



CATHEDRAL of SAINT PETER

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

A Letter from Our Cathedral Rector

The Results of Our Recent Parish Survey

Dear Parishioners,

As part of our ongoing commitment to developing stewardship as a way of life here at the Cathedral of St. Peter, we recently conducted a comprehensive survey of our stewardship parish. The survey allowed all our parishioners to express their views regarding worship, parish life, religious education, outreach, and stewardship.

Thanks to your response, our survey was a success! Our parish office received 179 completed surveys for a 35-percent response rate, which is over three times the national average of 10 percent. Thank you for your honesty, time, and commitment to completing the survey and helping the Cathedral of St. Peter become better and spiritually stronger.

The survey results are in this newsletter, and I hope these results will give you a clearer vision of how our parishioners responded to each unique 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 based on likeness to help determine the top response for each open-ended question.

As your pastor, I am confident that the information gathered through the survey will help guide our parish leadership as we continue to develop stewardship at the Cathedral of St. Peter. In the coming year, I hope we all can work together to meet the needs of our faith community and make life in our parish more rewarding.

Peace,

Very Rev. Godfrey Mullen, OSB
Cathedral Rector

A. Liturgy

A1. Which Mass at St. Peter Cathedral do you most frequently attend? (157 answered; 22 skipped)

- 35% Saturday, 4:00 p.m.
- 26% Sunday, 8:00 a.m.
- 25% Sunday, 10:30 a.m.
- 14% Sunday, 5 p.m.

A2. How often do you attend Mass at St. Peter Cathedral? (151 answered; 28 skipped)

- 60% Every weekend
- 18% Every weekend and some weekdays
- 6% Every weekend and every weekday
- 13% Occasional weekends (once or twice a month)
- 1% Seasonally (Christmas, Easter, etc.)
- 1% Holy Days
- 1% I no longer attend Mass

A3. Please indicate how well the following liturgical ministers enhance your prayer and worship. (153 answered; 26 skipped)

	<u>Needs</u>			
	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Improvement</u>
Fr. Godfrey	87%	10%	2%	1%
Dcn. Fields	33%	41%	22%	5%
Dcn. Lugge	39%	52%	9%	1%
Dcn. Weiler	41%	51%	6%	1%
Greeters	49%	45%	3%	4%
Ushers	43%	48%	5%	4%
Lectors	44%	51%	4%	1%
Cantors	44%	42%	11%	3%
Choir	58%	35%	6%	1%
Instrumental Music	50%	37%	9%	4%
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	54%	40%	4%	1%



A4. Do you have any suggestions for our Liturgical Ministers? (57 answered; 122 skipped)

- Music/Choir (16)
- Lectors (13)

A5. The music at the Mass I attend enhances my prayer and worship. (150 answered; 29 skipped)

- 45% Strongly agree
- 31% Agree
- 17% Neutral
- 7% Disagree
- 1% Strongly Disagree

A6. Do you have any suggestions to help enhance our Sunday liturgies? (78 answered; 101 skipped)

- Choir/Music (37)
- Liturgy (10)

B. Adult Faith Formation

B1. Have you attended an Adult Faith Formation program (Lenten Soup Suppers, Parish Retreat, Missions, RCIA) at St. Peter Cathedral in the last two years? *(148 answered; 31 skipped)*

27% Yes
73% No

B2. If you have attended an Adult Faith Formation program at St. Peter Cathedral in the last two years, was it a good experience? *(57 answered; 127 skipped)*

75% Yes
25% No

B3. If you haven't attended an Adult Faith Formation program at St. Peter Cathedral in the last two years, would you consider attending one in the future? *(110 answered; 69 skipped)*

59% Yes
41% No

B4. If you would like to attend an Adult Faith Formation program, in which areas would you be most likely to participate? (Check all that apply) *(85 answered; 94 skipped)*

67% Theology UnCapped (half-hour social, half-hour talk)
9% RCIA (Becoming Catholic: weekly gatherings)
40% Video Studies (three to five week series)
35% Online programs (Formed, etc.)
22% Cathedral Conversation (FaceBook Live session)
20% Other

