

Key Leader Perspective

Additional insights from parishioners who report being heavily involved in the life of the parish.

By default, the report shows the responses of these parishioners. To see the responses of all parishioners who responded, regardless of their involvement with the parish, check the "show all respondent answers" checkbox.

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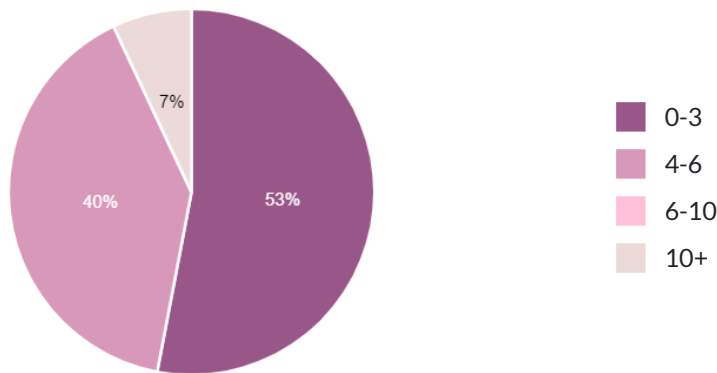
(Optional) Filter the responses to this question by a particular demographic by selecting a question and associated response below

Select a question ▾

Select a response ▾

About You

1. In the last year, how many different parish-based ministries or parish-based organizations have you participated in?

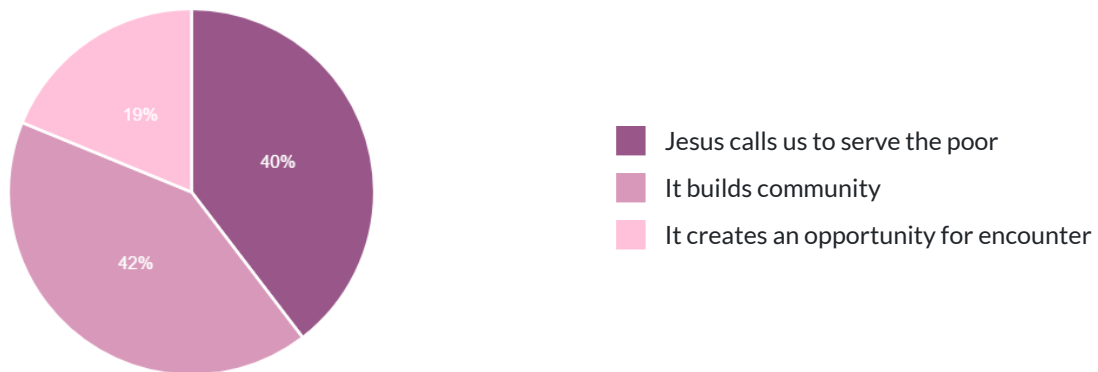


2. Of all the below factors that might keep someone connected in the life of a parish, **check 3** that are most influential in your **current experience** with the parish:

