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### **Executive Summary**

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### **Characteristics of Respondents**

- In calendar year 2025, the average age of valid respondents to the in-pew and online surveys at St. Adalbert Parish is 51. Half are 56 or younger.
- Parishioners fall into these three age groups: younger adults ages 16 to 35 (30%), adults ages 36 to 64 (39%), and older adults ages 65 and older (31%).
- Fifty-five percent of respondents to the survey are female and 45% are male. Sixty-five percent say they are currently married or remarried. Some 23% have never married, 5% are divorced or separated, and 6% are widowed. Twenty-seven percent report having at least one child or stepchild under age 18 living with them.
- Some 8% have attained a high school diploma or less, 23% have attended some college or have an associate's degree, and 69% have a bachelor's or graduate degree.
- On average, respondents have attended the parish for 14 years, with half having attended five years or more.

- Some 77% identify the parish as their primary place of worship *and* say they are registered there. Nine percent say they regularly attend the parish but are *not* registered there, 8% are registered at the parish but say it is *not* their primary place of worship, and another 6% were identified as visitors on the weekend of the survey.

### **Assessment of Parish Life and Needs**

- The reasons most commonly given for what “very much” attracts them to come to the parish are the quality of the liturgy (84%), the beauty of the church (82%), the quality of the music (75%), and the quality of the preaching (65%).
- Examining the three evaluative sections of the survey (with parishioners rating these areas of parish life as “poor,” “fair,” “good,” or “excellent”), some of the greatest strengths of the parish can be identified. Examining these evaluative items, these four (many of which are related to worship) are the most likely to receive an “excellent” rating and so can be seen as areas of strength:
  - Music at Mass – 79% rate it as “excellent”
  - Masses and liturgies in general – 72%
  - Cor Jesu – Adoration and penance service – 70%
  - Prayerful, reverent atmosphere at Mass – 68%
- Using the same process, some of the areas most in need of improvement at the parish can also be identified. The areas *least* likely to receive “excellent” evaluations are mostly related to parish outreach efforts:
  - Sacramental preparation programs for youth – 24% rate it as “excellent”
  - Parish outreach to those sick or homebound – 23%
  - Parish outreach to single adults – 22%
  - Parish outreach to married couples – 17%
  - Parish outreach to senior citizens – 11%
  - Parish outreach to those divorced or separated – 11%
- When asked how much priority the parish should give to 13 areas of need, between two-fifths to three-fifths indicate that these areas that should be given “very much” priority:
  - Fostering priestly or religious vocations – 57% give this “very much” priority
  - Developing a parish sense of community – 57%
  - Social activities and opportunities to meet new people – 50%
  - Programs to help parishioners develop their prayer life and interior spirituality – 46%
  - Young adult ministry – 46%
- When asked how interested they are in learning more about seven different topics, about half to three-fifths identify the following as topics they are “very” interested in:
  - History and traditions of the Church – 58% are “very” interested in learning more
  - Personal prayer and spirituality – 56%
  - Meaning behind the rituals in Mass – 55%
  - Biblical study and interpretation – 49%
  - Catholic moral theology – 48%

- Respondents on the online survey were asked, if Mass times were to be adjusted, which one Sunday Mass schedule would they prefer. Regardless of the age group, a majority (53% to 59%) prefer an 8:30 am and 10:30 am Sunday Mass schedule.

### **Greater Involvement in Parish Life**

- Parishioners were asked how often they participate in functions at the parish: 61% say they attend parish events other than Mass once a month or more often and 51% say they volunteer for a parish ministry or activity as often.
- Asked what prevents them from being more involved in parish ministries and activities, parishioners are most likely to say that their busy schedules or lack of time (58%) and inconvenient times for programs (40%) “somewhat” or “very much” prevent it.
- When asked when during a typical week they are regularly most available to participate in parish activities (such as committees and adult education), a majority of those of all age groups (53% to 67%) say they are regularly most available on weekday evenings.
- Seven in ten “very much” agree that they contribute financially to the parish (70%). When asked what prevents them from contributing more financially, more than half say their current financial status or debts (55%) “somewhat” or “very much” prevents them. In addition, just under two in five say these prevent them: not being aware of how the parish spends its money (39%), their support of other causes (38%), and not being aware of the parish’s needs (35%).

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### **Interpreting This Report**

Most of the questions in this survey use four-point response scales (i.e., “not at all,” “only a little,” “somewhat,” “very much”; or “poor,” “fair,” “good,” “excellent”). These scales allow respondents to choose between two relatively “negative” choices (e.g., “poor” and “fair”) and two relatively “positive” choices (e.g., “good” and “excellent”). In parts of the analysis in this report, these responses are combined to allow for clearer comparisons. However, as sometimes examining the most positive response distinguishes important contrasts in level of support, those responses are presented separately.

In addition, readers may also wish to compare the difference between the two extreme responses, say “poor” and “excellent,” to compare the level of intensity with which opposing opinions are held. These comparisons and others may be drawn by referring to the actual

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<sup>1</sup> Strictly speaking, it is necessary to know the total population (in this case, the total number of adult parishioners) to calculate margin of error. CARA's standard assumption for its in-pew parish surveys is that about half of parishioners are represented. For obvious reasons, those who are represented in a given in-pew survey are disproportionately more frequent Mass attenders.

percentage responses given in Appendix I. That appendix shows the percentage responses for each item, calculated out of 100%, as well as the percentage of all respondents that did not respond to each question, separately calculated out of 100% for clarity of comparison.

In addition to summarizing the responses to most questions for respondents as a whole, the report also compares the responses of those from selected subgroups. The first section of the report describes the characteristics of the respondents as well as the subgroups that are used in the analyses that follow. Throughout the report, the tables and charts that compare differences between and among these various subgroups are presented following the responses for parishioners as a whole in each section.

