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The Results of Our Recent Parish Survey

As part of St. Michael's ongoing commitment to develop stewardship as a way of life, we conducted a comprehensive parish survey this past spring. The survey gave all our parishioners an opportunity to express their views regarding worship, parish life, religious education, outreach, and stewardship.

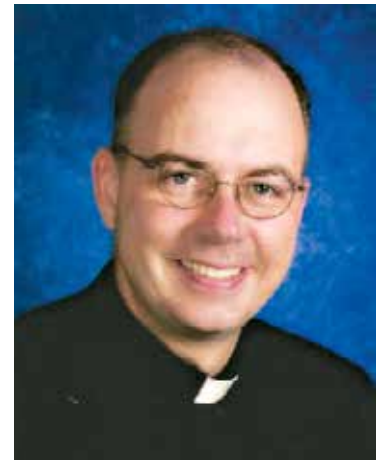
Thanks to your response, our survey was a success! The parish office received 279 completed surveys. This is a response rate of 40 percent, which is four times greater than the national average of 10 percent. I thank you for your honesty, as well as the time and commitment you made to complete the survey 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 will be read and reviewed. They have been 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 St. Michael. 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.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Jeremy Hazuka,
Pastor



RESULTS

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Liturgy

Which Mass at St. Michael's Catholic Church do you most frequently attend?

- 27% Saturday, 5:00 p.m.
- 25% Sunday, 8:00 a.m.
- 30% Sunday, 9:30 a.m.
- 18% Sunday, 11:00 a.m.

How often do you attend Mass at St. Michael's?

- 61% Every weekend
- 21% Every weekend and some weekdays
- 4% Every weekend and every weekday
- 12% Occasional weekends (once or twice a month)
- 2% Seasonally (Christmas, Easter, etc.)
- 0% I no longer attend Mass

I most frequently attend Mass at...

- 97% St. Michael's
- 2% St. Cecilia's
- 0% St. Ann's in Doniphan
- 1% Another church

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

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Needs Improvement
Fr. Jeremy Hazuka	51%	37%	8%	4%
Fr. Nathan Hall	77%	22%	2%	0%
Greeters	30%	56%	11%	3%
Ushers	27%	55%	15%	3%
Acolytes	42%	52%	6%	0%
Altar Servers	35%	54%	9%	1%
Lectors	40%	55%	5%	0%
Cantors	26%	52%	12%	10%

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

- 25% Strongly agree 36% Agree
- 24% Neutral 11% Disagree
- 4% Strongly Disagree

Do you have any suggestions to help enhance our weekend liturgies?

Top 2 Responses:

1. Improve/Change Music (33)
2. Mass/Liturgy (13)

Adult Faith Formation

Have you attended an Adult Faith Formation program at St. Michael's in the last five years?

- 21% Yes
- 79% No

If you have attended an Adult Faith Formation program at St. Michael's in the last five years, was it a good experience?

- 80% Yes
- 20% No

If you haven't attended an Adult Faith Formation program at St. Michael's in the last five years, would you consider attending one in the future?

- 50% Yes
- 50% No

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

- 47% Church Teachings
- 56% Scriptures/Bible Study
- 22% Ethics and Morality
- 24% Marriage
- 28% Small Faith Sharing Groups
- 60% Practical Ways of Growing in Faith and Prayer
- 24% Retreats
- 3% Other

CCD (K - 8)

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

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

- 12% Excellent
- 64% Good
- 18% Adequate
- 6% Fair
- 0% Poor

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

- 94% Yes
- 0% No
- 3% Somewhat
- 3% Unsure

What do you like most about our CCD program?

(Multiple responses possible)

- 47% Director, staff and catechists
- 30% The families involved
- 70% The children/families learn about their faith
- 23% Meeting times
- 10% Other

How do you think we can improve our CCD program? *(Multiple responses possible)*

- 56% Get the parents more involved
- 0% Change the time
- 40% More training and support for the teachers
- 24% Improve the curriculum
- 28% Other

Godparent Program

(Religious Education for Grades 9 - 12)

If you have children in 9th through 12th grade living in your home, do they regularly attend our Godparent Program activities/programs at St. Michael's?

- 29% Regularly
- 10% Occasionally
- 61% Never - If so, why?

Top 2 Responses:

1. STC Catholic School (7)
2. Lack of Information (4)

The questions in the shaded area were answered only if one's child/children regularly participate in our Godparent Program.

How would you rate the quality of the Godparent Program at St. Michael's?

- 70% Excellent
- 10% Good
- 10% Adequate
- 0% Fair
- 10% Poor

What do you like most about the Godparent Program?

