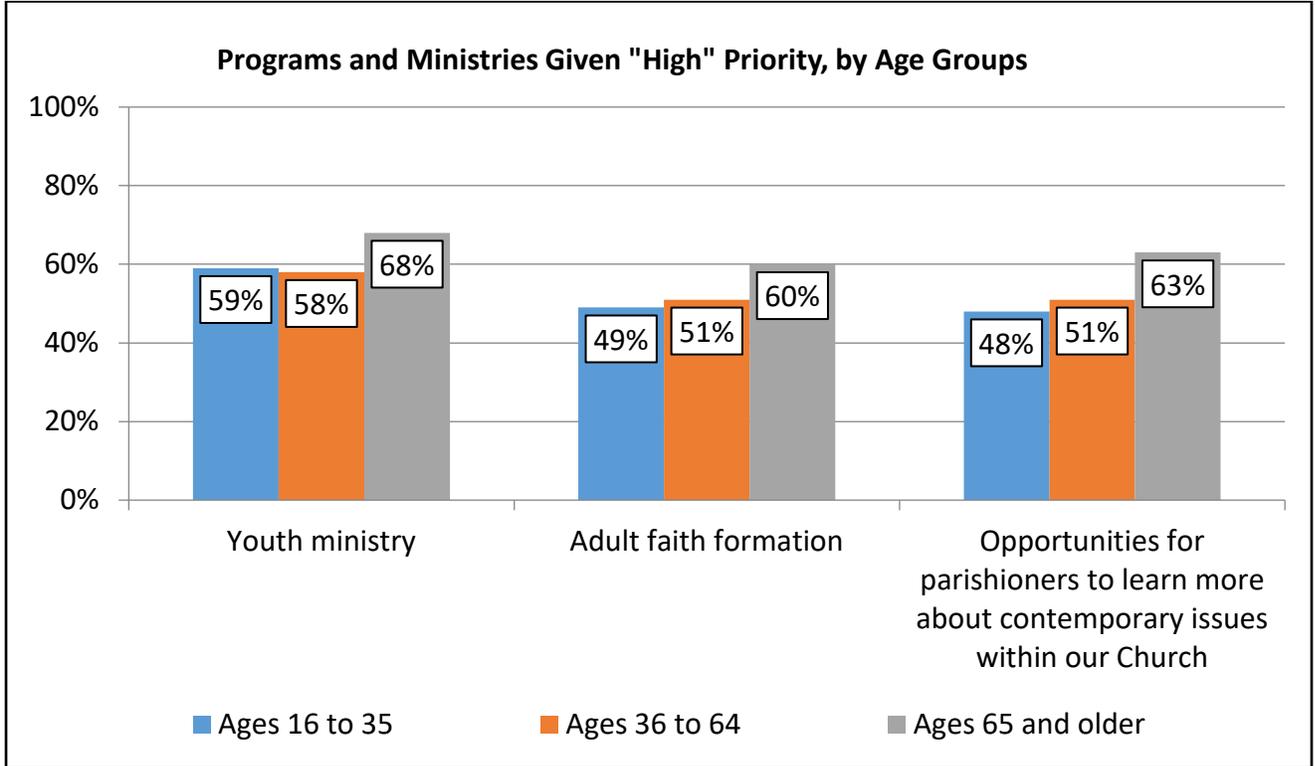
- Social activities to build community are given “high” priority by 53% of those responding.
- Three in ten give “high” priority to opportunities for devotions such as rosaries and Eucharistic Adoration (29%).

Comparison to Parishes Nationally

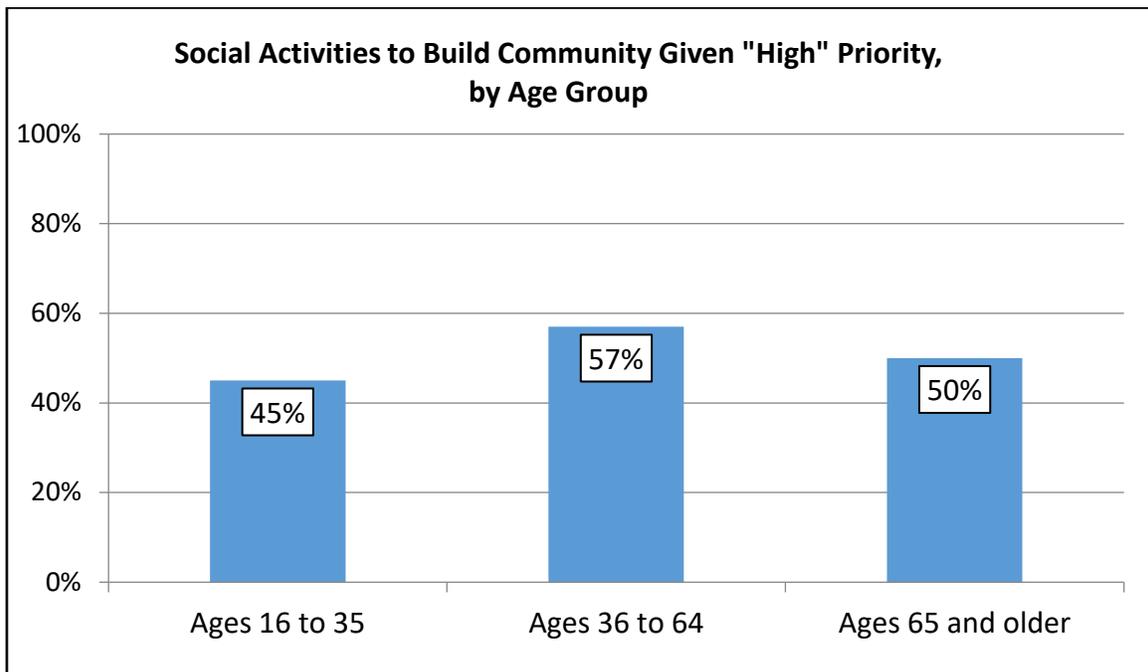
St. Ignatius respondents are 10 percentage points *less* likely than those at parishes nationally to say the parish should give opportunities for devotions such as rosaries and Eucharistic Adoration (29% compared to 39%) “very much” priority.