B5. If you were inclined to come to Adult Faith Formation events, would you prefer (Check any that apply) *(92 answered; 87 skipped)*

20% Weekday Mornings
26% Weekday Afternoons
67% Weekday Evenings
18% Saturday Mornings

C. Youth

C1. If you have children in grades 5-8, what types of youth ministry programming would most appeal to them? *(23 answered; 156 skipped)*

Involvement in Parish Life (6)
No Suggestion/Miscellaneous (17)

C2. If you have high school students (grades 9-12), what activities or events would your student(s) most likely participate in at the parish? *(19 answered; 160 skipped)*

Activity Ideas (5)
No Suggestions (15)

C3. If you have children in your household, please list names, ages, and school where they attend. *(22 answered; 157 skipped)*

Names and Ages (19)
No Children/ No Suggestion (12)

C4. If you have children approaching 8th grade, would you be likely to participate, with your student, in a Confirmation preparation program which involved parents and sponsors? *(4 answered; 175 skipped)*

50% Yes
50% No

C5. If you've had a child baptized in the past two years, how helpful has the preparation been? *(1 answered; 178 skipped)*

0% Very helpful
100% Somewhat helpful
0% Not helpful

C6. If you've had a child receive First Holy Communion in the past two years, how helpful has the preparation been? *(1 answered; 178 skipped)*

0% Very helpful
100% Somewhat helpful
0% Not helpful

C. Youth *(continued)*

C7. If you've had a child receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the past two years, how helpful has the preparation been? *(1 answered; 178 skipped)*

100% Very helpful
 0% Somewhat helpful
 0% Not helpful

D. Parish School of Religion

Please answer the questions in section D only if you have students in Kindergarten through Grade 8.

D1. Have you enrolled your children in the Parishes' School of Religion, which meets at St. Augustine? *(15 answered; 164 skipped)*

7% Yes
 93% No

D2. If you answered 'No' in D1, is there a primary reason? *(14 answered; 165 skipped)*

50% They attend a Catholic school
 0% Scheduling
 0% I was unaware of this offering
 50% Other

D3. If you answered 'Yes' in D1, are you satisfied with the formation your children are receiving? *(1 answered; 178 skipped)*

100% Yes
 0% No

D4. If you answered 'Yes' in D1, have you found the following people helpful in their ministry? *(5 answered; 174 skipped)*

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Needs Improvement</u>
Sr. Tess Markus, SSND	100%	0%	0%	0%
PSR Office Staff	100%	0%	0%	0%
Your child(ren)'s teacher	100%	0%	0%	0%

D5. Other comments about PSR: *(4 answered; 175 skipped)*

No Suggestions (2)
 Options for Special Needs (1)

E. Young Adult Ministry (Ages 18-39)

Please answer the questions in Section E only if you are ages 18-39.

E1. If you are a young adult, in what types of social activities would you be most likely to participate? (Check all that apply) *(17 answered; 162 skipped)*

Social Activities (10) Athletic(Open Gym) (6)
 Hiking (8) Music (5)
 Barbeque (7) Misc. (3)
 Camping (7)
 Crafts (7)
 Picnic (7)

E2. In what types of spiritual activities would you be most likely to participate? (Check all that apply) *(26 answered; 153 skipped)*

Book Study (7)
 Monthly Service Projects (7)
 Rosary (6)
 Eucharistic Adoration (5)
 Men's Ministry (5)
 Weekly Prayer Group (5)
 Women's Ministry (5)
 Divine Mercy Chaplet (3)
 Misc. (3)

E3. What days work best for you to participate in spiritual activities? (Check all that apply)

(21 answered; 158 skipped)

- 86% Weekday Evenings
- 10% Saturday Mornings
- 5% Saturday Evenings
- 0% Sunday Evenings

E4. What days work best for you to participate in social activities? (Check all that apply)

(19 answered; 160 skipped)

- 53% Weekday Evenings
- 11% Saturday Mornings
- 26% Saturday Evenings
- 11% Sunday Evenings

