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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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 recently conducted a comprehensive parish survey. 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 331 completed surveys. This is a response rate of 24 percent, which is over two times 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 results of the survey are included in this newsletter, and I hope these results will 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.

In Jesus' Sacred Heart,

Very Rev. Joseph V. Romanoski, V.F.
Pastor

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Liturgy

Which Mass at Blessed Sacrament do you most frequently attend?

- 25% Saturday, 5:00 p.m.
- 32% Sunday, 9:00 a.m.
- 31% Sunday, 11:00 a.m.
- 2% Sunday, 1:30 p.m. (Spanish)
- 11% Sunday, 5:00 p.m.

How often do you attend Mass at Blessed Sacrament?

- 69% Every weekend
- 13% Every weekend and some weekdays
- 3% Every weekend and every weekday
- 13% Occasional weekends (once or twice a month)
- 2% Seasonally (Christmas, Easter, etc.)
- 1% I no longer attend Mass

If we offered daily Mass at a later time, would you attend?

- 36% Yes
- 64% No

I consider myself a member of...

- 99% Blessed Sacrament
- 1% Another church

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

| | Excellent | Good | Fair | Needs Improvement |
|---|-----------|------|------|-------------------|
| Fr. Joseph Romanoski | 72% | 22% | 3% | 3% |
| Fr. Jose Gabriel Cruz Rodriguez | 28% | 39% | 20% | 13% |
| Dcn. James Moore | 49% | 40% | 8% | 3% |
| Ushers | 52% | 41% | 6% | 1% |
| Altar Servers | 51% | 41% | 6% | 2% |
| Lectors | 53% | 42% | 4% | 1% |
| Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion | 58% | 38% | 4% | 0% |

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

- 40% Strongly agree
- 37% Agree
- 15% Neutral
- 5% Disagree
- 2% Strongly Disagree

Do you have any suggestions to help enhance our weekend liturgies? (Top Responses)

- Improvements to Music (36 responses)
- Improvements to Mass/Liturgy (28 responses)



Adult Faith Formation

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

22% Yes 78% No

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

61% Yes 39% 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?

65% Yes 35% No

If you would like to attend an Adult Faith Formation program, what areas would you be most likely to participate in? (Multiple answers possible)

- 38% Church Teachings
- 50% Scriptures/Bible Study
- 21% Ethics and Morality
- 24% Marriage
- 22% Small Faith Sharing Groups
- 53% Practical Ways of Growing in Faith and Prayer
- 28% Retreats
- 6% Other

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

- 80% Yes
- 0% No
- 8% Somewhat
- 12% Unsure

What do you like most about our Religious Education program?

(Multiple answers possible)

- 42% Director, staff and catechists
- 36% The families involved
- 57% The children/families learn about their faith
- 16% Meeting times
- 15% Other

How do you think we can improve our Religious Education program?

(Multiple answers possible)

- 47% Get the parents more involved
- 47% Change the time
- 26% More training and support for the teachers
- 10% Improve the curriculum
- 31% Other

Youth Ministry (Grades 6 - 12)

Do you have children in 6th through 12th grade living in your home?

- 19% Yes
- 81% No

If you have children in 6th through 12th grade living in your home, do they regularly attend Youth Ministry activities/programs at Blessed Sacrament?

- 24% Regularly
- 35% Occasionally
- 41% Never - If so, why? (Top Response)
- Not Applicable (5 responses)

Religious Education (K - 8)

The questions in the shaded area were answered only if one's child/children are currently enrolled in our Religious Education program.

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

- 39% Excellent
- 36% Good
- 17% Adequate
- 4% Fair
- 4% Poor

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If your child(ren) attend the Youth Ministry program at Blessed Sacrament, how would you rate the quality of the program?

- 28% Excellent
- 44% Good
- 16% Adequate
- 9% Fair
- 3% Poor

What do you like most about our Youth Ministry program?
(Multiple answers possible)

- 12% The commitment and dedication of the staff
- 3% The variety of activities offered
- 27% It involves the youth more in parish life
- 6% The youth learn about their faith
- 27% The Christian atmosphere in which they socialize
- 24% Other

How do you think we can most improve the Youth Ministry program? (Multiple answers possible)

- 49% Involve the youth in the parish more
- 58% Inform the parishioners more about the program
- 28% Get the parents more involved
- 37% Offer more activities
- 16% Other



Blessed Sacrament School (K3 - 8)

Supporting Blessed Sacrament School is a vital part of our mission as a parish.

