



# Disciple Maker Index Survey

## *Saint Luke Parish Results*



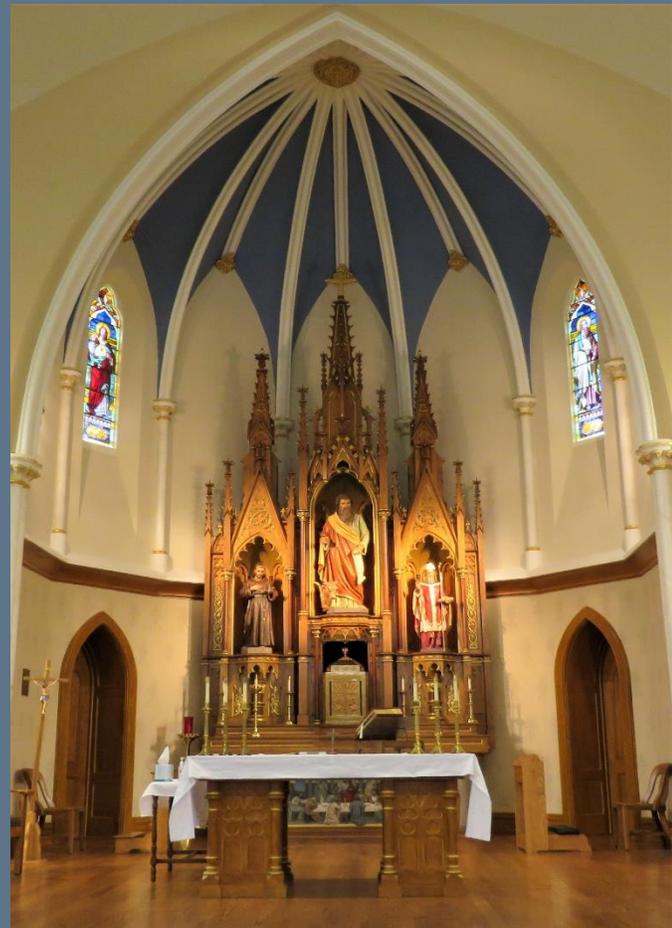
## Spring DMI survey gives helpful feedback to the Priority Planning Process



Last spring our parish had the opportunity to participate in the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey. More than 133 adults in our parish - or about 52 percent of parishioners - took the time to give their feedback. The national participation average is between 7-10 percent, so this puts St. Luke way above the national average.

The Disciple Maker Index contained 75-questions designed to provide an opportunity for parishioners to reflect on their individual spiritual growth and overall parish effectiveness. Almost 300,000 Catholics at more than 1,500 parishes throughout 40 dioceses have taken the DMI since 2013, providing not just valuable data for each parish, but for the Church nationally, as well.

Of the 133 surveys that were completed, 95 were done online and 38 done on paper at the parish. The majority of respondents were women representing 68 percent of the total respondents.





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## Key Findings

### Belief in Core Catholic Teaching

#### Key Observations

- Overall, 92% indicated they agree or strongly agree that the Eucharist is the body/blood of Christ  
Scripture is the word of God  
Jesus died and rose again  
83% agree or strongly agree that the Church is critical in relationship with God

### Key Drivers to Recommend Parish

#### Key Observations

- Overall, 83% agree or strongly agree that they would recommend St. Luke Parish
- 85% feel the Parish communicates information effectively through bulletin, online platforms and social media
- Although our largest strength is our belief that scripture is the word of God, 68% lack confidence in sharing our personal story, 50% lack confidence sharing the story of Jesus, 48% lack confidence in answering questions about the church's teachings.

**Writing Team Action Step:** Our team will research ways to improve in these areas.

### Parish Fosters my Spiritual Growth

#### Key Observations

- Overall 69% agree or strongly agree the Parish helps spiritual growth through Preaching and the Mass, however only 38% have found growth reading the Bible. 43% found growth in retreats and workshops and 54% feel the Parish is forming them as a Disciple of Jesus Christ

**Writing Team Action Step:** Research ways other parishes have fostered spiritual growth, particularly with men.

## Demographics

# 133

Total number of surveys completed, representing 52% of the parish

# 42

Men who completed the DMI

# 91

Women who completed the DMI

# 56-75+

Age range of 86% of men who completed the DMI

# 56-75+

Age range of 76% of women who completed the DMI



# 316

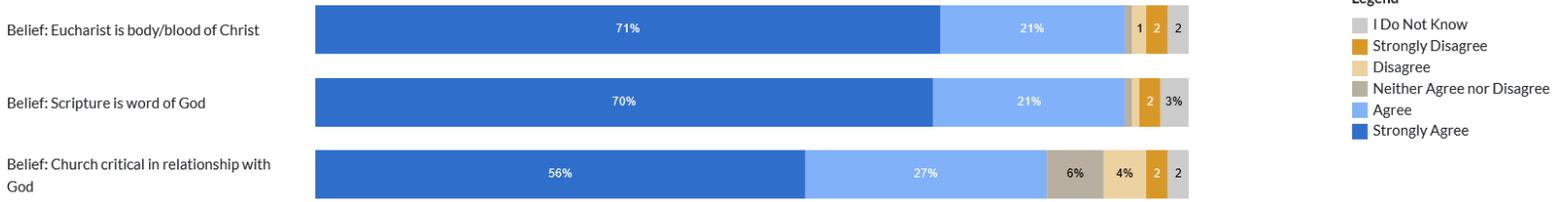
Total number of registered adults at St. Luke Parish