E5. If you are a married young adult, what activities or opportunities would be most helpful to you and your family? *(6 answered; 173 skipped)*

Activities (6)

F. Parish Life

F2. Do you take part in Coffee & Donuts sponsored by the Knights of Columbus after morning Masses? *(146 answered; 33 skipped)*

- 14% Usually
- 21% Sometimes
- 26% Not at all
- 40% If not, is there a particular reason?
Attend a different Mass (24)
Don't eat donuts/ Diet restrictions (10)

F3. How can the parish become more welcoming? *(43 answered; 136 skipped)*

- Hospitality (20)
- Activities (7)

F4. As the Cathedral of the Diocese, in particular, are there aspects of welcome and community that you think need more attention? *(45 answered; 134 skipped)*

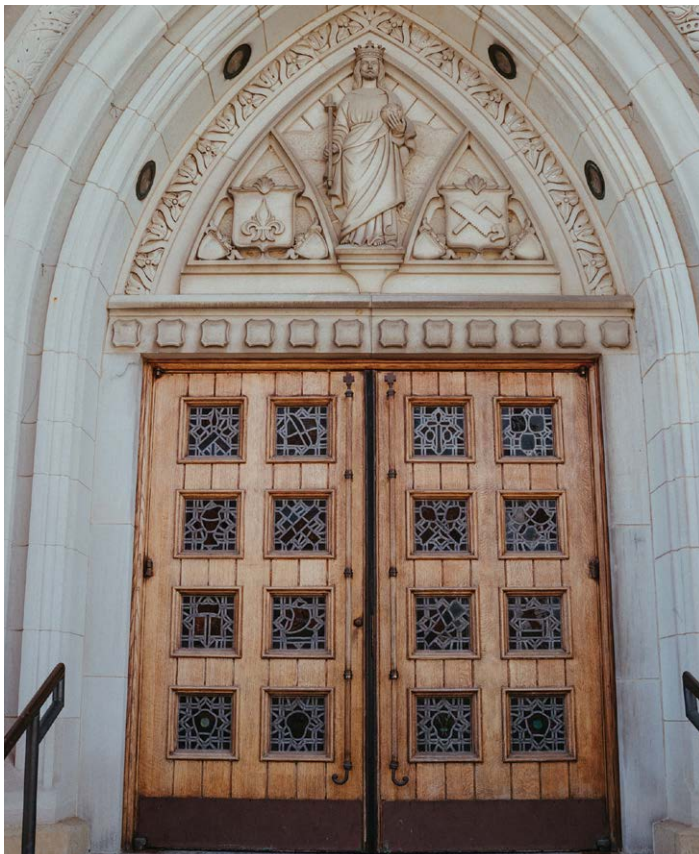
- Facilities (11)
- Activities (10)

F5. In your experience, how responsive is our parish (staff and parishioners) to your needs and requests? *(128 answered; 51 skipped)*

- 69% Very responsive
- 14% Somewhat responsive
- 13% Neutral
- 4% Unresponsive
- 1% Very unresponsive

F6. What methods of communication work best for you and your family to receive parish information? (Check all that apply) *(144 answered; 35 skipped)*

- 90% Bulletin
- 27% Facebook
- 70% Emails (Flocknote)
- 36% Texts (Flocknote)
- 3% Instagram
- 26% Website
- 2% Twitter
- 36% Newsletter
- 40% Parish Mailings
- 55% Announcements at Mass





F. Parish Life *(continued)*

F7. How much of the Parish bulletin do you read?
(146 answered; 33 skipped)

84% All 16% Some 0% None

F8. Do you regularly read the bulletin boards in church? (143 answered; 36 skipped)

20% Yes 80% No

F9. Do you enjoy receiving our parish's monthly newsletters? (134 answered; 45 skipped)

92% Yes 8% No

F10. What information would you like included in our monthly newsletter?(Check all that apply)
(129 answered; 50 skipped)

75% Articles about parish groups and activities
78% Comments from our pastor
56% Highlights on various parishioners/volunteers
64% Information on the finances of the parish
50% Diocesan-Wide News
53% Articles of general Catholic interest
57% Explanations of specific Catholic teachings
6% Other

F11. Do you use our parish's website?
(138 answered; 41 skipped)

51% Yes
49% No

Recommendations for improvement?

