

BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Results

A Letter From Our Pastor

THE RESULTS OF OUR RECENT PARISH SURVEY

Dear Parishioners,

As part of Blessed Sacrament's ongoing commitment to develop stewardship as a way of life, we conducted a comprehensive parish survey this past April. The survey gave all our parishioners an opportunity to express their views regarding worship, parish life, religious education, outreach, and stewardship.

Thanks to your response, our survey was a success! The parish office received 149 completed surveys. This is a 13-percent response rate — greater than the national average of 10 percent. I thank you for your honesty, as well as the time and commitment you made to complete the survey and help our parish become better and spiritually stronger.

The survey results are included in this newsletter, and I hope they give you a clearer vision of how the parish as a whole responded to each specific question. We also asked you to respond to a few open-ended questions.



Because of space constraints, we could not include each response in this newsletter, but they have been read, reviewed and grouped together based on likeness so that we could determine the top responses for each open-ended question.

As your pastor, I am confident that the information we have gathered through the survey will help guide our parish leadership as we continue to develop stewardship at Blessed

Sacrament. In the coming year, I hope we all can work together to meet the needs of our parish community and make parish life more rewarding for us all.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Martin Egging
Pastor

2019 PARISH SURVEY RESULTS

Liturgy

Which Mass at Blessed Sacrament do you most frequently attend?

- 47% Saturday, 5:30 p.m.
- 19% Sunday, 8:00 a.m.
- 34% Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

How often do you attend Mass at Blessed Sacrament?

- 60% Every weekend
- 21% Every weekend and some weekdays
- 2% Every weekend and every weekday
- 13% Occasional weekends (once or twice a month)
- 2% Seasonally (Christmas, Easter, etc.)
- 1% I no longer attend Mass

I consider myself a member of...

- 100% Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church
- 0% St. Leo's Catholic Church
- 0% St. Mary's Cathedral
- 0% Resurrection Catholic Church
- 0% Another church

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

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Needs Improvement
Pastor	75%	23%	2%	0%
Greeters	51%	43%	6%	0%
Ushers	47%	45%	7%	1%
Altar Servers	43%	51%	6%	1%
Lectors	60%	40%	0%	0%
Cantors	42%	50%	7%	1%
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	59%	41%	0%	0%

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

- 37% Strongly agree
- 37% Agree
- 19% Neutral
- 4% Disagree
- 3% Strongly Disagree

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

- Music (9)
- No complaints (4)

Adult Faith Formation

Have you attended an Adult Faith Formation program at Blessed Sacrament in the last three years?

- 29% Yes
- 71% No

If you have attended an Adult Faith Formation program at Blessed Sacrament in the last three years, was it a good experience?

- 76% Yes
- 24% No



If you haven't attended an Adult Faith Formation program at Blessed Sacrament in the last three years, would you consider attending one in the future?

- 45% Yes
- 55% No

If you would like to attend an Adult Faith Formation program, in which areas would you be most likely to participate? **(Multiple responses allowed)**

- 36% Church Teachings
- 49% Scriptures/Bible Study
- 20% Ethics and Morality
- 23% Marriage
- 20% Small Faith-Sharing Groups
- 53% Practical Ways of Growing in Faith and Prayer
- 19% Retreats
- 3% Other

Religious Formation (Preschool - 5th Grade)

The following questions were answered only if one's child/children are currently enrolled in our Religious Formation program.

Catholic education is a lifelong process and is a vital part of the Blessed Sacrament mission.

- 67% Strongly agree 22% Agree
- 11% Neutral 0% Disagree
- 0% Strongly disagree

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

- 47% Excellent 47% Good
- 6% Fair 0% Poor

Do you feel that the instruction provided by our Religious Formation program is in line with the teaching of the Catholic Church?