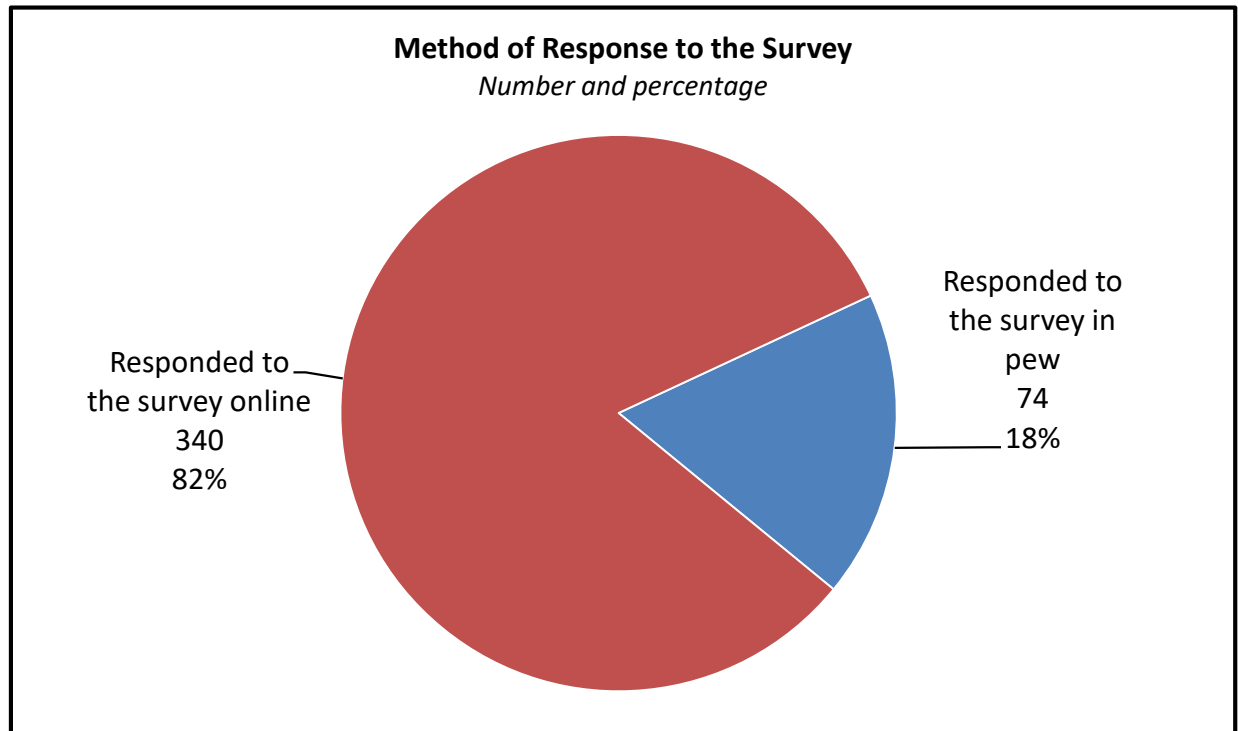
The margin of error for *differences between subgroups*, such as the differences among those of different age groups or those with different levels of involvement, depends on the size of the subgroups being compared. Unless otherwise noted, all subgroup differences described in the graphs of this report are statistically significant: that is, they pass standard tests of statistical inference and can be considered to be “real” differences. In some instances, differences between or among subgroups that are not statistically significant are also noted. These differences should be treated as merely suggestive of real differences that may exist between the subgroups under consideration.

In addition to the quantitative data analyzed in this report, eight open-ended questions on the survey collected qualitative data. For these data, respondents were prompted with a question and given an open box for written comments, rather than select from a set of response options. As the parish has opted to analyze these comments, no analysis is presented in this report.

The results of this survey fairly represent the characteristics and attitudes of people ages 16 or older who attend Mass at St. Adalbert Parish. It cannot be used to make inferences about populations outside of Mass attendees at the parish. Further, it is not representative of those who do not attend Mass or those who are only involved in parish functions excluding Mass.

## Method of Response

Among the 414 valid responses, 82% responded to the survey online and 18% responded to the paper survey.



## Section I: Demographic Characteristics of Respondents

This section of the report includes demographic and other descriptive data for the 414 valid respondents to this survey. These data may be helpful in considering who responded to the survey, which populations are represented in the data, and characteristics of those attending Mass on a typical weekend at the parish.

### Age

Valid respondents at St. Adalbert Parish surveyed in 2025 were born between 1936 and 2009.<sup>2</sup> The average age of respondents is 51, with half saying they are age 56 or younger. The most common age range reported is 60 to 69 (24%).

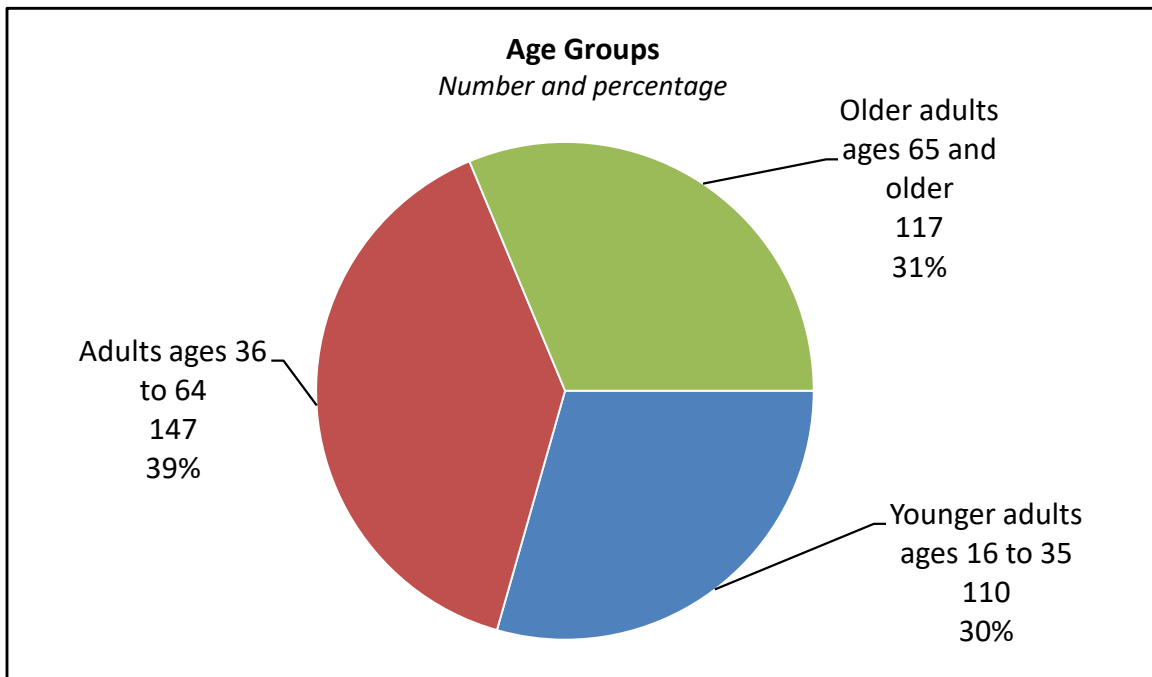
Age in 2025	
Age Range	%
16-19	2
20-29	17
30-34	14
40-49	9
50-59	15
60-69	24
70-79	13
80 or older	5
Average	51
Median	56