Needs updating (4)

Bulletin (3)

F12. Which parts of the parish website do you use most frequently? (72 answered; 107 skipped)

18% Mass-Confession Times
58% Bulletin
0% Faith Formation
15% Online Giving
3% Sacraments
3% Stewardship
3% Other

F13. What areas of our campus seem to need the most work, from your perspective?
(55 answered; 124 skipped)

Exterior (17)
Interior (14)

F14. Does the current status of our facilities (heating, air conditioning, parking lot, overall appearance) affect your desire to participate or be involved at the Cathedral?
(133 answered; 46 skipped)

32% Yes
68% No
Which facilities?

HVAC (15)
Satisfied (6)

F15. Does accessibility at our facilities (ramps, doors, etc.) affect your desire to participate or be involved at the Cathedral? (129 answered; 50 skipped)

22% Yes

78% No
Which facilities?
Handicap Accessibility (11)
Parking (5)

F16. Would you find the opportunity for gathering in small groups for faith-sharing or scripture study, along with social time, an attractive possibility?
(130 answered; 49 skipped)

37% Very much
39% Not much
24% No

F17. If you've been married at St. Peter Cathedral in the past two years, did you find the preparation helpful and the celebration of the wedding joyful?
(4 answered; 175 skipped)

50% Very much
25% Not much
25% No

F18. If you've planned a funeral for a loved one at St. Peter Cathedral in the past two years, did you find the process of planning the funeral and the details of the visitation (if applicable) and the funeral helpful? (8 answered; 171 skipped)

88% Very much
0% Not much
13% No

F19. If you've engaged the services of Green Mount Catholic Cemetery in the past two years, did you find that engagement helpful?
(17 answered; 162 skipped)

76% Very much 12% No
12% Not much



G. Outreach & Interfaith Activities

G1. Do you believe that St. Peter Cathedral does a good job reaching out to the following groups:
(135 answered; 44 skipped)

	Yes	No	Unsure
Active Parishioners	80%	3%	17%
Inactive Parishioners	4%	20%	76%
Catholics who have left our parish	1%	20%	79%
New Parishioners	25%	11%	64%
Shut-in Parishioners	28%	4%	68%
Widows/Widowers	13%	9%	79%
Ethnic and Racial Groups	12%	12%	76%
Non-Catholic Spouses	4%	16%	80%
The Local Community	21%	13%	66%
The Poor	58%	6%	36%
Other Christian Churches	9%	12%	79%
Other Religions	11%	10%	79%
The Marginalized	20%	10%	70%

G2. What more can we do as a parish to reach out to those in need? (Check all that apply)
(99 answered; 80 skipped)

53% Increase communications about parish ministries
62% Encourage more parishioner participation
32% Be more welcoming
44% Get more involved in the community
5% Other

G3. What more might St. Peter Cathedral do for the care of our environment and the earth?
(44 answered; 135 skipped)

Recycling (17)
Formation (6)

H. Stewardship

H1. What is your perception of Stewardship (Time, Talent, and Treasure) when it is mentioned?

(127 answered; 52 skipped)

- 65% Accept it as a core Gospel value and carry it out in my life
- 2% Don't really understand what it means
- 28% Think it's important, but find it hard to implement
- 3% Feel it's not applicable in my life
- 11% Feel that it's just another way to discuss fundraising

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME

H2. How often does your family share a meal?

(120 answered; 59 skipped)

- 65% Daily
- 23% Several days a week
- 3% Once a week
- 9% Less than once a week

H3. Do you say grace before meals?