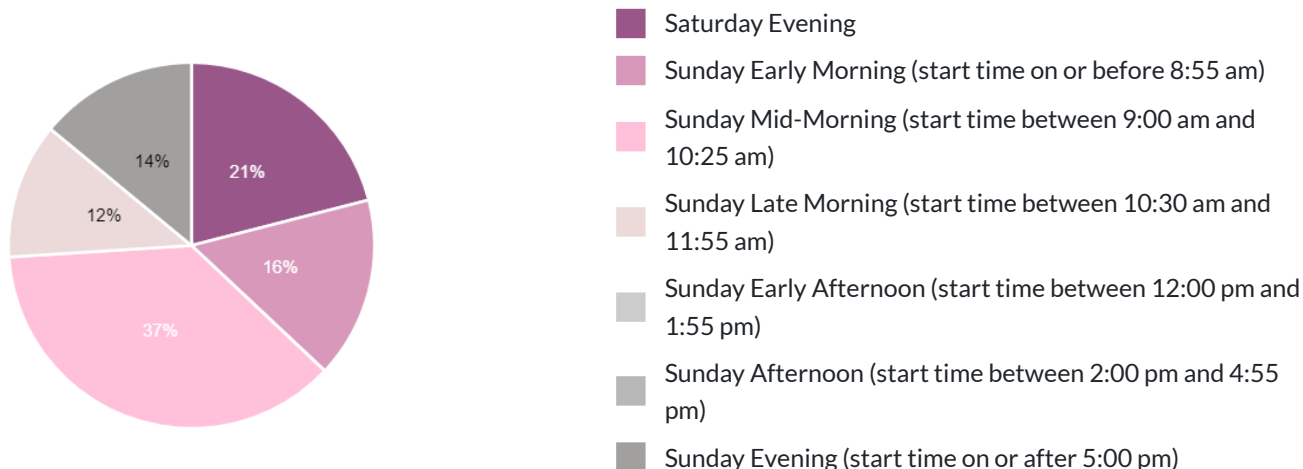
30 Relationship with other parishioners

- 23 Celebration of the Eucharist
- 16 Parish-organized service and outreach to the community
- 14 Relationship with the pastor(s)
- 11 Hospitality and Welcome
- 9 Parish-supported faith sharing opportunities (e.g. small groups, bible study)
- 9 Parish care and support for life events (e.g. death/illness, weddings, family issue)
- 4 Parish-hosted social events
- 3 Prayer and Worship (outside of Mass)
- 2 Parish-hosted or sponsored retreats
- 2 Intentional Invitation (e.g. by pastor or parish staff, ministry sign-up weekends)
- 1 Regular access to Eucharistic Adoration and Confession

3. What is the most important reason to encourage community service in my parish?



4. What is the Mass time you most frequently attend at your parish on the weekend?



About Leadership

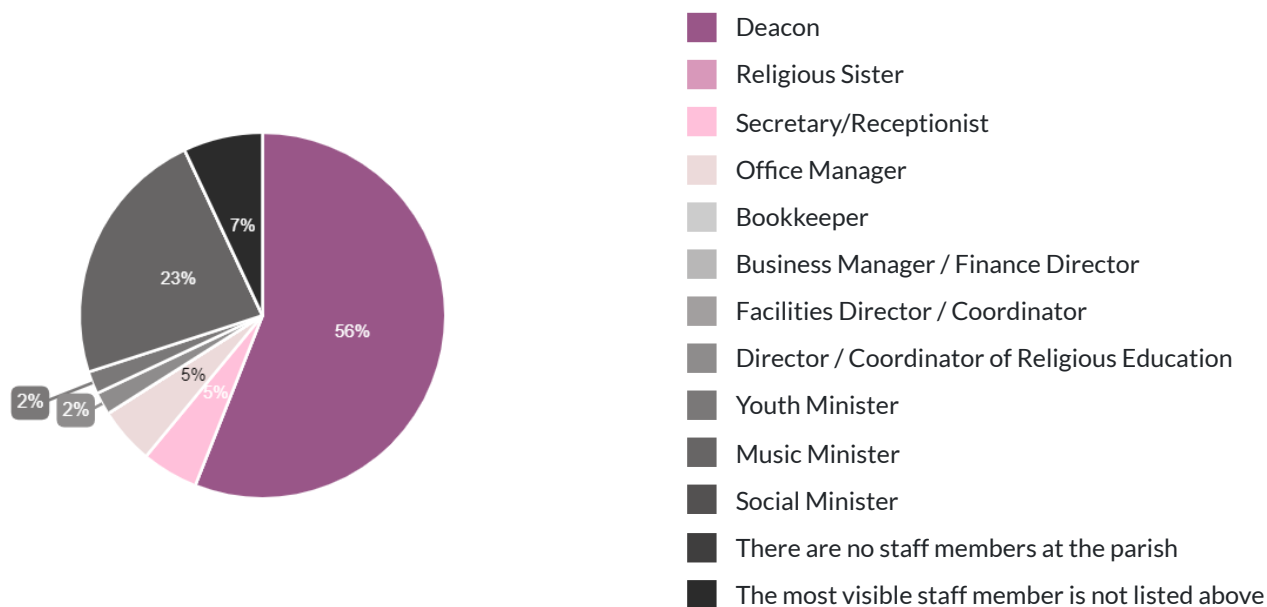
5. If you could only select 5, which of the following expectations of a pastor for **your community** would be **most** important: (check 5)