- 82% Yes 0% No
- 9% Somewhat 9% Unsure



What do you like most about our Religious Formation program? **(Multiple responses allowed)**

- 72% Director, staff and catechists
- 60% The families involved
- 76% The children/families learn about their faith
- 24% Meeting times
- 0% Other

How do you think we can improve our Religious Formation program? **(Multiple responses allowed)**

- 52% Get the parents more involved
- 9% Change the time
- 43% More training and support for the teachers
- 26% Improve the curriculum
- 9% Other

Godparent Youth Group

Do you have children in **ninth through 12th** grade living in your home?

- 7% Yes
- 93% No

If you have children in **ninth through 12th** grade living in your home, do they attend Godparent Youth Group activities/programs at Blessed Sacrament?

- 23% Regularly
- 15% Occasionally
- 62% Never

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The following questions were answered only if one's child/children regularly participate in our Godparent Youth Group program.

How would you rate the quality of the Godparent Youth Group program at Blessed Sacrament?

- 33% Excellent
- 67% Good
- 0% Adequate
- 0% Fair
- 0% Poor

What do you like most about the Godparent Youth Group program? **(Multiple responses allowed)**

- 89% The commitment and dedication of the staff
- 67% The variety of activities offered
- 44% It involves the youth more in parish life
- 44% The Christian atmosphere in which they socialize
- 0% Other

How do you think we can most improve the Godparent Youth Group program? **(Multiple responses allowed)**

- 50% Involve the youth in the parish more
- 50% Inform the parishioners more about the program
- 50% Get more youth involved
- 33% Offer more activities
- 17% Improve the current activities
- 33% Increase the service opportunities
- 0% Other

Parish Life

What is your perception of your role as a member of Blessed Sacrament? **(Multiple responses allowed)**

- 97% To attend Mass
- 65% Participate/volunteer in ministries and social activities
- 90% Support the parish financially
- 65% Share my faith with others
- 1% Other



In your experience, how responsive is our PASTOR to your needs and requests?

- 74% Very responsive
- 17% Somewhat responsive
- 8% Neutral
- 1% Unresponsive
- 0% Very unresponsive

In your experience, how responsive is the PARISH OFFICE STAFF to your needs and requests?

- 79% Very responsive
- 14% Somewhat responsive
- 6% Neutral
- 0% Unresponsive
- 0% Very unresponsive

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

(Multiple responses allowed)

- 90% Bulletin
- 28% Website
- 22% Facebook
- 1% Twitter
- 22% Email
- 54% Newsletter
- 40% Parish Mailings
- 76% Announcements at Mass

Do you enjoy receiving our parish's new monthly newsletters?

89% Yes 11% No

What information do you want included in our monthly newsletter? **(Multiple responses allowed)**

- 79% Articles about parish groups and activities
- 80% Comments from our pastor
- 48% Highlights on various parishioners
- 67% Information on the finances of the parish
- 28% Diocesan-wide news
- 55% Articles of general Catholic interest
- 57% Explanations of specific Catholic teachings
- 2% Other

Do you use our parish's website?

52% Yes
48% No

Outreach

Do you feel that Blessed Sacrament does a good job reaching out to the following groups:

	Yes	No	Unsure
Active Parishioners	86%	1%	13%
Inactive Parishioners	17%	9%	74%
New Parishioners	44%	2%	55%
Shut-in Parishioners	47%	2%	51%
Non-Catholic Spouses	16%	3%	81%
The Local Community	42%	6%	52%
The Poor	59%	2%	39%
Other Christian Churches	17%	4%	79%
Other Religions	7%	5%	88%

What more can we do as a parish to reach out to those in need? **(Multiple responses allowed)**

- 52% Increase communications about parish ministries
- 57% Encourage more parishioner participation
- 32% Be more welcoming
- 46% Get more involved in the community
- 7% Other

Stewardship

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

- 63% Accept it as a core Gospel value and carry it out in my life
- 2% Don't really understand what it means
- 27% Think it's important, but find it hard to implement
- 2% Feel it's not applicable in my life
- 7% Feel that it's just another way to discuss fundraising

Stewardship of Time

How often does your family share a meal?