Differences by Age Groups

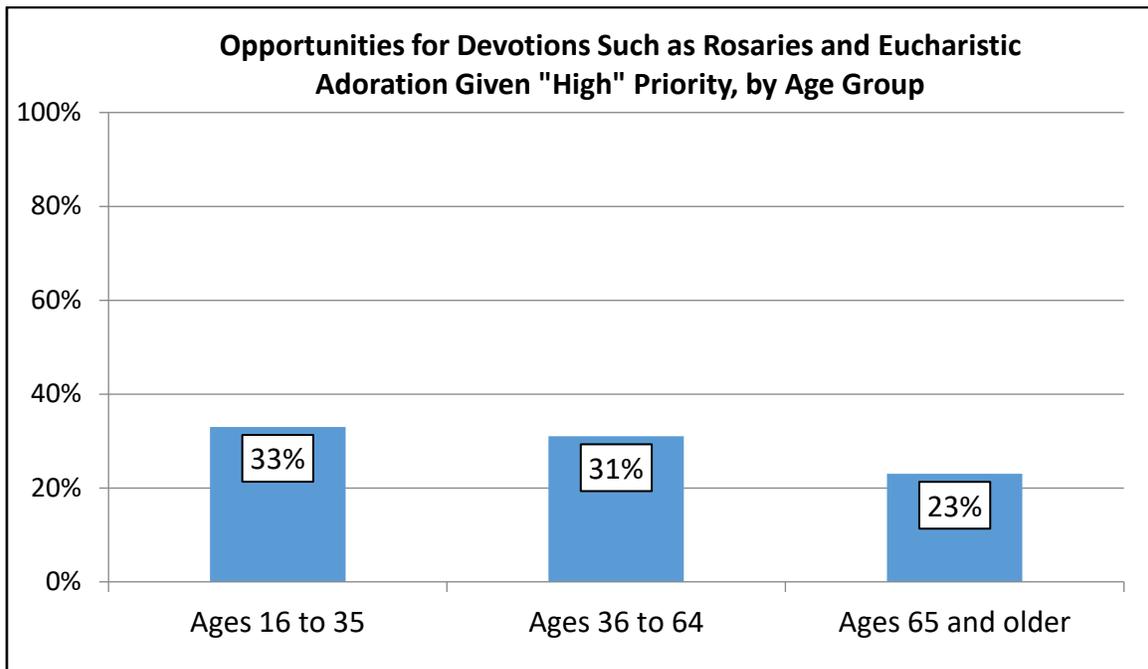
Those ages 65 and older are most likely to say that “high” priority should be given to the three areas of formation presented in the figure below.



Adults ages 36 to 64 are most likely to say that the parish should give “high” priority to social activities to build community.

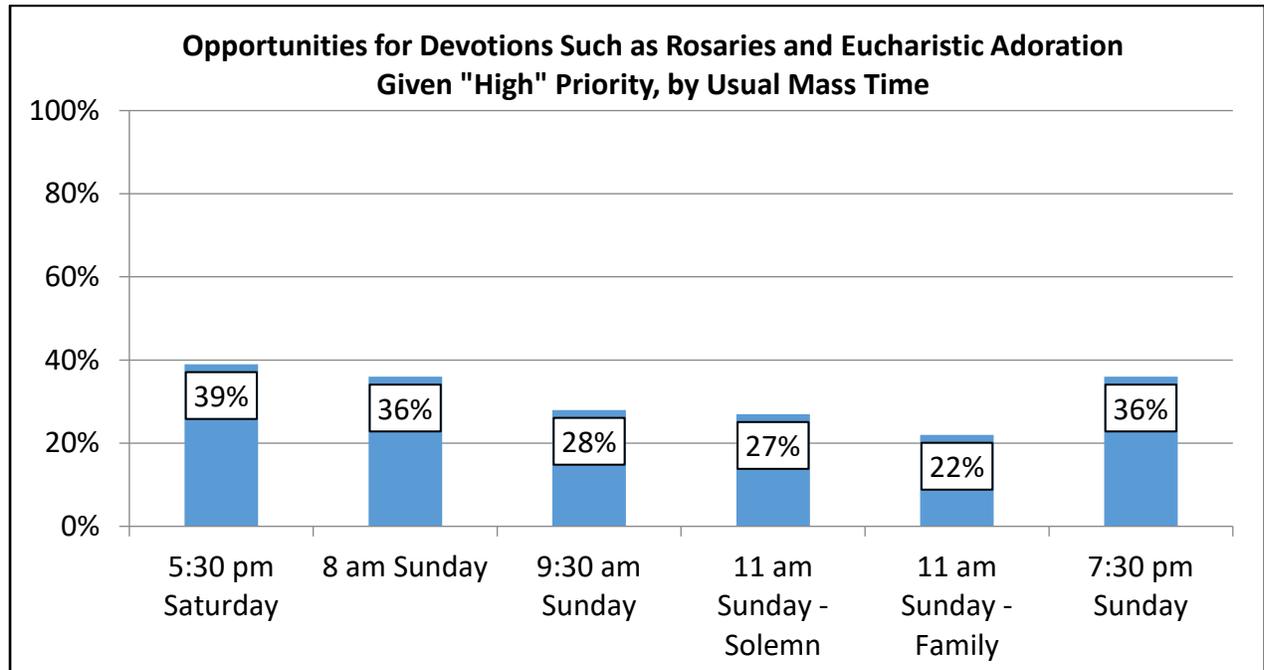


Those under age 65 are relatively more likely to say the parish should give “high” priority to opportunities for devotions such as rosaries and Eucharistic Adoration.