- 27 Setting Vision and Direction
- 27 Celebrating the sacraments
- 25 Providing spiritual direction/counsel
- 24 Providing pastoral care
- 21 Teaching the faith
- 19 Preaching homilies
- 14 Forming your people
- 13 Empowering service and outreach to the poor
- 10 Managing staff and volunteers
- 9 Modeling personal prayer life
- 5 Managing finances
- 5 Overseeing care for the facilities
- 3 Promoting Stewardship
- 0 Raising money
- 0 Managing Catholic Schools

6. Select the **two** most important things you would want to take away from a homily at your parish.

- 24 Desire to Grow Spiritually
- 14 Relevance
- 13 Hope
- 8 Joy
- 8 Call to Action
- 6 Love for Scripture
- 5 Truth
- 4 Knowledge

7. Besides the pastor and any other priests in the parish, who is the most visible staff member at the parish?



8. The most important role of the Pastoral Council is:



9. A bishop wears many hats. Select the **two** most important hats that he wears.

- 32 Spiritual shepherd to the faithful
- 16 Guardian of the faith
- 12 The Chief Executive of the Diocese
- 11 Spiritual father to priests
- 10 Voice of social conscience

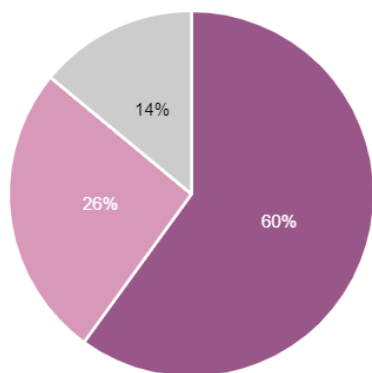
About the Parish

10. All parishes have opportunities for growth. If you could **only select 3 of the following things** that the parish needs more of, which would they be.

- 34 More volunteers participating in ministries
- 33 More young people involved
- 13 More clarity on parish vision, direction, and goals
- 10 More catechesis on Church teaching
- 7 More lay involvement in decision making and leadership
- 4 More transparency (e.g. finances and decisions)
- 4 More contemporary forms of worship
- 3 More paid professional staff
- 2 More inclusive spirit and welcome

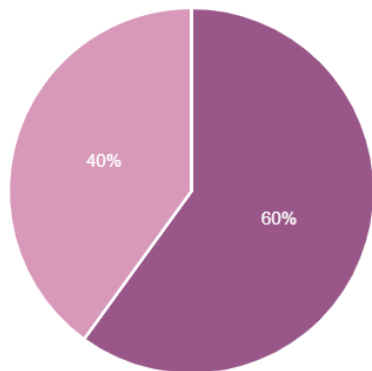
- 2 More traditional forms of worship
- 2 More savvy communication strategies
- 0 More money for parish needs

11. Which would best describe your assessment of the financial health of the parish?



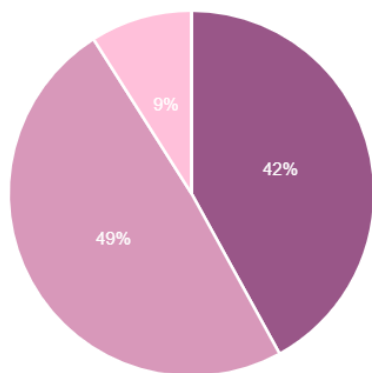
- We are usually in the black but never complacent
- We hold our own but there's not a lot of room for extras
- We've had some ups and downs and are shooting for stability
- We are consistently struggling to meet our financial needs
- I don't know enough to answer this question

