

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH SURVEY RESULTS

Thank you to everyone who participated in the parish survey! There was a total number of 463 people who participated in the survey. We would like to share with you the initial results.

Tell Us About Yourself		
<i>Are you a registered member of St. Francis of Assisi Parish?</i>	Yes: 88.72%	No: 11.28%
<i>Gender:</i>	Male: 29.56%	Female: 70.44%
<i>Age:</i>	14-18: 2.81% 35-44: 17.53% 65-74: 11.04%	18-24: 4.98% 45-54: 19.91% 74 or older: 10.39%
<i>Marital Status:</i>	Married: 78.26% Widowed: 4.78%	Single: 15.00% Divorced: 1.96%
<i>How many children do you have?</i> Average: 4	<i>How many still at home?</i> Average: 2	
<i>Work Status:</i>	Full Time: 61.62% Unemployed: 1.97%	Part Time: 15.57% Stay-at-Home Parent: 2.19% Retired: 18.64%
<i>Years with Parish:</i>	Just visiting: 6.29% 1-5 Years: 4.34% 6-10 Years: 3.90%	11-20 Years: 14.53% 20-30 Years: 18.22% Over 30 Years: 52.71%
<i>Where do you regularly attend Sunday Mass?</i>	St. Francis: 80.90%	Other Parish: 19.10%

Liturgy and Prayer	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total # of Answers
Our liturgies (Mass and other public prayer services) are uplifting and spiritually enriching.	10.12% 42	60.96% 253	22.41% 93	6.02% 25	0.48% 2	415
I actively participate in Mass by reciting the prayers.	55.00% 231	39.76% 167	4.05% 17	0.95% 4	0.24% 1	420
I understand the meaning of the prayers and responses in Mass.	28.88% 121	61.10% 256	6.44% 27	2.86% 12	0.72% 3	419
The readings at Mass are read clearly and with meaning.	23.37% 97	59.76% 248	14.22% 59	2.65% 11	0.00% 0	415
The homilies are relevant and meaningful to my life.	13.59% 56	50.49% 208	27.43% 113	7.28% 30	1.21% 5	412
The homilies are engaging and understandable.	8.31% 34	46.94% 192	32.76% 134	10.51% 43	1.47% 6	409
The homilies challenge me to be a better person and better disciple.	9.54% 39	46.94% 192	33.74% 138	8.31% 34	1.47% 6	409
I make it to Sunday Mass every weekend.	54.22% 225	29.40% 122	7.95% 33	7.23% 30	1.20% 5	415
I actively participate in singing hymns during Mass.	36.96% 153	38.16% 158	14.98% 62	7.25% 30	2.66% 11	414

Liturgy and Prayer Continued...	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total # of Answers
The music in Masses at St. Francis helps me to worship and participate more fully in the Liturgy.	26.44% 110	42.31% 176	18.51% 77	9.86% 41	2.88% 12	416
The songs are easy for me to join in and sing with.	16.91% 70	48.07% 199	22.95% 95	9.18% 38	2.90% 12	414
I maintain a personal prayer life.	34.62% 144	49.76% 207	13.22% 55	1.92% 8	0.48% 2	416
I feel I know how to pray.	32.12% 132	56.20% 231	10.71% 44	0.97% 4	0.00% 0	411
I feel my prayer life is nourished and supported by the parish.	14.95% 61	48.77% 199	27.70% 113	7.84% 32	0.74% 3	408
I go to confession regularly (more than once a year).	12.08% 50	19.32% 80	22.95% 95	34.06% 141	11.59% 48	414
Confessions are held at St. Francis at a convenient time.	5.62% 23	38.88% 159	43.52% 178	10.02% 41	1.96% 8	409
Additional weekly confession opportunities would be beneficial.	9.85% 40	23.89% 97	53.45% 217	10.84% 44	1.97% 8	406
I am interested in participating in a home prayer or study group.	4.89% 20	10.02% 41	42.54% 174	35.94% 147	6.60% 27	409
I would be interested in going on a parish retreat.	4.13% 17	14.56% 60	37.62% 155	34.95% 144	8.74% 36	412
Eucharistic Adoration is very important to our community.	17.71% 71	42.64% 171	33.17% 133	4.49% 18	2.00% 8	401
Please explain any reasons for agreeing or disagreeing.						141
List any ideas that you have to improve or enhance the liturgies or prayer opportunities at St. Francis.						112

Parish Community	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total # of Answers
Our parish has a strong sense of community and belonging.	31.79% 124	49.49% 193	14.10% 55	2.82% 11	1.79% 7	390
The parish offers a good balance of social/community activities and programs for all ages.	12.85% 50	46.27% 180	24.94% 97	13.37% 52	2.57% 10	389
Parish events are advertised effectively to the community.	16.32% 63	59.59% 230	17.36% 67	5.70% 22	1.04% 4	386
I volunteer regularly at parish social/community events.	8.64% 33	41.88% 160	35.34% 135	12.57% 48	1.57% 6	382
Please explain any reasons for agreeing or disagreeing.						82
List any ideas you have for social/community activities at St. Francis.						64