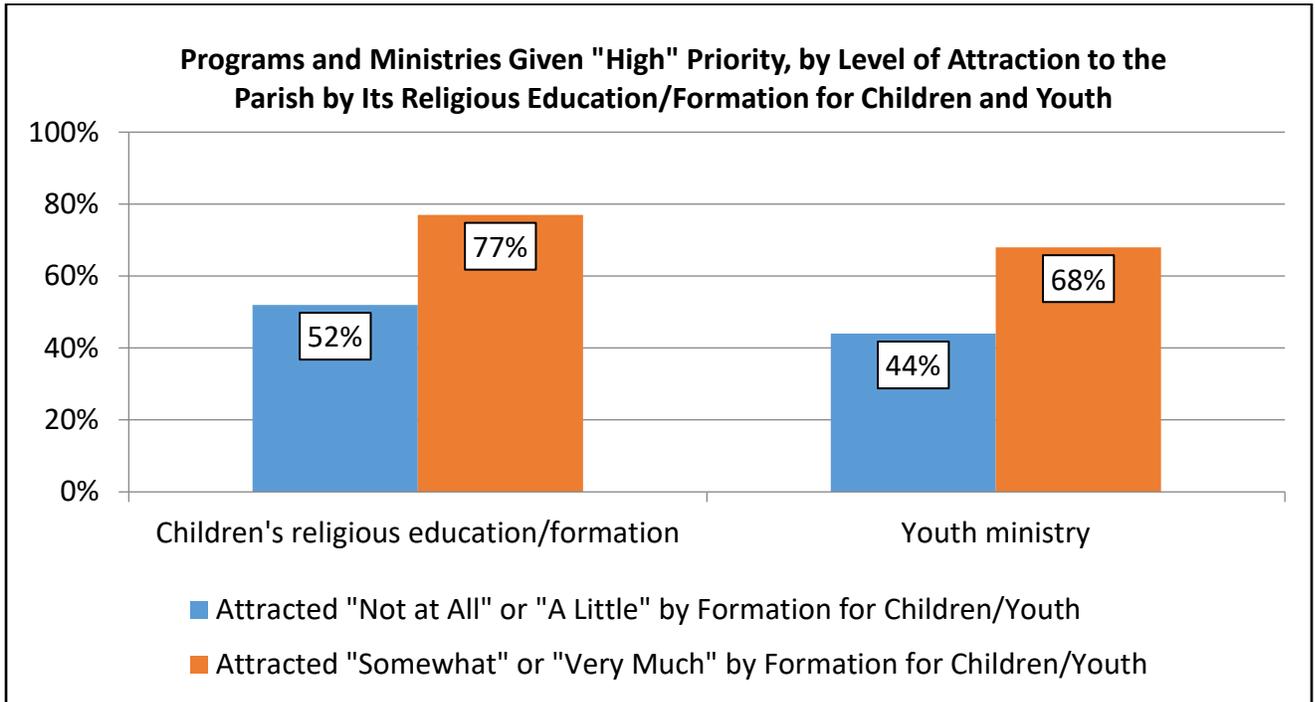
Differences by Mass Usually Attended

Usual attenders of the Saturday 5:30 pm, Sunday 8 am, and Sunday 7:30 pm Masses are most likely to say that the parish should give “high” priority to opportunities for devotions such as rosaries and Eucharistic Adoration.