(Multiple responses possible)

- 58% The commitment and dedication of the staff
- 58% The variety of activities offered
- 58% It involves the youth more in parish life
- 58% The Christian atmosphere in which they socialize
- 8% Other

How do you think we can most improve the Godparent Program? *(Multiple responses possible)*

- 50% Involve the youth in the parish more
- 50% Inform the parishioners more about the program
- 80% Get more youth involved
- 20% Offer more activities
- 10% Improve the current activities
- 30% Increase the service opportunities
- 40% Other



Hastings Catholic Schools (Pre-K - 12)

Supporting Catholic schools is a vital part of St. Michael's mission as a parish.

- 54% Strongly agree
- 34% Agree
- 8% Neutral
- 4% Disagree
- 0% Strongly disagree

Do you have children in Pre-K through 12th grade living in your home?

- 29% Yes
- 71% No

If you have children in Pre-K through 12th grade living in your home, what ages/grades are they in? (Multiple responses possible)

- 20% Age 0-2
- 30% Pre-K
- 48% 1st - 5th grade
- 46% 6th - 8th grade
- 52% 9th - 12th grade

If you have children in Pre-K through 12th grade living in your home, where do they attend school?

(Multiple responses possible)

- 22% St. Michael's Preschool
- 0% Private Preschool
- 38% St. Michael's Elementary
- 51% St. Cecilia's Middle/High School
- 2% Other Private School
- 31% Public School
- 0% Home School



If you currently have children in Pre-K through 12th grade in your household and they do not attend Hastings Catholic Schools, what is the reason that they don't attend?

- 19% More academic options at other school
- 6% Catholic education is not a family priority
- 13% Better social climate at other schools
- 19% Cost (I would rather put my money to use in other ways)
- 6% Cost (I cannot afford to send my child[ren] to Catholic schools)
- 38% Other

Are you aware that St. Michael has a tuition assistance program for those in need?

- 89% Yes
- 11% No

The questions in the shaded area were answered only if one's children currently are enrolled at Hastings Catholic Schools.

How would you rate the quality of education that our students currently receive at Hastings Catholic Schools?

- 42% Excellent
- 1% Fair
- 43% Good
- 0% Poor
- 14% Adequate

Do you feel that the children who attend Hastings Catholic Schools are receiving good Catholic moral development?

- 85% Yes
- 0% No
- 14% Somewhat
- 1% Unsure

What do you like most about Hastings Catholic Schools? (Multiple responses possible)

- 59% Great teachers
- 37% Rigorous Academics
- 69% The daily emphasis on Christian life
- 76% Instruction in the Catholic Faith
- 79% Presence of prayer and sacraments
- 56% Builds community
- 4% Other

How do you think we can improve Hastings Catholic Schools? *(Multiple responses possible)*

- 20% Increase the communication with the parents
- 38% Improve the curriculum
- 33% More training for teachers
- 25% Increase the emphasis on Catholic Faith
- 45% Improved facilities
- 78% Improved pay/incentives for teachers
- 20% Other

What information are you interested in learning more about at our parish? *(Multiple responses possible)*

- 49% Parish groups and activities
- 51% Comments from our pastor
- 24% Highlights on parishioners
- 46% Information on the finances of the parish
- 21% Diocesan-wide news
- 55% Information of general Catholic interest
- 57% Explanations of specific Catholic teachings
- 4% Other

Parish Life

What is your perception of your role as a member of St. Michael's? *(Multiple responses possible)*

- 98% To attend Mass
- 70% Participate/volunteer in ministries and social activities
- 92% Support the parish financially
- 63% Share my faith with others
- 2% Other

In your experience, how responsive is our PASTOR to your needs and requests?

- 53% Very responsive
- 18% Somewhat responsive
- 25% Neutral
- 3% Unresponsive
- 1% Very unresponsive

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

- 64% Very responsive
- 14% Somewhat responsive
- 21% Neutral
- 0% Unresponsive
- 0% Very unresponsive

What methods of communication would work best for you and your family to receive parish information? *(Multiple responses possible)*

- 89% Bulletin 23% Web site
- 16% Facebook 1% Twitter
- 41% Email 29% Newsletter
- 61% Announcements at Mass

Do you use our parish's website?

- 45% Yes
- 55% No - If not, why not?