(133 answered; 46 skipped)

- 72% Yes
- 28% No

H4. If you have children at home, do you pray with them on a daily basis (in addition to grace before meals)? (33 answered; 146 skipped)

- 48% Yes
- 52% No

H5. If you are married, do you pray with your spouse on a daily basis (in addition to grace before meals)? (93 answered; 86 skipped)

- 23% Yes
- 77% No

H6. In addition to Sunday Mass and grace before meals, how often do you set aside time for personal prayer? (140 answered; 39 skipped)

- 74% Daily
- 15% Weekly
- 1% Every few months
- 10% Seldom
- 1% Never

H7. If you have children, do you discuss vocations (Religious Life, Single Life, Married Life) within your family? (55 answered; 124 skipped)

- 56% Yes
- 44% No

H8. How often do you speak with your children about the Catholic faith? (69 answered; 110 skipped)

- 12% Daily
- 32% Weekly
- 26% Every few months
- 22% Seldom
- 9% Never

H9. What do you expect from your children in terms of the faith? (Check all that apply) (60 answered; 119 skipped)

- 22% To attend Mass weekly
- 5% To receive the Sacraments
- 2% To be able to explain their faith to others
- 65% To live their faith in their daily life
- 7% Other

H10. Do you find helpful resources in our parish for sharing your faith within your family? (64 answered; 115 skipped)

- 55% Yes
- 45% No

Suggestions:

- Communication (3)
- FORMED (3)

H11. Would you be willing to participate regularly in Eucharistic Exposition (Adoration) for an hour during the week? [Currently, Eucharistic Exposition is generally offered on Thursday evenings from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.] (113 answered; 66 skipped)

- 45% Yes
- 55% No

H12. Does the parish offer confessions at a time that makes the sacrament available to you and your family? (122 answered; 57 skipped)

Current times are: Monday - Friday 7:15 - 7:30 a.m.,
Thursday 6:00 - 7:00 p.m., Saturday: 3:00 - 3:45 p.m.

- 93% Yes
- 7% No

STEWARDSHIP OF TALENT

H13. In how many parish ministries, councils, committees, programs or events are you actively involved? (135 answered; 44 skipped)

37% 0 18% 1 16% 2
16% 3 13% 4 or more

H14. Beyond participating in weekly Masses, how do you rate your involvement in St. Peter Cathedral? (133 answered; 46 skipped)

11% Very involved 26% Regularly involved
26% Somewhat involved
28% Rarely involved 10% Never involved

H15. What single reason (if any) has most prevented you from more participation in parish ministries? (105 answered; 74 skipped)

6% Not interested in what the parish offers
30% Health issues
13% Usually unaware of opportunities within the parish
35% Not enough time due to family and work responsibilities
2% Transportation
25% Haven't yet made the effort to get involved
3% Lack of babysitting services
6% No response from my offer to help
13% Other

H16. Are you satisfied with your personal level of involvement in parish ministries? (134 answered; 45 skipped)

75% Satisfied with my current level of involvement
25% Would like to become more involved

H17. Are you satisfied with your family's level of involvement in parish ministries? (94 answered; 85 skipped)

76% Satisfied with current level of involvement
24% Would like to become more involved
To be come more involved, I/we would need...
Time Restraints (7)
Be More Welcoming (3)

H18. At what times would you most likely be able to attend parish functions? (Check all that apply) (112 answered; 67 skipped)

21% Saturday mornings
27% Saturday evenings
39% After the Sunday Mass I attend
18% Between Masses on Sunday
18% Sunday evenings
55% Weekday evenings
19% Weekday mornings
27% Weekday afternoons

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

H19. Each parishioner is responsible for supporting our parish (and its work) financially, according to their ability. (140 answered; 39 skipped)

44% Strongly agree 1% Disagree
50% Agree 0% Strongly Disagree
6% Neutral

H20. How often do you make financial contributions to St. Peter Cathedral? (137 answered; 42 skipped)

52% Every week
7% Every other week
27% Once a month
4% Annually
4% Never
7% Other

H21. My household's gross annual financial contribution to the parish offertory represents: (96 answered; 83 skipped)

4% 0% of my annual income
28% 1% - 2% of my annual income
16% 3% - 4% of my annual income
32% 5% - 6% of my annual income
10% 7% - 8% of my annual income
8% 9% - 10% of my annual income
1% 11% or more of my annual income

H22. How do you determine the amount you contribute in the offertory collection?