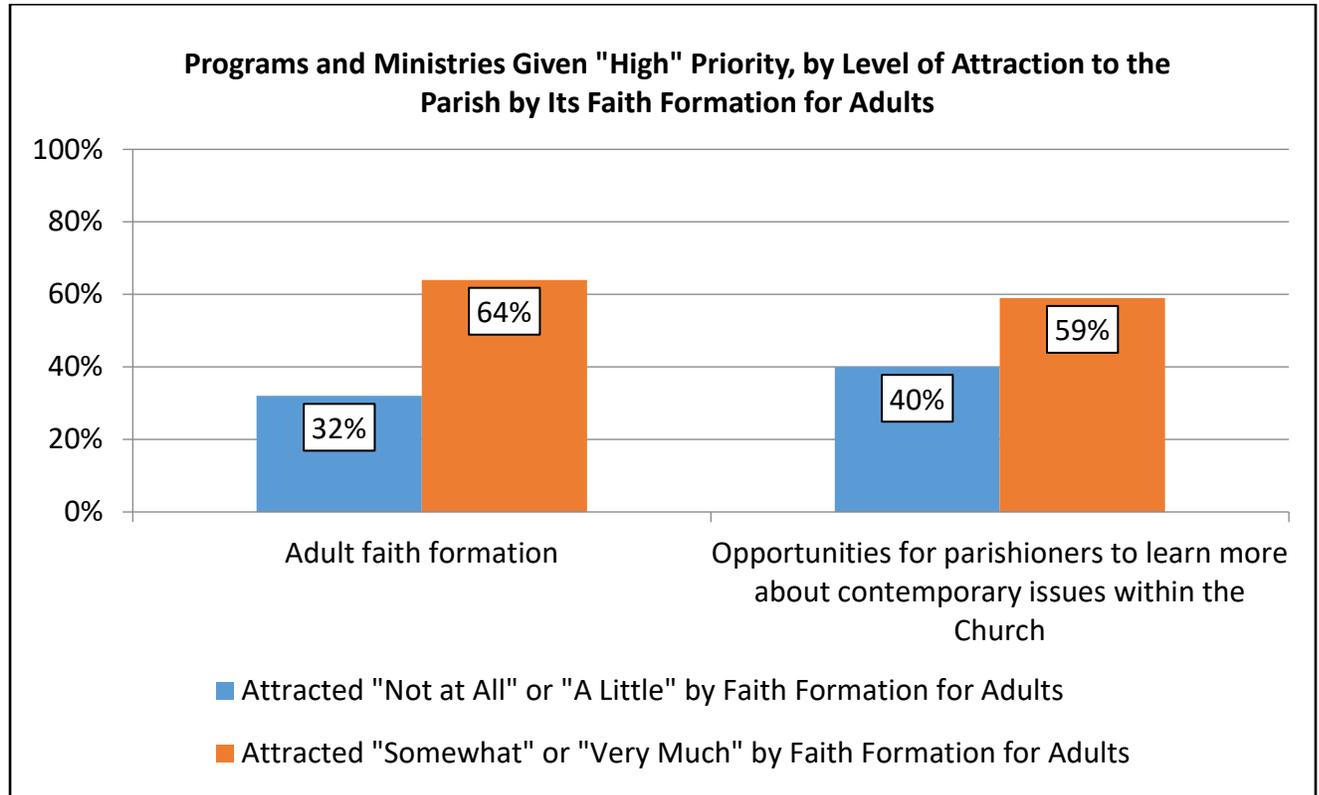


Differences by Elements that Attract to the Parish

Among those who say that they are at least “somewhat” attracted to the parish by its religious education/formation for children and youth reported earlier (see p. 38), at least two-thirds say the parish should place “high” priority on both children’s religious education/formation (77%) and youth ministry (68%).

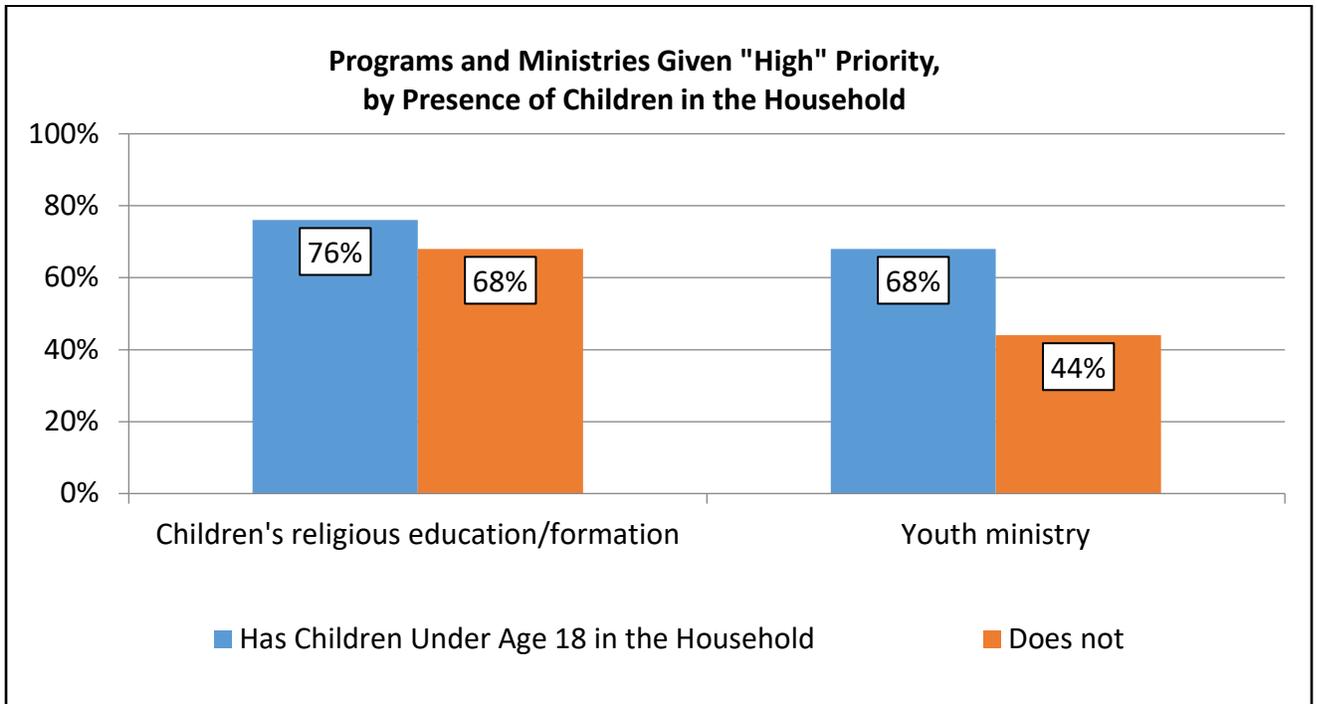


Among those who say that they are at least “somewhat” attracted to the parish by its faith formation for adults reported earlier (see p. 38), roughly three in five say the parish should place “high” priority on both adult faith formation (64%) and opportunities for parishioners to learn more about contemporary issues within the Church (59%).