Ministry and Service	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total # of Answers
The parish effectively communicates information about the various ministries and opportunities in the parish.	16.75% 66	63.71% 251	15.48% 61	3.81% 15	0.25% 1	394
The parish provides sufficient training in the various ministries.	10.51% 41	56.41% 220	27.44% 107	4.62% 18	1.03% 4	390
I am satisfied with the ministry programs provided at the parish.	10.88% 42	60.88% 235	24.35% 94	3.63% 14	0.26% 1	386
I am very involved in ministries.	7.69% 30	28.72% 112	40.00% 156	19.23% 75	4.36% 17	390
I am not involved in any ministries but would like to be.	2.11% 7	12.08% 40	55.89% 185	22.66% 75	7.25% 24	331
I know my time and effort is appreciated.	17.02% 65	49.48% 189	30.63% 117	1.83% 7	1.05% 4	382
Please explain any reasons for agreeing or disagreeing.						58
Is there any group of people we are failing to minister to?						65

Hospitality	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total # of Answers
I feel I belong and am appreciated at St. Francis.	18.16% 71	57.54% 225	17.90% 70	4.09% 16	2.30% 9	391
I feel comfortable inviting a non-parishioner (such as a friend or family member) to attend Mass.	19.49% 76	56.92% 222	14.62% 57	6.67% 26	2.31% 9	390
The parish reaches out to the Teutopolis/Effingham area community beyond our own parishioners.	6.30% 24	36.48% 139	34.65% 132	18.64% 71	3.94% 15	381
There is effective communication among parish leaders and members of the parish.	5.97% 23	44.16% 170	34.55% 133	13.77% 53	1.56% 6	385
Our parishioners of other ethnicities feel welcome and part of the community.	5.14% 19	39.46% 146	42.70% 158	10.54% 39	2.16% 8	370
Parishioners are very welcoming to newcomers.	7.31% 28	39.16% 150	32.90% 126	14.62% 56	6.01% 23	383
RCIA candidates and catechumens feel like part of the community they are joining here at St. Francis.	6.02% 10	26.51% 44	64.46% 107	2.41% 4	0.60% 1	166
Explain any reasons for agreeing or disagreeing.						77
How could we be a more hospitable parish?						76

The Faith	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total # of Answers
I love my faith and desire to share it with others.	28.50% 108	56.20% 213	14.25% 54	0.79% 3	0.26% 1	379
I have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.	39.16% 150	53.26% 204	7.31% 28	0.26% 1	0.00% 0	383
I am willing to talk to people about my faith and my relationship with Christ.	21.00% 80	45.41% 173	26.77% 102	6.56% 25	0.26% 1	381
As a parent, I believe I am the primary and most influential catechist/religion teacher in my child's life.	45.05% 150	40.24% 134	13.21% 44	1.20% 4	0.30% 1	333
I feel I know how to sufficiently prepare my child for receiving the sacraments.	16.82% 54	51.09% 164	23.99% 77	7.17% 23	0.93% 3	321
The process of bringing an adult into the Catholic Faith (RCIA) is well known and understood amongst parishioners.	2.75% 10	35.81% 130	39.39% 143	19.56% 71	2.48% 9	363
Explain any reasons for agreeing or disagreeing.						49
Are there any teachings of the Church that you struggle with?						64
List any ideas you have on how our parish can be better at carrying out our mission to evangelize.						49

Religious Education (Grades 1-12)	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total # of Answers
I am satisfied with the religion programs offered for children and teens.	16.06% 53	55.15% 182	18.18% 60	7.88% 26	2.73% 9	330
I am satisfied with the sacramental preparation programs offered.	17.23% 56	57.54% 187	20.31% 66	3.38% 11	1.54% 5	325
The religious education staff sufficiently communicates current information about the program to parents and other parishioners.	18.10% 59	50.00% 163	24.54% 80	4.91% 16	2.45% 8	326
Students learn about and have a good understanding of Church teachings, liturgy, the Bible, and service.	13.54% 44	51.38% 167	23.08% 75	7.69% 25	4.31% 14	325
The programs are well organized and practical.	14.15% 46	49.23% 160	25.23% 82	9.23% 30	2.15% 7	325
The programs used are relevant to the students' lives.	14.24% 45	47.15% 149	31.33% 99	5.38% 17	1.90% 6	316
Explain any reasons for agreeing or disagreeing.						89
How can we better our Religious Education programs?						78