- 64% Strongly agree
- 29% Agree
- 6% Neutral
- 0% Disagree
- 0% Strongly disagree

Do you have children in K3 through 8th grade living in your home?

- 28% Yes
- 72% No

If you have children in K3 through 8th grade living in your home, where do they attend school?

- 46% Blessed Sacrament School
- 14% Other Private School
- 34% Public School
- 7% Home School

If you currently have children in K3 through 8th grade in your household and they do not attend Blessed Sacrament, what is the reason that they don't attend?

- 7% Transportation is a problem
- 26% More academic options at other school
- 0% Catholic education is not a family priority
- 9% Cost (I would rather put my money to use in other ways)
- 21% Cost (I cannot afford to send my child[ren] to Catholic schools)
- 37% Other

The questions in the shaded area were answered only if one's child/children are currently enrolled at Blessed Sacrament School.

How would you rate the quality of EDUCATION that our students currently receive at Blessed Sacrament?

- 51% Excellent
- 33% Good
- 13% Adequate
- 3% Fair
- 0% Poor

How receptive is the FACULTY to meeting your needs?

- 54% Very receptive
- 31% Somewhat receptive
- 9% Neutral/no experience
- 6% Unreceptive
- 0% Very unreceptive

Do you feel that the children who attend Blessed Sacrament are receiving good Catholic moral development?

- 82% Yes
- 0% No
- 12% Somewhat
- 6% Unsure

What do you like most about Blessed Sacrament School?
(Multiple answers possible)

- 48% Great teachers
- 63% The daily emphasis on Christian life
- 82% Catholic education
- 47% Builds community
- 13% Other

How do you think we can improve Blessed Sacrament School?
(Multiple answers possible)

- 50% Increase the communication with the parents
- 35% Improve the curriculum
- 35% More training for teachers
- 8% Increase the emphasis on Catholic Faith
- 48% Other

In your experience, how responsive are our PRIESTS to your needs and requests?

- 52% Very responsive
- 25% Somewhat responsive
- 21% Neutral
- 2% Unresponsive
- 1% Very unresponsive

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

- 64% Very responsive
- 22% Somewhat responsive
- 12% Neutral
- 1% Unresponsive
- 1% Very unresponsive

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

(Multiple answers possible)

- 78% Bulletin
- 39% Website
- 21% Facebook
- 1% Twitter
- 54% Email
- 31% Newsletter
- 55% Announcements
- 37% MyParish App at Mass

What information do you want included in our monthly newsletter? (Multiple answers possible)

- 80% Articles about parish groups and activities
- 69% Comments from our pastor
- 49% Highlights on parishioners
- 51% Information on the finances of the parish
- 37% Diocesan-wide news
- 55% Information of general Catholic interest
- 56% Explanations of specific Catholic teachings
- 7% Other

Do you use our parish's website?

- 59% Yes
- 41% No

Why or why not? (Top Response)

- For Information (19 responses)

Parish Life

What is your perception of your role as a member of Blessed Sacrament? (Multiple answers possible)

- 95% To attend Mass
- 69% Participate/volunteer in ministries and social activities
- 87% Support the parish financially
- 68% Share my faith with others
- 8% Other

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Outreach

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

| | Yes | No | Unsure |
|--------------------------|-----|-----|--------|
| Active Parishioners | 82% | 5% | 13% |
| Inactive Parishioners | 12% | 12% | 77% |
| New Parishioners | 47% | 10% | 44% |
| Shut-in Parishioners | 19% | 4% | 77% |
| Non-Catholic Spouses | 7% | 21% | 72% |
| The Local Community | 31% | 13% | 56% |
| The Poor | 49% | 5% | 46% |
| Other Christian Churches | 14% | 11% | 75% |
| Other Religions | 9% | 13% | 78% |

What more can we do as a parish to reach out to those in need?
(Multiple answers possible)

- 53% Increase communications about parish ministries
- 55% Encourage more parishioner participation
- 43% Be more welcoming
- 49% Get more involved in the community
- 14% Other

Stewardship

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

- 56% Accept it as a core Gospel value and carry it out in my life
- 5% Don't really understand what it means
- 28% Think it's important, but find it hard to implement
- 1% Feel it's not applicable in my life
- 10% Feel that it's just another way to discuss fundraising

Stewardship of Time

How often does your family share a meal?

