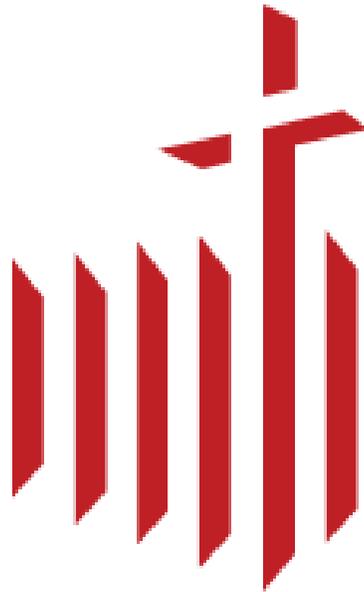


Parish Pastoral
Council (PPC)
Fall 2020
Parish Survey
Results



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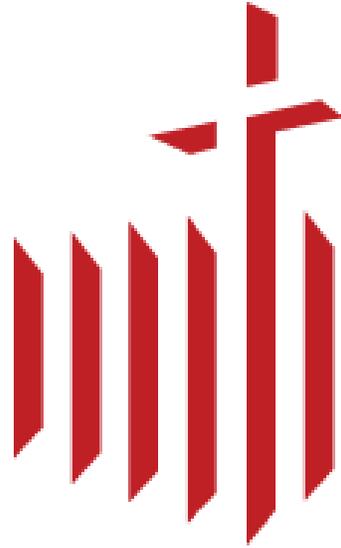
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Takeaways

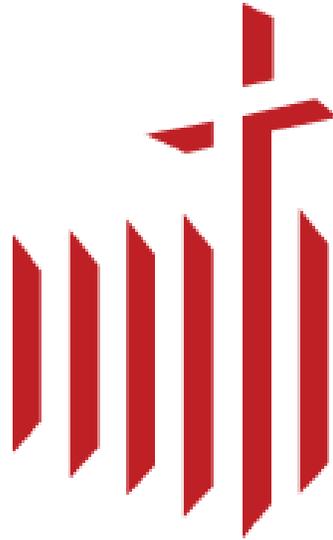


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Takeaways

- Most St. Paul student and resident parishioners are happy with our parish faith community, our ministries, and overall efforts.
- Our parish faith community recognizes the priority of campus ministry in our parish mission.
- Both student and resident parishioners agreed that Evangelization and Discipleship is the clear top priority of St. Paul Catholic Center.
- More parish community engagement for resident parishioners (i.e. small groups).
- More service opportunities for both students and resident parishioners.
- Interest in increasing opportunities for interaction and collaboration between our resident and student parishioners.
- Some parishioners feel there is a lack of clarity and unity around the mission of the parish and what its ministerial priorities are and should be.
- A small number of resident parishioners are unhappy with parish leadership and its priorities.

Key Findings



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Eucharist & Mass

- **10:30 am mass most popular**
During the pandemic, resident parishioners & students have **watched the streamed masses**
- **Most student parishioners (91%) are very satisfied** with the weekend & weekday mass schedule
- **Most resident parishioners (85%) are very satisfied** with the weekend and weekday mass times
- **Student & resident parishioners agree that:**
 - **homilies are directly related to the scriptures**
 - **homilies are directly related to the real-life experience of people**
 - **our lectors are effective and good speakers**

Adult Faith Formation

- Most **resident parishioners** agree that sufficient efforts are made to sustain their faith as a practicing member of our parish
- **Students overwhelmingly either agreed or strongly agreed with this statement**
- While parishioners, the majority still says we are doing a good job, a substantial percentage (37%) disagreed
- **Most students & residents seem to be satisfied with this, students more than parishioners**
- **Most everyone agrees that they have the ability to share their faith**

Religious Ed & Youth

- Majority of resident parishioners have not participated in religious education at St. Paul (58%)
- Over half of resident parishioners have not had their families participate in family ministries (56%)
- Majority of resident parishioners do not have children attending St. Charles Borromeo School or participate in religious education programs offered by St. Charles Catholic Church (83%)
- Majority of resident parishioners' children have received all of the sacraments their ages make them eligible for (61%)