Differences by Presence of Children in the Household

Among those who have at least one child or stepchild living with them, more than two in three place “high” priority on children’s religious education/formation and youth ministry.



Attitudes about Stewardship

Respondents were asked how much they agree with different statements about parish stewardship. They were offered these four options to respond: “strongly” disagree, “somewhat” disagree, “somewhat” agree, and “strongly” agree. The first column of numbers in the table below shows the combined percentage responding “somewhat” or “strongly” agree. The final column displays the national averages, for comparison purposes.¹⁴

“Somewhat” and “Strongly” Agree Combined

More than eight in ten agree (“somewhat” or “strongly”) that they would volunteer more if they knew parish needs (83%). This is 22 percentage points higher than the average CARA has received on its previous surveys.

Please respond to the following about stewardship		
<i>Percentage responding “Somewhat” or “Strongly” Agree combined</i>		
	St. Ignatius	Parishes Nationally*
	%	%
I would volunteer more if I knew parish needs	83	61
I am aware how the parish spends its money	68	–
<i>Skip if you already do so:</i> I am interested in the option of giving to the parish every month with an electronic fund transfer	41	–

**Source: Cumulative average from parishes conducting CARA Parish Life Surveys*

- Two in three agree at least “somewhat” that they are aware of how the parish spends its money (68%).
- Among those who do *not* already do so, 41% agree that they are interested in the option of giving to the parish every month with an electronic fund transfer.

¹⁴ The non-response rate for the question about interest in an electronic fund transfers is 61%, understandable as respondents were instructed to skip the question if they already do such transfers.

“Strongly” Agree

A third “strongly” agree that they would volunteer more if they knew parish needs (34%). This is 15 percentage points higher than the average from previous CARA surveys (19%).

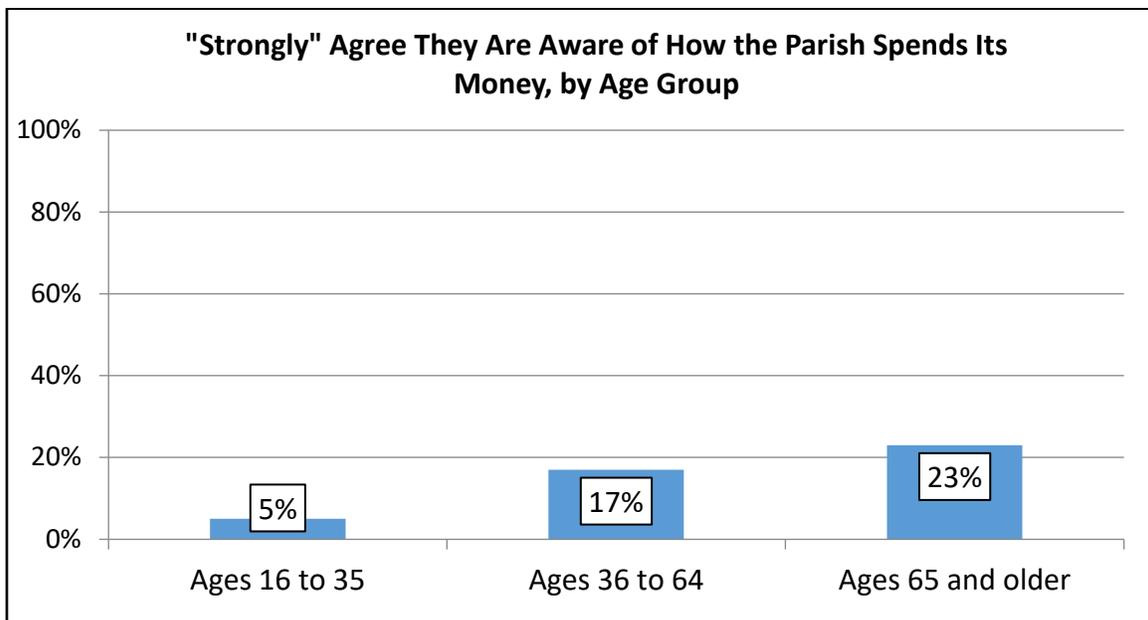
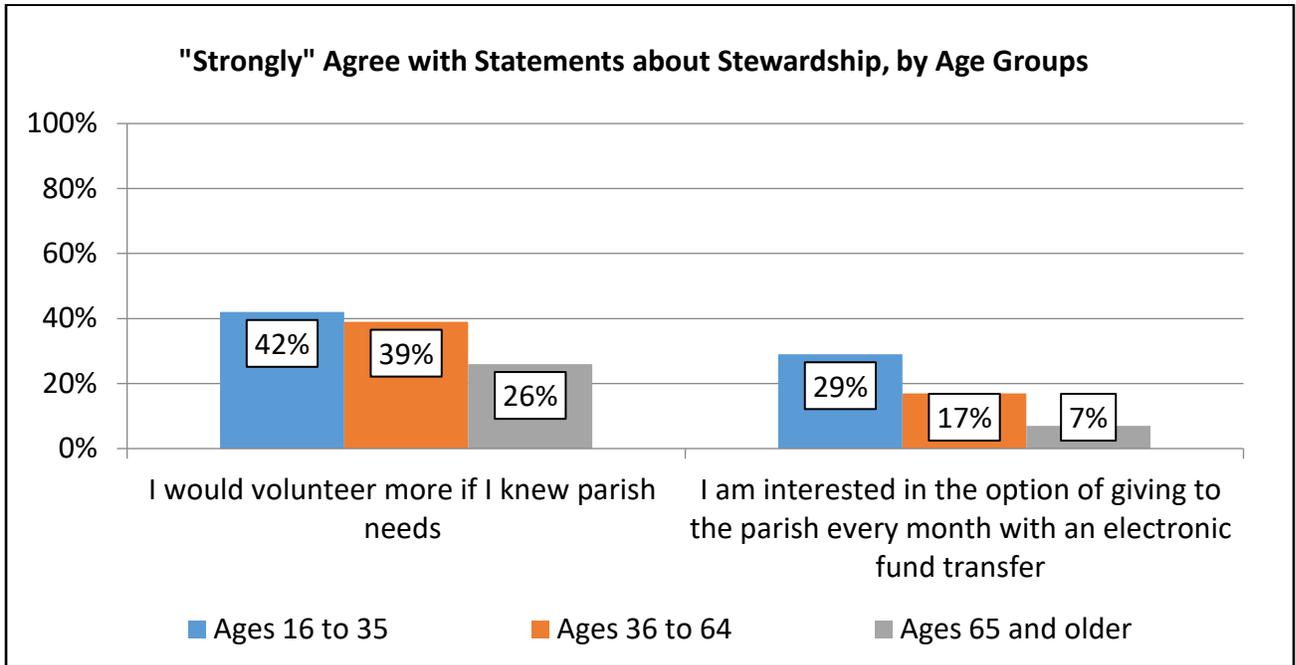
Please respond to the following about stewardship		
<i>Percentage responding “Strongly” Agree</i>		
	St. Ignatius	Parishes Nationally*
	%	%
I would volunteer more if I knew parish needs	34	19
I am aware how the parish spends its money	18	–
<i>Skip if you already do so:</i> I am interested in the option of giving to the parish every month with an electronic fund transfer	13	–