- 67% Daily
- 22% Several days a week
- 6% Once a week
- 5% Less than once a week

Do you say grace before meals?

- 78% Yes
- 22% No

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

- 61% Yes
- 39% No

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

- 26% Yes
- 74% No

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

- 73% Daily
- 19% Weekly
- 3% Monthly
- 2% Every few months
- 0% Yearly
- 2% Never

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

- 64% Yes
- 36% No

Stewardship of Talent

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

- 34% 0
- 15% 2
- 11% 4 or more
- 30% 1
- 10% 3

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

- 12% Very involved
- 23% Moderately involved
- 30% Somewhat involved
- 25% Rarely involved
- 9% Never involved

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

- 3% Not interested in what the parish offers
- 14% Health issues
- 9% Usually unaware of opportunities within the parish
- 57% Not enough time due to family and work responsibilities
- 2% Transportation
- 12% Haven't yet made the effort to get involved
- 2% Lack of babysitting services

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

- 65% Satisfied with my current level of involvement
- 35% Would like to become more involved

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

- 46% Satisfied with current level of involvement
- 27% Would like to become more involved
- 28% Not applicable

At what times would you most likely be able to attend parish functions? (Multiple answers possible)

- 34% Saturday mornings 29% Saturday evenings
- 49% After the Sunday Mass 19% Sunday I attend evenings
- 15% Weekday mornings 34% Weekday evenings
- 16% Weekday afternoons

Stewardship of Treasure

Each parishioner is responsible for supporting our parish financially.

- 52% Strongly agree
- 39% Agree
- 7% Neutral
- 1% Disagree
- 0% Strongly disagree

How often do you make financial contributions to Blessed Sacrament?

- 71% Every week
- 7% Every other week
- 8% Once a month
- 6% Monthly (for all the weeks in the month)
- 0% Never
- 8% Other

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

- 1% 0% of my annual income
- 26% 1% - 2% of my annual income
- 24% 3% - 4% of my annual income
- 28% 5% - 6% of my annual income
- 7% 7% - 8% of my annual income
- 7% 9% - 10% of my annual income
- 6% 11% or more of my annual income

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

- 23% I give a certain dollar amount based on a percentage of my income.
- 46% I have chosen a certain dollar amount in some other way.
- 0% I base the amount on what I think the parish needs.
- 23% I give whatever I can afford that week.
- 8% 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?

- 17% We are easily able to pay our operating bills and put aside money in savings.
- 39% We are easily able to pay our operating bills.
- 12% We barely generate enough revenue to pay our operating bills.
- 0% We are not generating enough revenue to pay our operating bills.
- 32% I am unaware of the state of our parish finances.

Demographics

Gender

- 21% Male 54% Female
- 25% Husband and Wife Completed Together

Marital Status

- 12% Single 72% Married
- 10% Widowed 6% Divorced
- 0% Separated



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What is your annual household income?

| | |
|-----|-----------------------|
| 2% | \$0 - \$9,999 |
| 10% | \$10,000 - \$29,999 |
| 16% | \$30,000 - \$49,999 |
| 25% | \$50,000 - \$74,999 |
| 18% | \$75,000 - \$99,999 |
| 26% | \$100,000 - \$199,999 |
| 3% | \$200,000 and above |

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

| | | | | | |
|-----|-------|-----|-------|-----|-------|
| 5% | 18-29 | 15% | 30-39 | 19% | 40-49 |
| 17% | 50-59 | 26% | 60-69 | 25% | 70+ |

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

| | | | |
|-----|--------------------|-----|------------|
| 10% | 0 - 1 year | 17% | 2-3 years |
| 14% | 4-5 years | 11% | 6-10 years |
| 47% | More than 10 years | | |

General Information

The things I like best about Blessed Sacrament are...
(Top responses)

- Adoration/Adoration Chapel (26 responses)
- Family Friendly/Involvement of Children (25 responses)
- Parishioners (24 responses)

I wish we at Blessed Sacrament would... (Top responses)

- Improvements to Building & Facilities (23 responses)
- Suggestions for Ministries/Activities (19 responses)
- Suggestions for Liturgy (17 responses)

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5 p.m. | **Sunday:** 9 & 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m. (En Español) & 5 p.m. (LifeTeen)

Daily Mass: Monday-Friday, 6:30 a.m.

Confessions: Saturday: 3:30 p.m. & after 5 p.m. Mass, Sunday: 1 p.m.

PERPETUAL ADORATION

24 hours a day, 7 days a week