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<sup>2</sup> Ten percent did not provide a response to the question asking for their year of birth. To view the non-response rates for each question on the survey, see Appendix I.

## Age Groups

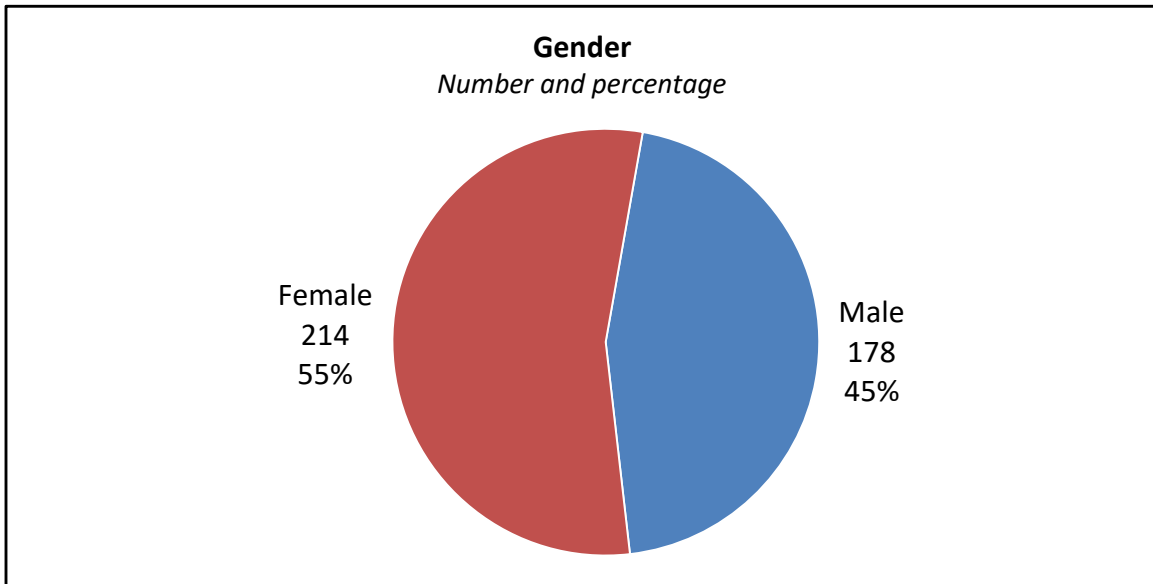
Important differences between groups in parishes are typically found among those who belong to different age groups. CARA divides Catholics into the three age groups presented in the figure below. The most common age group among St. Adalbert respondents is those ages 36 to 64 (39%).



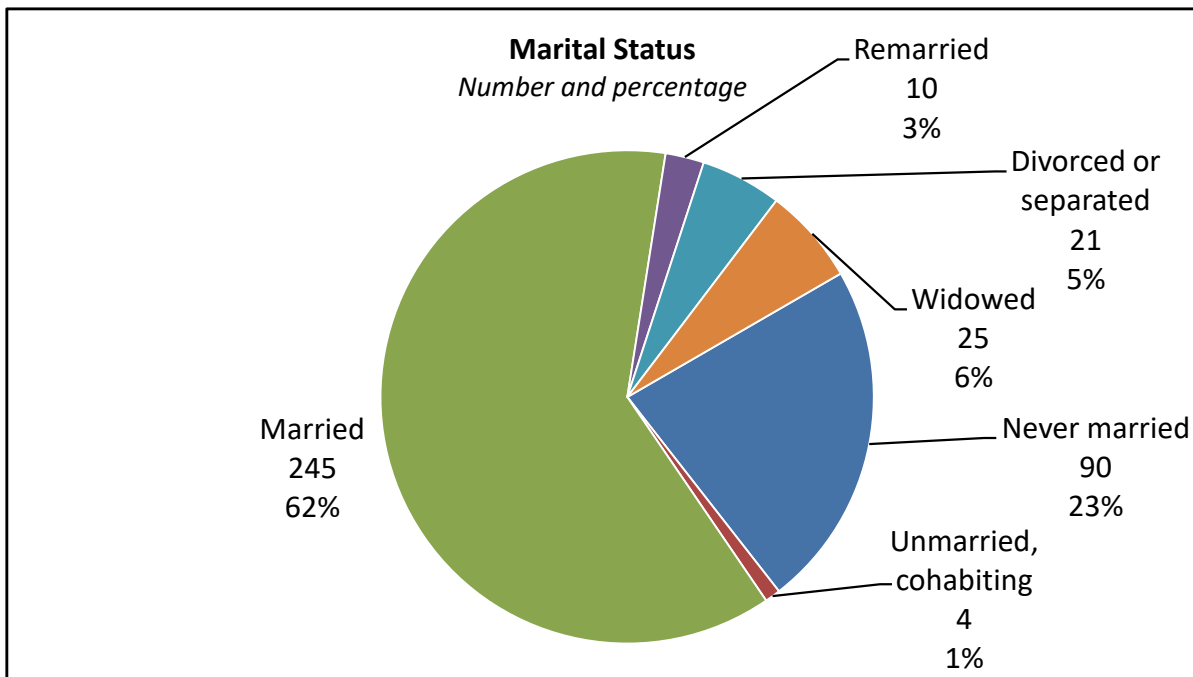
These three age groups will be used for comparisons throughout the rest of the report.