**Source: Cumulative average from parishes conducting CARA Parish Life Surveys*

- About two in ten “strongly” agree that they are aware of how the parish spends its money (18%).
- Among those who do *not* already do so, 13% “strongly” agree that they are interested in the option of giving to the parish every month with an electronic fund transfer.

Differences by Age Groups

Those under 65 are most likely to “strongly” agree that they would volunteer more if they knew parish needs. In addition, the younger the age group, the more likely its members are to “strongly” agree that they are interested in the option of giving to the parish every month with an electronic fund transfer. Finally, the older the age group, the more likely its members are to “strongly” agree that they are aware of how the parish spends its money.



Top Priorities for Social Justice Efforts

Respondents were asked to choose one top priority for parish contributions to social justice efforts in each of two categories. The results are presented in the two subsections below.¹⁵

Charity

In the area of charity, St. Ignatius respondents are particularly likely to say their top priorities are supporting organizations that empower those in need with skills necessary for employment and a stable life (39%) and supporting organizations that provide direct service to those in need (38%). Slightly fewer chose partnering with a parish in an economically disadvantaged area (23%).

Catholic social teaching requires we engage in both charity and justice. Which of the following is your top priority for social justice efforts in the area of charity?

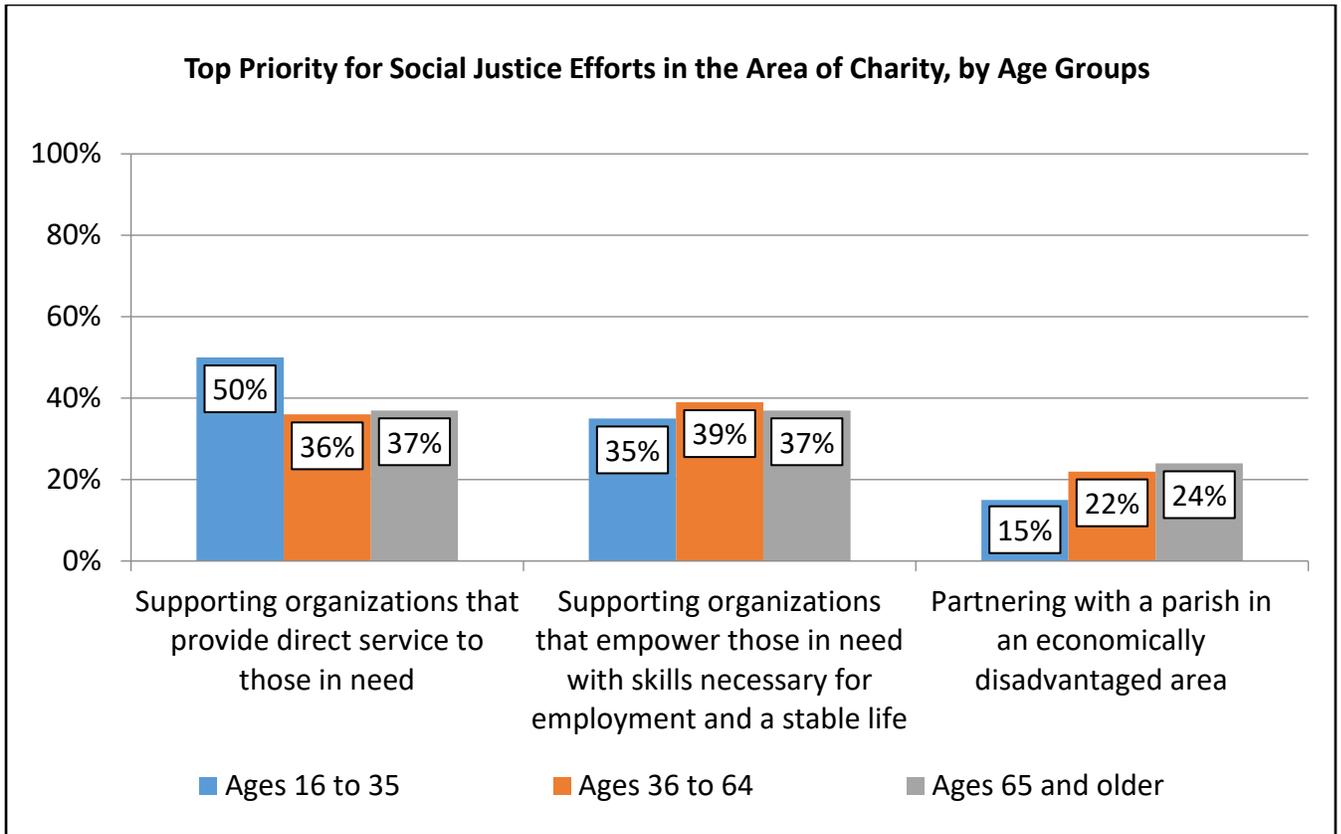
Respondents were instructed to choose only one