Campus Ministry

- **Majority of students strongly agree that campus ministry and the presence of students in the parish** were a major factor in their decision to join St. Paul Catholic Center
- Students agree that **campus ministry has an effective approach** for attracting and involving new participants
- Students either somewhat agree (36%) or neither agree nor disagree (26%) that they are **involved in the policy and decision-making** for the parish
- Students either somewhat agree or neither agree nor disagree that they are satisfied with **the amount of interaction and collaboration between student and resident parishioners**

Student Survey Section

- Most students agree that they **feel welcome and comfortable** when they attend activities and events sponsored by the campus ministry
- Most students agree that **campus ministry encourages participation** of everyone without regard to individual differences.
- Most students agree that **campus ministry events are promoted and are well known** by students on campus
- Most students agree that **details of events are easy to find and available** on social media
- Students agree that **they are involved in campus ministry policy and decision-making**

Student Survey Section

- Most students **agree that campus ministry helps them become a better person**
- Most students **agree that campus ministry provides opportunities to deepen their faith**
- Most students **agree that students' needs are sufficiently considered in campus ministry programs**
- Students **agree that campus ministry provides combined social and spiritual activities** as a regular part of campus events
- Students **think that there is an opportunity for campus ministry to provide more opportunities for service projects**

Student Survey Section

- Majority of students **agree that campus ministry should support more events to raise social justice awareness on our campus**
- Students **agree that campus ministry encourages us to integrate our academic, spiritual and social lives**
- Most students **agree that they understand what it means to be a Missionary Disciple and lead someone else to become a Missionary Disciple**
- Most students **agree that they are satisfied with their experience in campus ministry**

Evangelization

- Most parishioners **agree that St. Paul's provides enough ongoing opportunities for them to develop more fully in prayer life & understanding of their faith**
- Most parishioners **feel that they are knowledgeable and strong enough in their Catholic Faith to invited others to consider joining our church**
- **Student Parishioners agree** that sufficient efforts are made. However, resident parishioners are either uncertain or disagree that sufficient efforts are made to reach out to non-practicing Catholics and those with little or no religious experience.
- The **majority of students understand what it means to be a Missionary Disciple** (largely due to FOCUS*). However, most of the resident parishioners were either uncertain or they disagreed that they understand what is means to be a Missionary Disciple.

*FOCUS: Fellowship Of Catholic University Students

Stewardship

- Majority of student and resident parishioners **agree with the statement that “regular efforts are made to encourage my talents and invite their use in parish service”**
- Majority of student and resident parishioners **agree with the statement that “the parish educates me to know my responsibility to be a good steward of my gifts and special talents”**
- Majority of student and resident parishioners **agree that the parish provides good stewardship of the financial and other resources given by parishioners**
- Majority of resident and student parishioners **agree that the parish is a top priority for my family’s giving of time, talent, and treasure**

Facilities

- Most student and resident parishioners **strongly agree that the church is properly maintained and cleaned**
- Most students and resident parishioners **agree that the physical appearance of the church (building) is appealing**
- Both resident and student parishioners **agree that the sound system in the church is adequate**
- Both resident and student parishioners **strongly agree that the atmosphere within the church is conducive to prayer and active participation in the liturgy**

Communication

- **Student and Resident Parishioners agree that they are aware of parish events and programs available**
- **Student and resident parishioners are satisfied with the parish communication efforts available to keep me aware of parish events and programs**
- **Most-used / top-rated parish communications options:**
 - 1) Announcements at Mass, 2) Parish Email Messages, 3) Weekly Parish Bulletin, 4) Parish website**

Administration

- Majority of both student and resident parishioners:
 - **strongly agree that the priests and deacon of our parish make themselves available as much as possible to parishioners**
 - **agree that the parish offers times that are satisfactory for Confession**
 - **strongly agree that the parish staff is available to meet their needs**
 - Majority of student (73%) and resident parishioners (54%) **agree that the parish encourages and uses the feedback it receives**
 - However, 31% of resident parishioners answered "uncertain"

