

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Summary of 2010 Parish Engagement Survey Results

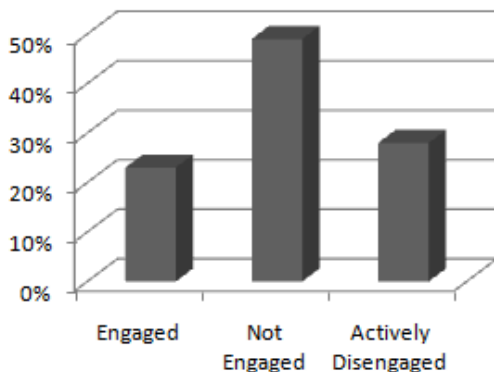
Background

St. Joseph Parish contracted with Gallup to conduct the ME²⁵ Member Engagement Survey. The survey included 9 questions that measure individual spiritual commitment, 12 questions on parishioner engagement, 4 outcome measures, and 7 demographic items.

The survey was administered at the end of all Masses the weekends of February 27-28 and March 6-7. During the weekend of March 13-14, it was available in the narthex for anyone who had not yet had the opportunity to complete it.

A total of 1,507 surveys were completed, which is excellent for a parish of our size. With this level of response, we can be confident that the results are representative of the parish as a whole.

More than 1,500 surveys completed



Engagement and spiritual commitment comparable to other Catholic parishes that have used this survey

Survey Results

St. Joseph's scores on all of the engagement and spiritual commitment questions were mid-range; that is, we didn't score extremely high nor extremely low on any of the questions. The survey indicates that 23% of St. Joseph parishioners are engaged, 49% are not engaged, and 28% are actively disengaged. Overall, our engagement and spiritual commitment are right in line with other Catholic parishes that have used this survey.

Thus, the survey results indicate that St. Joseph has a solid foundation of parishioner engagement and spiritual commitment, yet we certainly have room for growth. If you would like to see the detailed survey results, copies are available at the parish office.

Action plans will be developed to improve one to two areas of engagement

Using the Survey Results

On April 8, a representative from Gallup presented the survey results in a parish-wide meeting. On April 10, members of the Survey Task Force, Parish Council, Pastoral Council, Stewardship Committee, and Finance Committee participated in an action planning session to begin to determine next steps based on the survey. The Survey Task Force is using the results of these meetings to identify one or two areas from the survey on which to focus. Please look for further updates on the action plans in the next few months.

***Our mission ...
To live as disciples
of Jesus***

***How does the Engagement Survey support our Mission,
Vision and Values?***

The Mission of St. Joseph Parish is to live as disciples of Jesus. Our Vision is that we will be a family of disciples centered on the Eucharist with every member committed to stewardship and evangelization. Our Values are living the call through Discipleship, Stewardship and Evangelization.

The survey and subsequent action planning are the next tactical steps in fulfilling our Mission. The more engaged and spiritually committed we are as a parish, the more fruitful we will be in accomplishing our Mission.

***How does the Engagement Survey support the central
role of the Eucharist in our lives?***

The Eucharist is the foundation of our discipleship in Jesus Christ. Without the Eucharist, we cannot be true disciples. Your responses to the survey confirm that our parish community has a strong spiritual commitment. When we encounter Jesus in the Eucharist, we become true disciples, because the Eucharist sends us forth to “Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.” Whatever service we might offer – whether at home, at work, in our parish community, or in our local community – we offer it as a disciple of Jesus Christ. Those who receive the Eucharist are actively engaged in family life, in parish life, and in their community, and that engagement leads them to service of others.

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