## Gender and Marital Status

More than half (55%) of respondents identify as female and 45% as male.<sup>3</sup>



Sixty-five percent of respondents are currently married or remarried. Some 23% have never married, 5% are divorced or separated, and 6% are widowed.



<sup>3</sup> Five percent did provide a response about their gender and 5% about their marital status.

## Differences by Age Groups

Female respondents are particularly likely to be ages 65 and older (63%). Marital status also differs some by age group, with those ages 16 to 35 most likely to have never married (57%)’ those ages 36 to 64 most likely to be married or remarried (80%), and those ages 65 and older most likely to be widowed (17%).

<b>Gender and Marital Status, by Age Groups</b>			
<i>Percentage responding</i>			
	<b>Ages 16 to 35 %</b>	<b>Ages 36 to 64 %</b>	<b>Ages 65 and Older %</b>
<i>Gender</i>			
Female	48	53	63
Male	52	47	37
<i>Marital Status</i>			
Single, never married	57	11	7
Unmarried, cohabiting	2	1	0
Married or remarried	41	80	66
Divorced or separated	0	6	10
Widowed	0	1	17

## Children or Stepchildren Living in the Household

Just over a quarter report having children or stepchildren under age 18 living with them (27%). Those ages 36 to 64 (40%) are most likely to have children living with them, followed by those ages 16 to 35 (33%) and those ages 65 and older (5%).

## ZIP Codes

Asked to write in their local ZIP code, respondents are most likely to have identified 49504, 49534, 49505, and 49503.<sup>4</sup> Together, these ZIP codes contain 57% of all respondents at the parish.

Top Respondent ZIP Codes			
ZIP Code	Number Reporting	%	City Center
49504	113	30	Grand Rapids, Michigan
49534	40	11	Walker
49505	35	9	Grand Rapids
49503	25	7	Wyoming
49544	17	5	Walker
49525	14	4	Grand Rapids
49546	14	4	Grand Rapids
49321	14	4	Comstock Park
49506	14	4	East Grand Rapids
49426	11	3	Hudsonville
49306	7	2	Belmont
49519	7	3	Wyoming
49301	6	2	Ada
49341	6	2	Rockford
49315	5	1	Byron Center
49507	5	1	Grand Rapids
49403	4	1	Conklin
49428	4	1	Jenison
49435	4	1	Marne
49460	3	1	West Olive

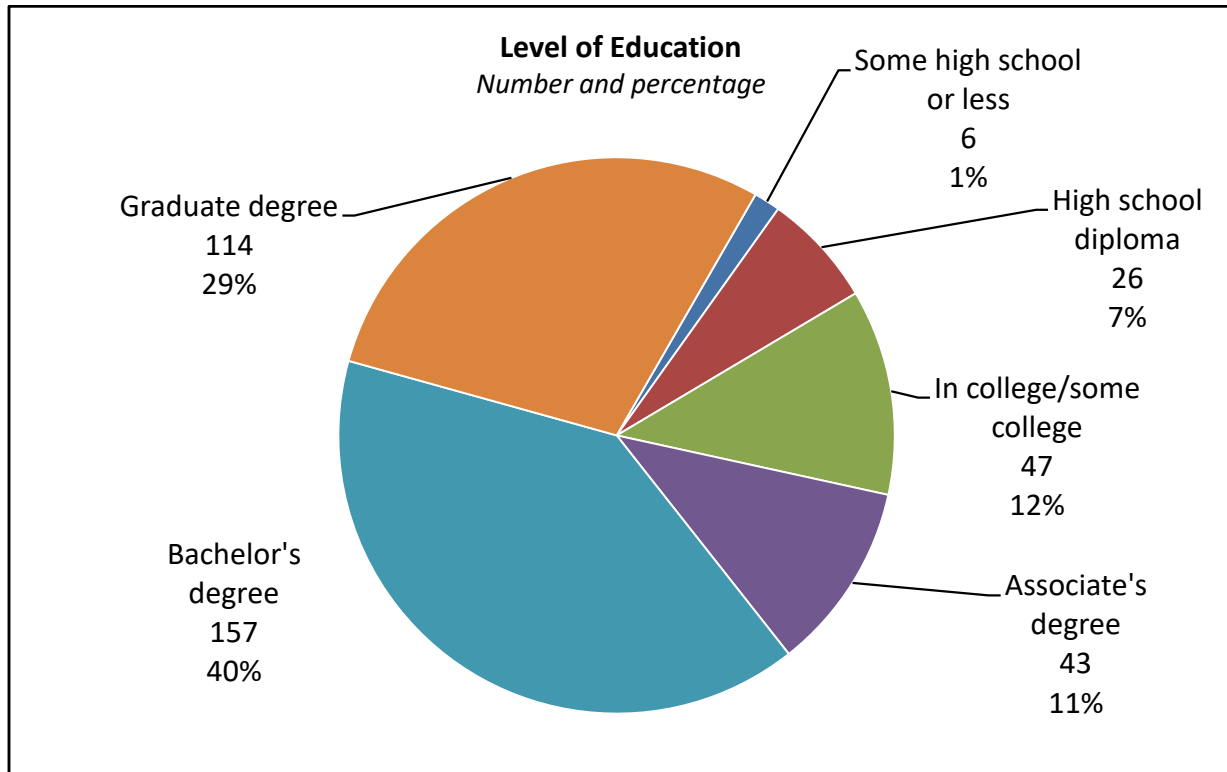
- In addition, two respondents each report ZIP codes of 49316, 49319, 49326, 49331, 49418, 49423, 49464, 49509, and 49512. Some of these are likely from visitors to the parish.
- One respondent each reports a ZIP code of 46544, 48838, 48845, 49302, 49330, 49345, 49348, 49401, 49404, 49442, 49508, 49512, and 49548.