12. Which would best describe your assessment of the physical shape of your Church building?



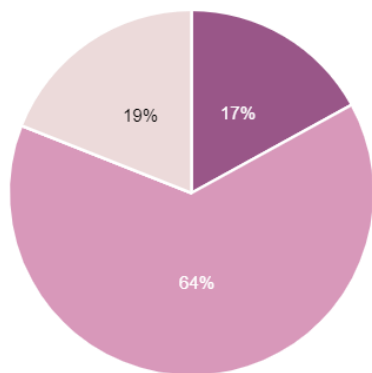
- Lots of Beauty! Recently renovated and/or really-well maintained
- Lots of Character! Really nice structure and "bones" but needs some normal cosmetic renovation or improvement
- Lots of Work! Really nice structure and "bones" but has significant deferred maintenance and needs a lot of cosmetic and structural improvements.
- Lots of Memories! The Church has a lot of deferred maintenance and isn't the most welcoming or attractive of spaces.

13. Which would best describe your assessment of the physical shape of the other buildings and property outside the Church building (e.g. rectory, parking lot, parish center, etc)?



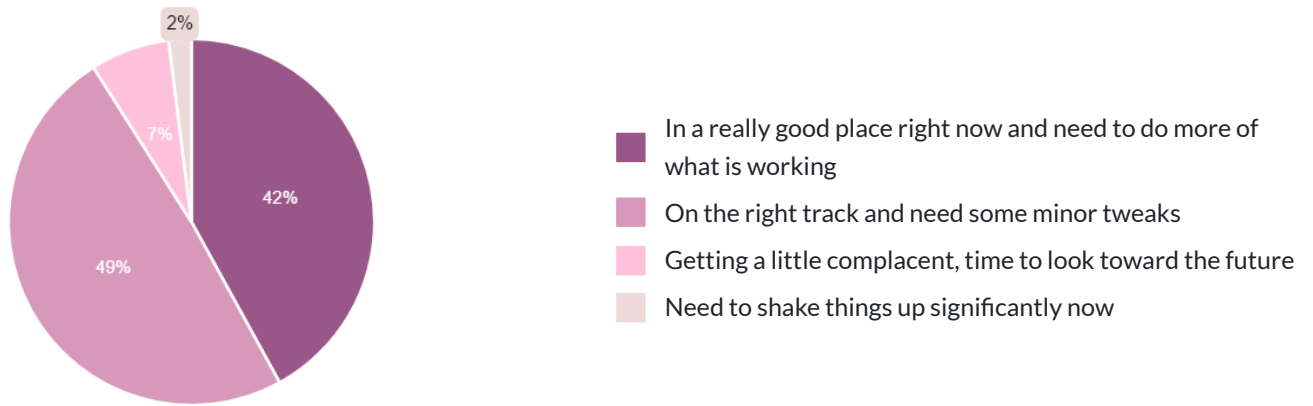
- Great! We have sufficient space for our needs and everything is in good shape
- Good! We could use some more space and there are a few projects that need attending to, but it is well within the parish's reach
- We make it work! Our current space limits us in our ministries and communities and we don't have sufficient resources to improve it at this time
- Help! We need significant work to continue to make this a welcoming and fruitful place for our community

14. What is your most preferred method of bringing others closer to Christ?



- One-to-one conversation
- Leading by example
- Going door to door to invite others
- Being visible in the community

15. To what degree do you think your parish needs to change in order to best fulfill its mission in the next 5 years.



16. Rank **the community values** that would best describe the culture of your parish community. (1 being the highest preference)

- 1.7 Access to the sacraments and worship
- 3.1 Family Focused
- 4.6 Diversity and Inclusion
- 4.4 Sharing the Faith with others
- 4.2 Service and Outreach
- 4.3 Prayerfulness
- 5.7 Parish Traditions
- 6.2 Stewardship
- 5.3 Social Justice