## The DMI Survey examined four primary areas:

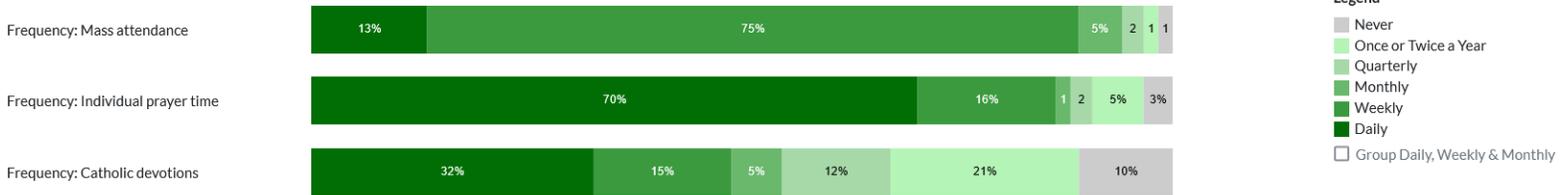
- Attitudes & Beliefs
- Participation
- Overall Satisfaction
- Demographics

# Key Stats

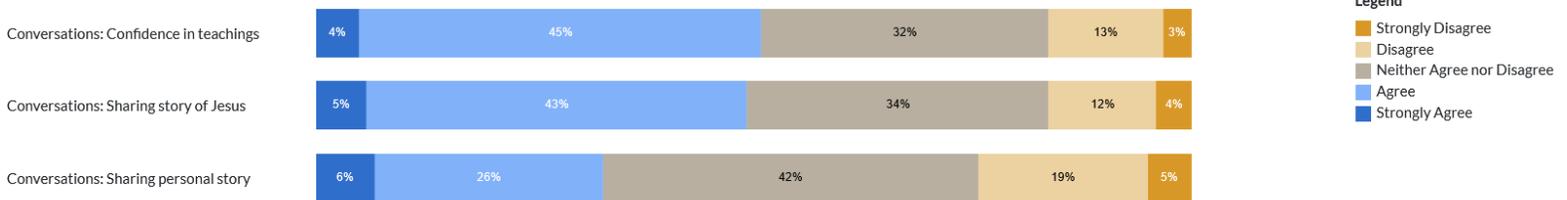
## Top 3 by Highest Percentage Strongly Agree



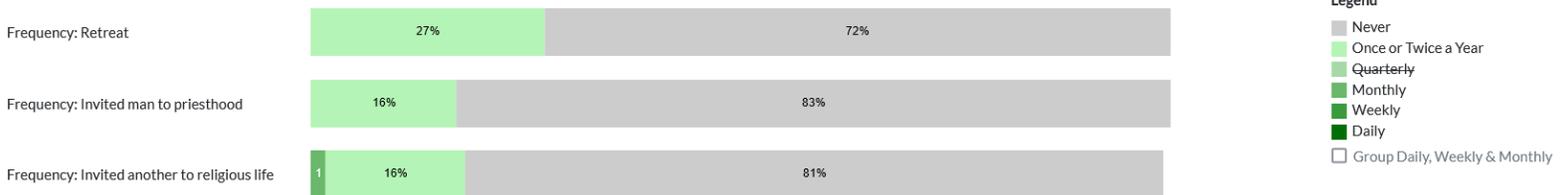
## Top 3 by Highest Percentage Monthly or More Often



## Top 3 by Lowest Percentage Strongly Agree



## Top 3 by Lowest Percentage Monthly or More Often



# What's Next?

- DMI results have been reviewed and considered among other information to draw conclusions about the current state of the parish and parish life.
- The Priority Planning Team will continue to meet to work on the Parish Purpose Statement, Values and Goals for the next five years. This process should be completed during 2022.
- The draft plan will be submitted to the diocese for review and feedback
- The final plan will be completed late 2022.

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Dear Parishioners,

First, I express appreciation for your response to the survey. Participation rate was excellent, and I think it gives us a good representation of our current position at St. Luke Parish. I also express my appreciation to our parish leadership team who have met several times and attended several webinars to assist us to interpret the survey results—demographics, as well as statistical information provided to us by the Columbus Diocese and the Catholic Leadership Institute. The team is led by Dave Rashley, with core team members including Keith Mickley, Vic Campanelli, Theresa Morris, and Sheri Tharp. Thanks to all of you!

Among the many things we learned from the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) results, I think one of the most positive and encouraging items is our adherence to core Catholic beliefs, like the real presence of our Lord in the Eucharist, the resurrection of Jesus, and other key teachings of our faith. We are truly Catholic at St. Luke!

One of the concerning trends is the significant decline in the number of priests in our diocese. While our current desired priest count is 118 priests, we currently have 94 active priests, and we are projected to have only 71 priests in the year 2034. The DMI survey indicates that only 16% percent of parishioners have ever invited a young man to consider the Priesthood so this is definitely an area where we can easily improve.

And, of course, we can all increase our prayers for vocations, so I certainly encourage everyone to do that. Thanks again for your input, and may God bless you!

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Mark J. Hammond  
Pastor