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<sup>4</sup> Nine percent did not provide a response to this question. Also, note that more than one respondent per household were invited to respond.

### Level of Education

Eight percent have a high school diploma or less. Another 23% have attended some college or have an associate's degree. Some 69% report having a bachelor's or graduate degree.<sup>5</sup>



<sup>5</sup> Five percent did not provide a response to this question.

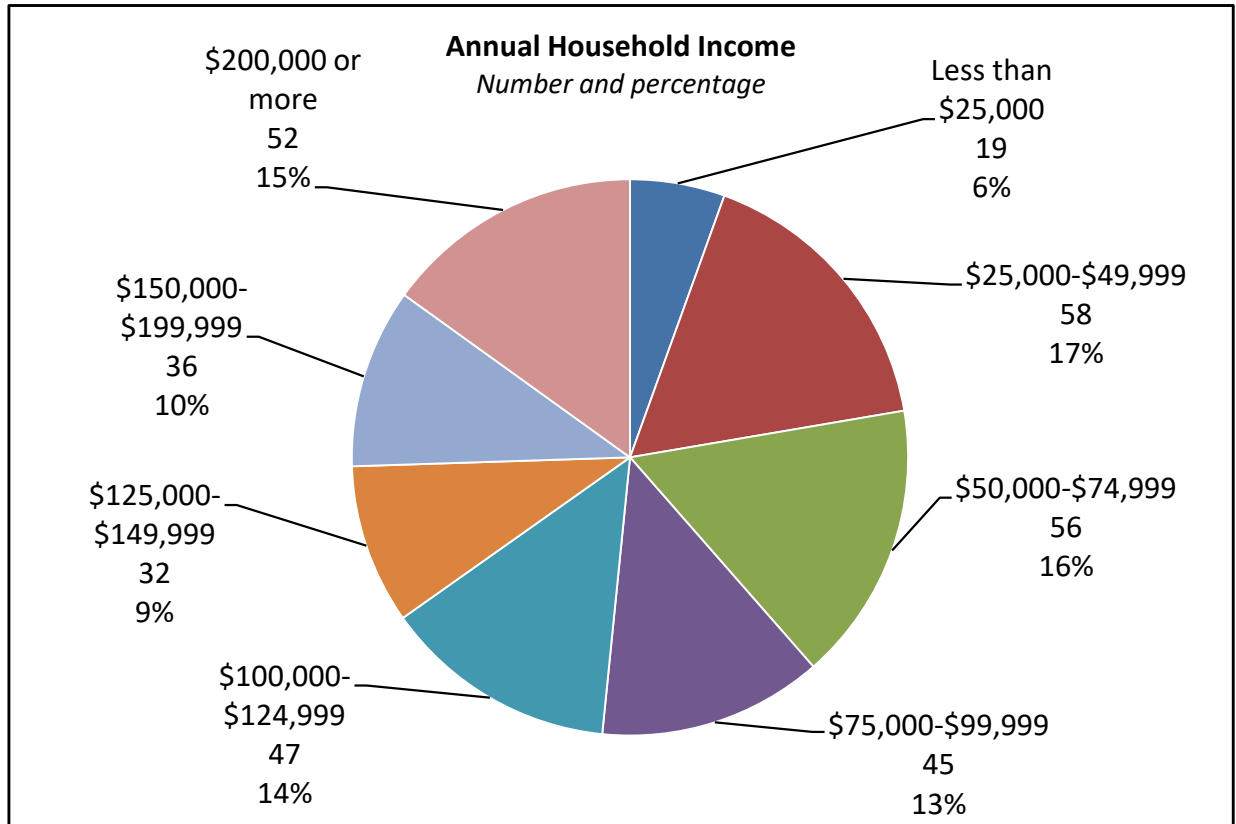
## Differences by Age Groups

Level of education differs some by age group. Those ages 36 to 64 most likely to have a bachelor's or graduate degree (80%), with those ages 65 and older least likely (55%).

<b>Level of Education, by Age Group</b>			
<i>Percentage responding</i>			
	<b>Younger Adults Ages 16 to 35</b>	<b>Adults Ages 36 to 64</b>	<b>Older Adults Ages 65 and Older</b>
<b>Level of Education</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>
Some high school	4	1	1
High school diploma	5	4	11
Some college	15	8	12
Associate's degree	6	7	20
Bachelor's degree	56	41	25
Graduate degree	16	39	30

## Level of Household Income

St. Adalbert respondents were asked to identify the category that best described their total annual household incomes, including all of those living with them. Twenty-three percent report household incomes of less than \$50,000 and another 29% report having between \$50,000 and \$99,999. Some 23% say their household income is \$100,000 to \$149,999 and 25% report having an income of \$150,000 or more.<sup>6</sup>



<sup>6</sup> Seventeen percent did not provide a response to this question.

## Differences by Age Group

Income level differs some by age group. Those ages 36 to 64 are most likely to report annual household incomes of \$100,000 or more (66%), and those ages 65 and older are most likely to report annual household incomes of less than 100,000 (67%).