Top 2 Responses:

1. No Computer/Internet (26)
2. Other Sources (16)

Outreach

Do you feel that St. Michael's does a good job reaching out to the following groups:

	Yes	No	Unsure
Active Parishioners	77%	6%	17%
Inactive Parishioners	10%	15%	75%
New Parishioners	37%	8%	55%
Shut-in Parishioners	48%	4%	48%
Non-Catholic Spouses	9%	14%	78%
The Local Community	31%	11%	58%
The Poor	47%	3%	51%
Other Christian Churches	14%	8%	78%
Other Religions	13%	7%	80%

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

- 47% Increase communications about parish ministries
- 50% Encourage more parishioner participation
- 50% Be more welcoming
- 54% Get more involved in the community
- 11% Other

Stewardship

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

- 53% Accept it as a core Gospel value and carry it out in my life
- 1% Don't really understand what it means
- 34% Think it's important, but find it hard to implement
- 1% Feel it's not applicable in my life
- 11% Feel that it's just another way to discuss fundraising

Stewardship of Time

How often does your family share a meal?

- 70% Daily
- 18% Several days a week
- 4% Once a week
- 8% Less than once a week

Do you say grace before meals?

- 80% Yes
- 20% No

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

- 48% Yes
- 52% No

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

- 27% Yes
- 73% No

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

- 71% Daily
- 19% Weekly
- 2% Monthly
- 3% Every few months
- 0% Yearly
- 4% Never

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

- 66% Yes
- 34% No

Stewardship of Talent

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

- 24% 0
- 28% 2
- 13% 4 or more
- 23% 1
- 12% 3

Beyond participating in weekly Masses, how do you rate your involvement in St. Michael's?

- 7% Very involved
- 28% Moderately involved
- 41% Somewhat involved
- 20% Rarely involved
- 3% Never involved

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

- 2% Not interested in what the parish offers
- 19% Health issues
- 8% Usually unaware of opportunities within the parish
- 53% Not enough time due to family and work responsibilities
- 1% Transportation
- 17% Haven't yet made the effort to get involved
- 1% Lack of babysitting services

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

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

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

- 53% Satisfied with current level of involvement
- 21% Would like to become more involved
- 25% Not applicable

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

- 10% Saturday mornings
- 47% After the Sunday Mass I attend
- 14% Weekday mornings
- 11% Weekday afternoons
- 23% Saturday evenings
- 32% Sunday evenings
- 38% Weekday evenings

Stewardship of Treasure

Each parishioner is responsible for supporting our parish financially.

- 55% Strongly agree
- 42% Agree
- 3% Neutral
- 0% Disagree
- 0% Strongly disagree

How often do you make financial contributions to St. Michael's?

- 34% Every week
- 9% Every other week
- 27% Once a month
- 20% Monthly (for all the weeks in the month)
- 1% Never
- 10% Other

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

- 3% 0% of my annual income
- 21% 1% - 2% of my annual income
- 18% 3% - 4% of my annual income
- 30% 5% - 6% of my annual income
- 12% 7% - 8% of my annual income
- 12% 9% - 10% of my annual income
- 3% 11% or more of my annual income

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

- 28% I give a certain dollar amount based on a percentage of my income.
- 51% I have chosen a certain dollar amount in some other way.
- 1% I base the amount on what I think the parish needs.
- 8% I give whatever I can afford that week.
- 10% I don't have a system that determines how much I give.
- 1% I don't financially support the parish.

What is your perception of our parish's current financial position?

- 1% We are easily able to pay our operating bills and put aside money in savings.
- 5% We are easily able to pay our operating bills.
- 37% We barely generate enough revenue to pay our operating bills.
- 38% We are not generating enough revenue to pay our operating bills.
- 19% I am unaware of the state of our parish finances.

Demographics

Gender

- 17% Male
- 40% Female
- 43% Husband and wife completed together

Marital Status (Check one)

- 7% Single
- 76% Married
- 14% Widowed
- 3% Divorced
- 0% Separated

What is your annual household income?

- 2% \$0 - \$9,999
- 19% \$10,000 - \$29,999
- 20% \$30,000 - \$49,999
- 21% \$50,000 - \$74,999
- 16% \$75,000 - \$99,999
- 19% \$100,000 - \$199,999
- 4% \$200,000 and above

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

- 2% 18-29
- 8% 30-39
- 17% 40-49
- 19% 50-59
- 27% 60-69
- 30% 70+

How long have you been a registered parishioner at St. Michael?

- 2% 0-1 year
- 4% 2-3 years
- 7% 4-5 years
- 8% 6-10 years
- 78% More than 10 years

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General Information

The things I like best about St. Michael Catholic Church are...
(Please print)

Top 2 Responses:

1. Welcoming Atmosphere (33)
2. Clergy & Staff (32)

I wish St. Michael would... (Please print)

Top 2 Responses:

1. Mass/Liturgy (24)
2. Change/Improve Building & Facilities (18)

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday:

*Saturday Vigil 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m.
and 11:00 a.m.*

Weekday:

*Mon-Fri 7:30 a.m. & 8:10 a.m.
(School Mass)
Saturday 8:00 a.m.*