(134 answered; 45 skipped)

- 18% I give a certain dollar amount based on a percentage of my income.
- 58% I have chosen a certain dollar amount in another way.
- 1% I base the amount on what I think the parish needs.
- 9% I give whatever I can afford that week.
- 13% I don't have a system that determines how much I give.
- 1% I don't financially support the parish.

H23. What is your perception of our parish's current financial position? *(125 answered; 54 skipped)*

- 2% We are easily able to pay our operating bills and put aside money in savings.
- 14% We are easily able to pay our operating bills.
- 41% We barely generate enough revenue to pay our operating bills.
- 10% We are not generating enough revenue to pay our operating bills.
- 33% I am unaware of the state of our parish finances.

H24. Would you be interested in using a credit card or debit card to make contributions?

(131 answered; 48 skipped)

- 23% Yes 77% No

H25. Would you be willing to set up your Sunday Giving through Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) also known as Online Giving?

(134 answered; 45 skipped)

- 14% Yes
- 53% No
- 33% I already give electronically.

H26. Do you trust that parish finances are handled professionally and safely? *(131 answered; 48 skipped)*

- 95% Yes
- 5% No

I. General Information

I1. How likely are you to attend diocesan liturgies (Chrism Mass, Ordinations, etc.) in the Cathedral when they are not during a regular weekend Mass?

(132 answered; 47 skipped)

- 18% Very likely 39% Not likely
- 42% Somewhat likely

I2. What services should the parish provide for senior members? *(46 answered; 133 skipped)*

- Activities (14) Transportation (12)

I3. What social opportunities should the parish provide for senior members? *(37 answered; 142 skipped)*

- Senior Group (13) Meals Together/Luncheons (7)

I4. What ministries should the parish establish for the good of our city? *(47 answered; 132 skipped)*

- Feed the Hungry (17)
- Community Outreach (15)

I5. The things I like best about St. Peter Cathedral are: *(74 answered; 105 skipped)*

- Clergy (24)
- Church (19)

I6. The 3 priorities I would like St. Peter Cathedral to consider are: *(49 answered; 130 skipped)*

- More Welcoming/Inclusive (15)
- Mass (14)
- Facilities (11)

I7. How could we do a better job helping families with young children? *(38 answered; 141 skipped)*

- Mass Involvement (14)
- More Activities (7)

I8. How could we do a better job engaging young adults in the life of the parish?

(42 answered; 137 skipped)

- Improved Activities (18)
- Better Communication (9)

“*Persevere* in prayer. *Persevere* even when your efforts seem barren. *Prayer is always fruitful.*”

— *St. Josemaria Escriva*





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J. Demographics

J1. Gender (135 answered; 44 skipped)

- 28% Male
- 44% Female
- 28% Husband and Wife Completed Together

J2. Marital Status (Check one)

(136 answered; 43 skipped)

- 15% Single
- 4% Divorced
- 65% Married
- 0% Separated
- 16% Widowed

J3. What is your annual household income?

(103 answered; 76 skipped)

- 2% \$0 - \$9,999
- 10% \$10,000 - \$29,999
- 15% \$30,000 - \$49,999

J3. (continued)

- 19% \$50,000 - \$74,999
- 17% \$75,000 - \$99,999
- 30% \$100,000 - \$199,999
- 7% \$200,000 and above

J4. Age (You may check more than one box if husband and wife completed the survey together)

(135 answered; 44 skipped)

- 2% 18-29
- 6% 30-39
- 3% 40-49
- 14% 50-59
- 26% 60-69
- 53% 70+

J5. How long have you been a registered parishioner at St. Peter Cathedral?

(137 answered; 42 skipped)

- 5% 0-1 year
- 7% 2-3 years
- 1% 4-5 years
- 7% 6-10 years
- 80% More than 10 years

MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 p.m. | Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

Weekdays: Monday-Friday 6:45 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (CONFESSIONS)

Monday-Friday: 7:15-7:30 a.m. | Thursday: 6:00-7:00 p.m. | Saturday: 3:00-3:45 p.m.