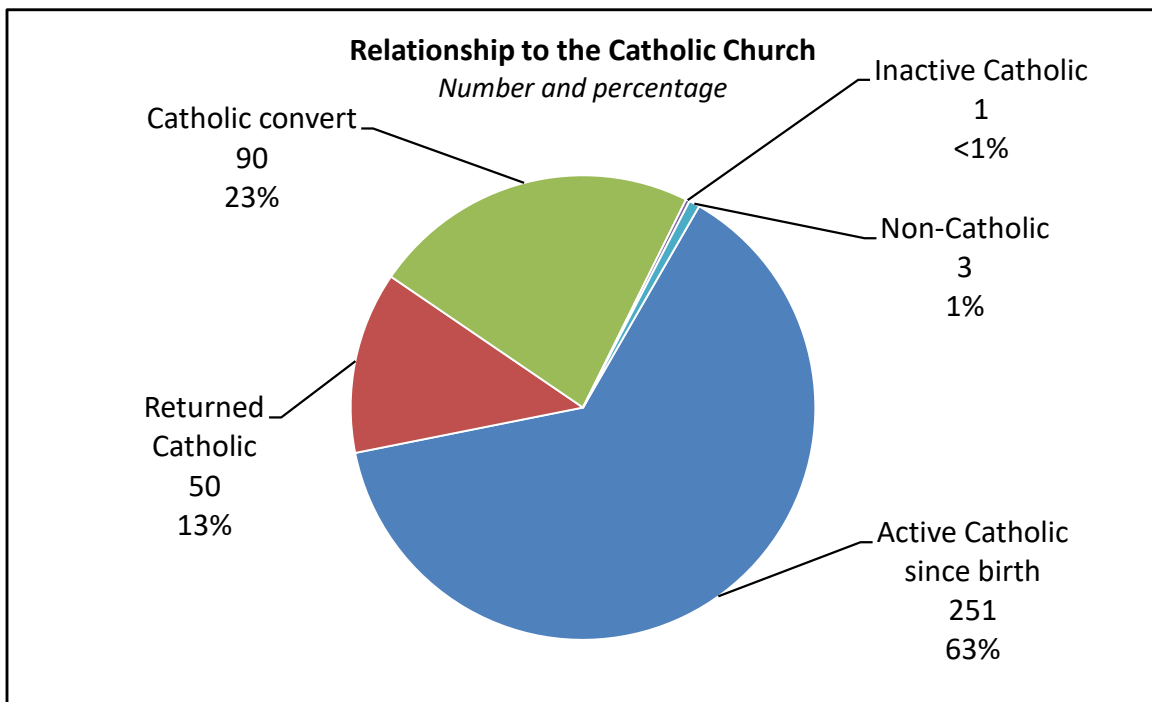
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	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>
Less than \$50,000	24	13	32
\$50,000-\$99,999	34	21	35
\$100,000-\$149,999	26	25	19
\$150,000 or more	17	41	15

## Section II: Religious Characteristics of Respondents

This part of the report describes several characteristics of the 414 valid respondents to the survey that relate to their religious attributes and parish-related behaviors.

### Relationship to the Catholic Church

About three-fifths of St. Adalbert respondents say they have been active Catholics since birth (63%), with 13% saying they are returned Catholics and 23% identifying as converts to Catholicism. Less than 1% say they are inactive Catholics and 1% are non-Catholics.<sup>7</sup>

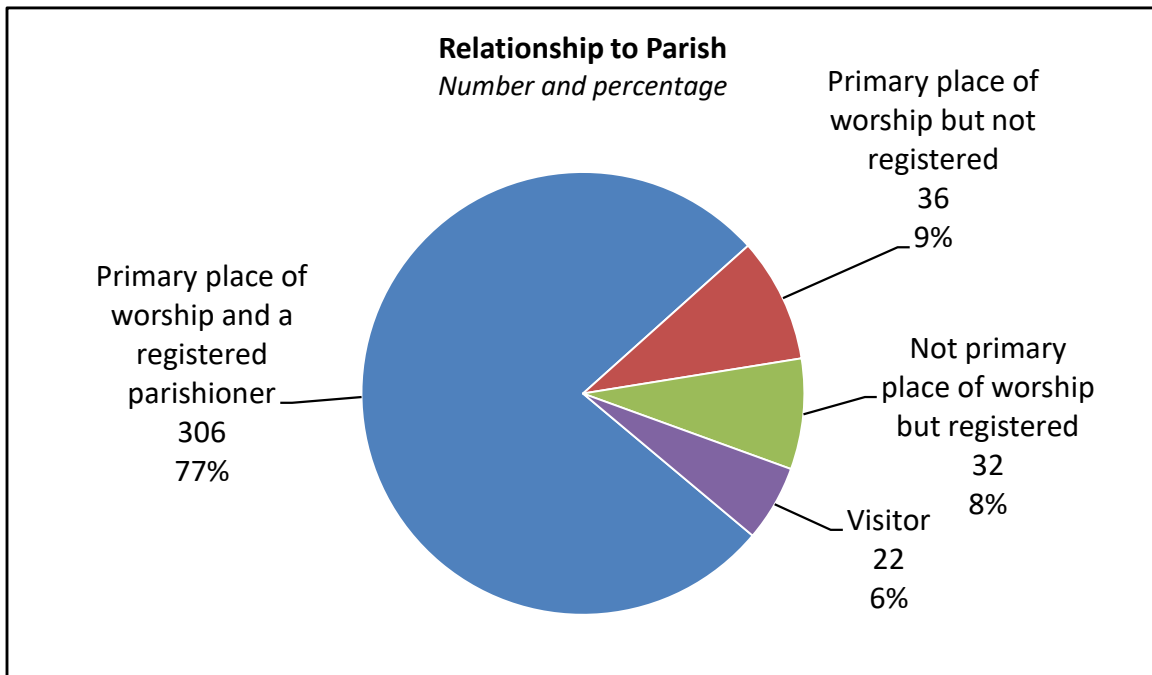


<sup>7</sup> Five percent did not provide a response to this question.

## Relationship to the Parish

Among all respondents, 86% report that St. Adalbert Parish is their primary place of worship and 85% say they are registered there.<sup>8</sup>

In the figure below, those two measures are examined in relationship to one another. Three in four (77%) say both that the parish is their primary place of worship *and* that they are registered there. Fewer, 9%, say the parish is their primary place of worship but that they are *not* registered there. Eight percent say the parish is not their primary place of worship but that they are registered there. Six percent are visitors to the parish.



<sup>8</sup> Four percent did not provide a response to these two questions.