	%
Supporting organizations that empower those in need with skills necessary for employment and a stable life	39
Supporting organizations that provide direct service to those in need	38
Partnering with a parish in an economically disadvantaged area	23

¹⁵ The non-response rate for the section about Charity is 13%, with 18% not responding for the section about Justice.

Differences by Age Groups

Those ages 16 to 35 are most likely to identify supporting organizations that provide direct service to those in need as their top priority, and are *least* likely to identify partnering with a parish in an economically disadvantaged area.



Justice

In the area of justice, St. Ignatius respondents are particularly likely to say their top priority is working with organizations that advocate on issues aligned with Catholic social teaching (46%). Just over a quarter chose collaborating with other parishes on issues of public policy aligned with Catholic social teaching (28%) and offering instruction on Catholic social teaching and its implications for public policy issues (26%).

Catholic social teaching requires we engage in both charity and justice. Which of the following is your top priority for social justice efforts in the area of justice?

Respondents were instructed to choose only one

	%
Working with organizations that advocate on issues aligned with Catholic social teaching	46
Collaborating with other parishes on issues of public policy aligned with Catholic social teaching	28
Offering instruction on Catholic social teaching and its implications for public policy issues	26

Preferences for Bringing their Covid-19 Experience Closer to God

From a list of four options (and one write-in), responding parishioners were asked to select all of the ways they would prefer that the parish bring its Covid-19 experience closer to God. The results are presented in the table below.¹⁶

To bring their Covid-19 experience closer to God, respondents are most likely to choose a Mass of Thanksgiving and Remembrance (49%), followed by a Morning of Reflection and Discernment (26%). About one in ten prefers working with a parish in an area most ravaged by Covid-19 (13%) and a Morning of Service to those most affected (11%).

How would you prefer that we bring our Covid-19 experience closer to God?	
<i>Instructed to select all that apply</i>	
	%
Mass of Thanksgiving and Remembrance	49
Morning of Reflection and Discernment	26
Working with a parish in an area most ravaged by Covid-19	13
Morning of Service to those most affected	11
Other	5

Some 5 percent wrote in another preference. These suggestions are presented in Appendix II.

¹⁶ The non-response rate for this set of questions is 19%.

Appendix I: Response Frequencies to All Questions



Parish Life Survey – Church of St. Ignatius Loyola, New York, New York
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There were 750 valid respondents to the Parish Life Survey age 16 and older at Church of St. Ignatius, 589 to the online survey and 161 via paper surveys. The percentage giving each response, calculated out of 100 percent, is shown below. The percentage not responding (NR) is shown separately, also calculated out of 100 percent.

*Greetings! St. Ignatius Parish is beginning a planning process to understand what role the parish should play in our families and our city in the post-pandemic world. This survey will help us to better understand your needs. Your individual response is extremely important. Please respond by marking an “X” in the appropriate boxes below. If a question does not apply to you, please leave it blank. **Thank you!***

1. Which Mass do you *usually* attend at this parish?

Please select only one Mass time.

- | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 10 1. Saturday 5:30 pm | 10 6. Sunday 7:30 pm |
| 8 2. Sunday 8 am | 10 7. I do not regularly |
| 12 3. Sunday 9:30 am | attend Mass at the |
| 34 4. Sunday 11 am – Solemn | parish |
| 16 5. Sunday 11 am – Family | NR=2 |

Please use these responses for the questions below.

- | | |
|---|----------------------------|
| 1=Not at All | 3=Somewhat |
| 2=Only a Little | 4=Very or Very Much |
| Blank=Don’t Know or Not Applicable | |

*How **satisfied overall** are you with these areas of weekend Masses for the Mass you most regularly attend.*

- | | |
|-------------------|---|
| 1 2 3 4 NR | |
| 5 10 29 57 8 | 2. Sound clarity during Mass |
| 1 3 16 80 8 | 3. Music |
| 1 1 14 84 9 | 4. Cantors or song leaders |
| 1 3 26 70 7 | 5. Readers/lectors |
| 2 6 28 64 6 | 6. Homilies |
| 1 8 26 64 8 | 7. Joyfulness of the worship experience |

*How much do the following **attract** you to this parish?*

- | | |
|-------------------|--|
| 1 2 3 4 NR | |
| 3 7 24 66 7 | 8. Its open, welcoming spirit |
| 1 3 21 74 6 | 9. The quality of the liturgy |
| 2 4 21 73 6 | 10. The quality of the music |
| 22 16 25 38 30 | 11. Its religious education/formation for children and youth |
| 12 17 34 38 22 | 12. Its faith formation for adults |
| 10 11 24 55 11 | 13. Its commitment to social justice/peace |
| 4 10 27 59 8 | 14. The sense of belonging you feel here |
| 3 5 16 76 6 | 15. Its identity as a Jesuit parish |

*How **effective** are these ways of communicating parish news to you?*

- | | |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 2 3 4 NR | |
| 6 14 34 47 8 | 16. Announcements read at Mass |
| 3 7 26 64 10 | 17. Weekly e-newsletter |
| 6 16 41 38 12 | 18. Parish website |
| 5 11 31 53 9 | 19. Printed weekly bulletins |
| 28 22 30 21 21 | 20. Social media |

21. If any, what social media platform do you use most frequently? **NR= 54**

Please use these responses for the questions below.