Administration

- Student parishioners agree that parish facilities are available and easy to reserve/schedule
- The most common response for resident parishioners was "uncertain", 38%
- However, a majority of parishioners either strongly agreed or somewhat agreed that parish facilities are available and easy to reserve/schedule (46%)
- Students agree that St. Paul's provides enough financial and staffing resources to its ministries. However, most residents are uncertain if St. Paul's provides enough financial and staffing resources to its ministries (44%)

Service & Social Outreach

- Most students and parishioners think that our parish recognizes and serves the needs of those within our community. However, there is a fair number of parishioners (21%) who marked “uncertain”.
- A majority of student (60%) and resident parishioners (53%) agree that our parish assures that the sick and homebound are visited and the grieving are comforted. However, the most common response for this question was “uncertain”.
- Students and parishioners are uncertain as to whether our parish makes sufficient efforts to meet the needs of people who may feel excluded from parish life at some point (ex: divorced individuals, single parents, the elderly)

Service & Social Outreach

- Students (54%) and parishioners (57%) **agree that our parish serves the poor and disadvantaged outside our community.** However, the most common response to the question was “uncertain” (36% students, 26% parishioners).
- Parishioners and students **agree that our parish is sufficiently involved in the ecumenical and interfaith community of the IU campus, Bloomington, and Monroe County.** However, like many other responses for this section, the most common response was “uncertain”.
- **For both resident and student parishioners the most common answer was uncertain. However, like previous questions, the majority of the rest of the responses agreed that our parish is sufficiently involved in Archdiocesan efforts related to peace and justice, education, advocacy, and service activities.**

Hospitality

- Residents and students **agree that newcomers are warmly welcomed into the parish**
- Residents and student parishioners **agree that our parish exhibits a spirit of warmth and hospitality at Mass and other functions**
- The majority of students and resident parishioners **agree that our parish fosters a strong sense of community**
- Resident and student parishioners **agree that our parish should have a clear process for welcoming and accompanying new members**

Hospitality

- Resident and student parishioners **agree that our parish should have a clear process for outreach to invite the unchurched and spiritually hungry in our community**
- Resident and student parishioners **agree that it is easy to get involved with the parish community**
- The majority of resident and student parishioners **said that they feel involved in parish ministry and activities**
- Students and resident parishioners **feel that as single people, they feel welcome within the community**

Parish Purpose

Respondents were asked to rank the order of importance of the following statements:

- 1. Evangelization and discipleship:**
Growing in my faith and sharing it with others. Learning more about how to pray. Learning to speak about and sharing my faith with others in my life.
- 2. Faith Formation / Religious Education:**
Classes and programs to help me learn more about my faith. Learning more about Church teachings. Participating more actively in the religious education of my children.
- 3. Social Interaction & Engagement:**
Attending social events which allow me to get to know my fellow parishioners. Better connecting my faith to work/family life. Interactions between resident parishioners and student parishioners.
- 4. Social Justice:** Works of charity, policy and advocacy, outreach to the marginalized, and those who do not feel welcomed.

Parish Purpose / ranking of importance

- Both student and resident parishioners agreed that **Evangelization and Discipleship** is the clear top priority of St. Paul Catholic Center.
- The rankings for the other three statement categories varied across demographics and were not statistically significant.

Methodology

- September 2020: Proposed Parish Survey vetted with Parish Leadership Team (PPC, Finance Council & Parish Staff)
- October 2020: Parish Survey of about 50 Survey Questions to Resident Parishioners & Student Parishioners
- Survey Communications: Three (3) Weekly Parish Update Emails + three (3) Pastor's notes in weekly parish bulletins + pulpit announcements + parish website posting
- Online survey tool (IU Qualtrics online survey system)
- Three (3) email messages w/ survey link sent approx. 2 week period (Oct. 13-26)
 - Original message + 2 reminder messages
- Email addresses sent:
 - Student parishioners: about 2,000 (students & alumni)
 - Resident parishioners: about 400
- Printed survey copies
 - Hispanic parishioners: surveys distributed to about 40; about 20 completed surveys
 - One (1) printed completed survey returned
- Approximately 400 total responses
 - Student Parishioners: 154
 - Resident Parishioners: 251