### Years at the Parish

Mass attenders were asked to write in the number of years they have attended the parish, with those visiting the parish asked to leave this question blank. On average, respondents have attended the parish for 14 years. The median is five years, meaning that half of respondents have attended for five years or less.<sup>9</sup>

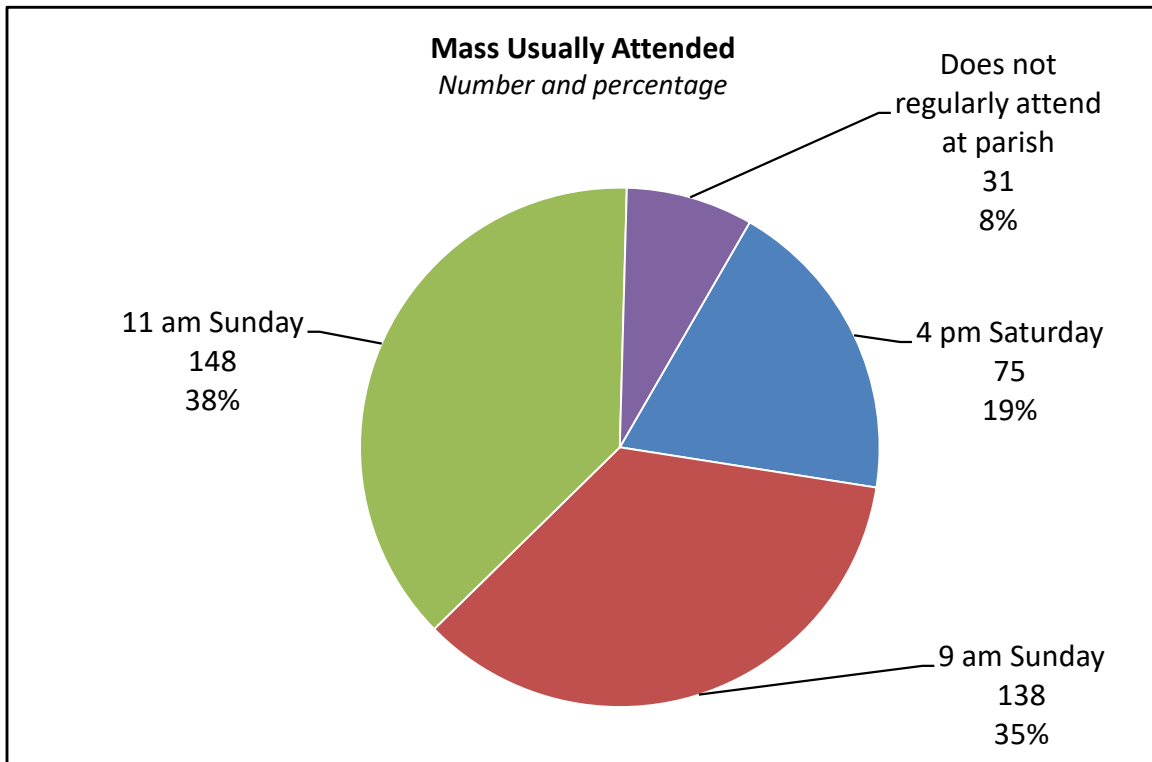
<b>Years at Parish*</b>	
<i>Percentage responding</i>	
	<b>%</b>
1 year or less	15
2-5 years	35
6-10 years	18
11-15 years	10
16-20 years	4
21-25 years	4
26-30 years	2
31-35 years	1
36-40 years	2
41-46 years	1
46-50 years	1
51 years or more	8
Average	14
Median	5
Minimum	1
Maximum	82
* Those who do not regularly attend the parish were asked to leave the question blank. Those who have attended for less than a year were instructed to write "1."	

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<sup>9</sup> Thirteen percent did not provide a response to this question.

### Mass Regularly Attended

Respondents were invited to identify the one Mass they most regularly attend at the parish. The most commonly chosen Masses were the 11 am Sunday (38%) and 9 am Sunday (35%) Masses. Some 8% say they do *not* regularly attend Mass at the parish.<sup>10</sup>

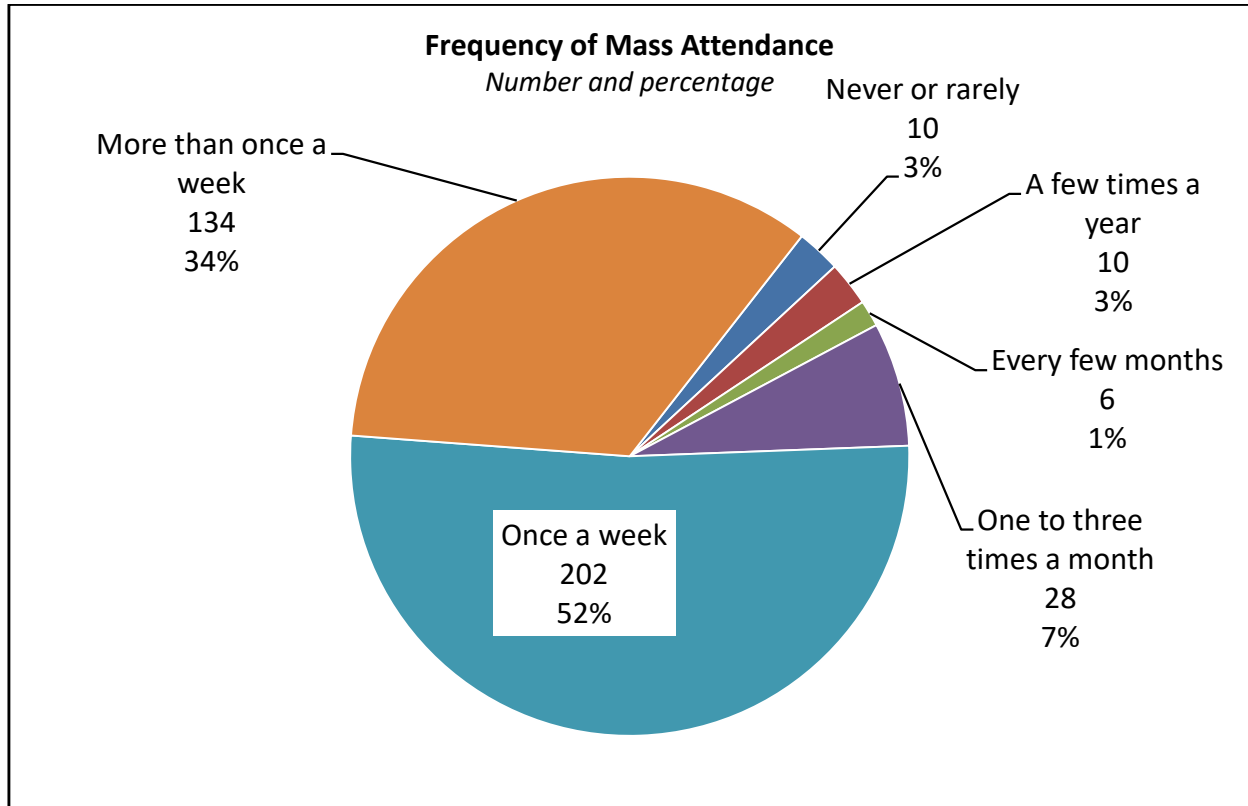


Where relevant throughout the rest of the report, comparisons are made among those who usually attend the various Masses.