- | | |
|---|--------------------------|
| 1=No Priority | 3=Medium Priority |
| 2=A Little Priority | 4=High Priority |
| Blank=Don’t Know or Not Applicable | |

*How much **priority** should the parish give to the following ministries and programs?*

- | | |
|-------------------|--|
| 1 2 3 4 NR | |
| 2 8 37 53 9 | 22. Social activities to build community |
| 5 24 41 29 12 | 23. Opportunities for devotions such as rosaries and Eucharistic Adoration |
| 3 5 22 70 16 | 24. Children’s religious education/formation |
| 3 6 29 62 15 | 25. Youth ministry |
| 1 7 38 54 13 | 26. Adult faith formation |
| 3 10 33 55 8 | 27. Opportunities for parishioners to learn more about contemporary issues within our Church |

Please use these responses for the questions below.

- | | |
|---|-------------------------|
| 1=Strongly Disagree | 3=Somewhat Agree |
| 2=Somewhat Disagree | 4=Strongly Agree |
| Blank=Don’t Know or Not Applicable | |

*Please **respond** to the following about parish life.*

- | | |
|-------------------|---|
| 1 2 3 4 NR | |
| 3 5 29 63 10 | 28. I am made to feel welcome at this parish |
| 2 7 37 54 12 | 29. This parish encourages us to walk together with those in need, the outcasts of the world, and those whose dignity has been violated |
| 3 11 49 37 32 | 30. This parish accompanies young people in the creation of a hope-filled future |
| 2 4 24 70 12 | 31. Catholics have an obligation to care for the natural environment |
| 1 5 28 66 15 | 32. This parish shows reverence to God in the wonder of creation |
| 7 12 38 43 17 | 33. Our parish needs a plan for how to conserve natural resources |
| 5 13 50 32 17 | 34. There should be opportunities for parishioners to share reflections in parish communications |
| 3 4 32 61 16 | 35. There should be more opportunities for women to use their gifts, skills, service and leadership at the parish |

Please use these responses for the questions below.

1=Strongly Disagree 3=Somewhat Agree

2=Somewhat Disagree 4=Strongly Agree

Blank=Don't Know or Not Applicable

Please **respond** to the following about stewardship.

1 2 3 4 NR

4 13 49 34 25 36. I would volunteer more if I knew parish needs

15 27 40 18 18 37. I am aware of how the parish spends its money

28 32 28 13 61 38. Skip if you already do so: I am interested in the option of giving to the parish every month with an electronic fund transfer

Please **respond** to the following about parish worship.

1 2 3 4 NR

3 9 32 56 14 39. Options for virtual Mass (weekdays and Sunday solemn) should continue

20 26 32 22 24 40. Family Mass should periodically join Solemn Mass in the upstairs church

3 5 43 50 46 41. I agree with the Mission Statement the parish adopted in 2019

1 10 47 43 32 42. There should be more opportunities for Masses for teens

43. How would you prefer that we bring our Covid-19 experience closer to God? **Select all that apply.**

49 1. Mass of Thanksgiving and Remembrance

26 2. Morning of Reflection and Discernment

11 3. Morning of Service to those most affected

13 4. Working with a parish in an area most ravaged by Covid-19

1 5. Other: _____.

NR=19

44. Catholic social teaching requires that we engage in both *charity* and *justice*. Which of the following is your top priority for parish social justice efforts?

A. *Charity* NR=13

Please select one in this category.

38 1. Supporting organizations that provide direct service to those in need

39 2. Supporting organizations that empower those in need with skills necessary for employment and a stable life

23 3. Partnering with a parish in an economically disadvantaged area

B. *Justice* NR=18

Please select one in this category.

46 1. Working with organizations that advocate on issues aligned with Catholic social teaching

26 2. Offering instruction on Catholic social teaching and its implications for public policy issues

28 3. Collaborating with other parishes on issues of public policy aligned with Catholic social teaching

45. *Excluding your Mass attendance*, how many *ministries or activities* are you involved with at this parish?

55 1. None 17 3. Two to four

27 2. One 1 4. Five or more NR=14

AVG NR

1961 16 46. Year you were *born*: _____ (4-digit year)

47. Gender: _____ NR=15

32 Male 68 Female

48. What *best* describes your current marital status?

_____ NR=16

27 Single 1 Engaged 3 Unmarried but in a relationship

56 Married <1 Separated 5 Divorced 7 Widowed

<1 Other

49. *Number of your children or stepchildren living with you* who are: **Leave blank if none or not applicable.**

SUM SUM

201 A. Ages 12 or younger 117 C. Ages 18 or older

104 B. Ages 13 to 17 **Blank=70%**

50. Please feel encouraged to share any views that could help guide our Planning process that were not captured here. We are interested in your priorities for the parish and any creative ideas you might have to help the parish better meet your and our community's needs. NR=62

Thank you for completing this survey!

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