- 76% Daily
- 13% Several days a week
- 4% Once a week
- 6% Less than once a week

Do you say grace before meals?

70% Yes 30% No

If you have children at home, do you pray with them on a daily basis (in addition to grace before meals)?

45% Yes 55% No



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If you are married, do you pray with your spouse on a daily basis (in addition to grace before meals)?

19% Yes 81% No

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

70% Daily
14% Weekly
4% Monthly
4% Every few months
7% Never

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

47% Yes 53% No

Stewardship of Talent

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

28% 0
20% 1
21% 2
14% 3
17% 4 or more

Beyond participating in weekly Masses, how do you rate your involvement in Blessed Sacrament?

11% Very involved
29% Moderately involved
38% Somewhat involved
17% Rarely involved
5% Never involved

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

4% Not interested in what the parish offers
28% Health issues
6% Usually unaware of opportunities within the parish
49% Not enough time due to family and work responsibilities
2% Transportation
11% Haven't yet made the effort to get involved
0% Lack of babysitting services

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

85% Satisfied with my current level of involvement
15% Would like to become more involved

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

85% Satisfied with current level of involvement
15% Would like to become more involved

At what times would you most likely be able to attend parish functions? **(Multiple responses allowed)**

12% Saturday mornings
22% Saturday evenings
37% After the Sunday Mass I attend
14% Sunday evenings
15% Weekday mornings
16% Weekday afternoons
42% Weekday evenings

Stewardship of Treasure

Each parishioner is responsible for supporting our parish financially.

62% Strongly agree
33% Agree
6% Neutral
0% Disagree
0% Strongly disagree



How often do you make financial contributions to Blessed Sacrament?

- 46% Every week
- 6% Every other week
- 14% Once a month
- 20% Monthly (for all the weeks in the month)
- 0% Never
- 14% Other

My household's gross annual financial contribution to the parish offertory represents:

- 3% 0% of my annual income
- 23% 1% - 2% of my annual income
- 23% 3% - 4% of my annual income
- 28% 5% - 6% of my annual income
- 9% 7% - 8% of my annual income
- 10% 9% - 10% of my annual income
- 3% 11% or more of my annual income

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

- 30% I give a certain dollar amount based on a percentage of my income.
- 51% I have chosen a certain dollar amount in some other way.
- 2% I base the amount on what I think the parish needs.
- 10% I give whatever I can afford that week.
- 7% I don't have a system that determines how much I give.
- 0% I don't financially support the parish.

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

- 2% We are easily able to pay our operating bills and put aside money in savings.
- 7% We are easily able to pay our operating bills.
- 42% We barely generate enough revenue to pay our operating bills.
- 7% We are not generating enough revenue to pay our operating bills.
- 42% I am unaware of the state of our parish finances.



Demographics

Gender

- 11% Male
- 45% Female
- 44% Husband and Wife Completed Together

Marital Status (Check one)

- 12% Single
- 65% Married
- 19% Widowed
- 3% Divorced
- 1% Separated

What is your annual household income?

- 5% \$0 - \$9,999
- 26% \$10,000 - \$29,999
- 27% \$30,000 - \$49,999
- 17% \$50,000 - \$74,999
- 12% \$75,000 - \$99,999
- 12% \$100,000 - \$199,999
- 1% \$200,000 and above



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Age (More than one response was allowed if husband and wife completed the survey together)

2% 18-29
6% 30-39
8% 40-49
14% 50-59
36% 60-69
43% 70+

How long have you been a registered parishioner at Blessed Sacrament?

1% 0-1 year
3% 2-3 years
3% 4-5 years
10% 6-10 years
13% 11-20 years
69% More than 20 years

General Information

The things I like best about Blessed Sacrament are...

- Welcoming Atmosphere/Community (32)
- Clergy (30)
- Different Ministry Opportunities/Activities (29)

I wish Blessed Sacrament would...

- Ministries/Activities for Community (14)
- Suggestions for Finance (8)
- Activities/More Involvement (8)