<sup>10</sup> Five percent did not provide a response to this question.

## Frequency of Mass Attendance

Some 86% of respondents report attending Mass at least once a week.<sup>11</sup> An additional 7% attend one to three times a month and 1% attend every few months. Six percent attend less frequently than that.<sup>1213</sup>



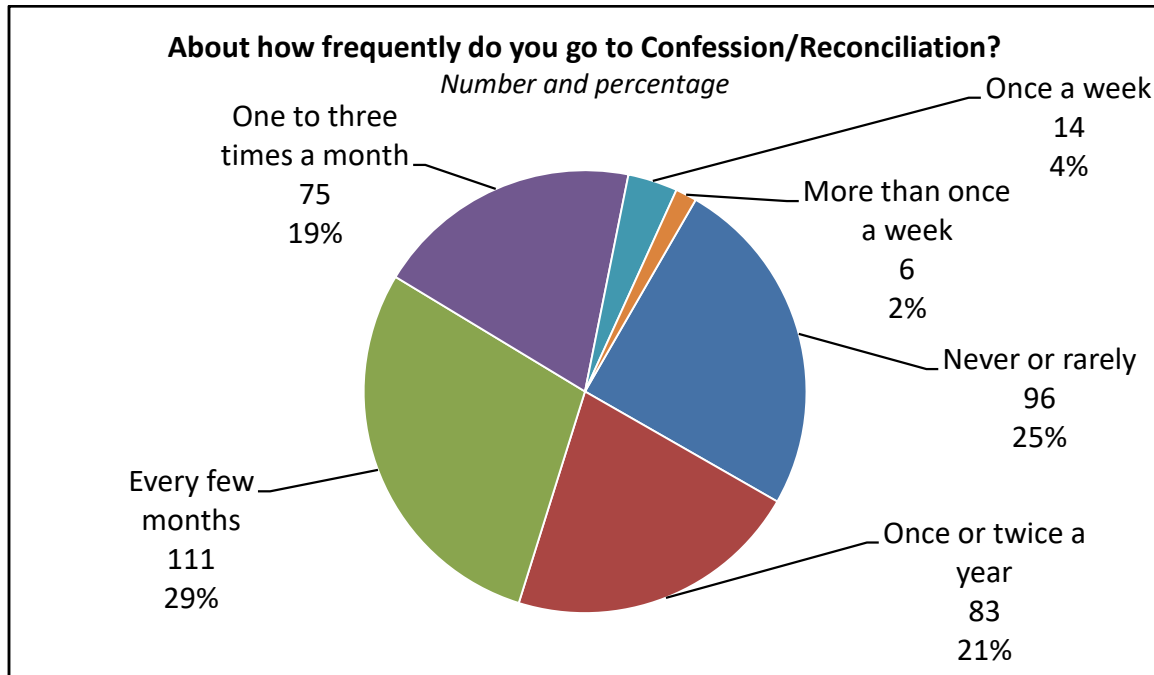
<sup>11</sup> Calculated by summing the percentages for “once a week” and “more than once a week.”

<sup>12</sup> Calculated by summing the percentages for “never or rarely” and “a few times a year.”

<sup>13</sup> Six percent did not provide a response to this question.

### Frequency of Confession or Reconciliation

Some 75% of respondents report going to Confession/Reconciliation at least once a year. On the other end of the scale, 25% report “never or rarely” going.<sup>14</sup>



### Differences by Age Groups

Those ages 16 to 35 (88%) are most likely to go to Confession/Reconciliation at least once a year, followed by those ages 36 to 64 (74%), and those ages 65 and older (62%).

<sup>14</sup> Seven percent did not provide a response to this question.

## Frequency of Other Religious Behaviors

Respondents were asked how often they engage in a variety of religious behaviors, with the findings summarized in the table below. By far, they most frequently pray or have a conversation with God, which 91% report doing more than once a week.<sup>15</sup>

<i>How often do you do the following?</i>						
<i>Percentage responding</i>						
	<b>More Than Once a Week %</b>	<b>Once a Week %</b>	<b>One to Three Times a Month %</b>	<b>Every Few Months %</b>	<b>Once or Twice a Year %</b>	<b>Never or Rarely %</b>
Pray or have a conversation with God	91	6	2	1	<1	1
Volunteer for a parish ministry or activity	11	8	20	12	13	36
Offer your time and talents in volunteer opportunities at some place other than the parish	9	8	15	19	20	29
Attend parish events other than Mass	5	10	21	26	24	16

<sup>15</sup> For the questions in this subsection, the non-response rates range from 5% to 12%.

Another way of examining the same findings is by seeing which behaviors they engage in once a week or more,<sup>16</sup> once a month or more,<sup>17</sup> and twice a year or less.<sup>18</sup> The findings are summarized in the table below.

<i><b>How often do you do the following?</b></i>			
<i>Percentage responding</i>			
	<b>Once a Week or More</b>	<b>Once a Month or More</b>	<b>Twice a Year or Less</b>
	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>
Pray or have a conversation with God	96	99	1
Volunteer for a parish ministry or activity	19	51	49
Offer your time and talents in volunteer opportunities at some place other than the parish	17	51	49
Attend parish events other than Mass	15	61	39

- Examining the time frame of once a week or more, responding parishioners are most likely to report praying or having a conversation with God (96%).
- Half to three-fifths report attending parish events other than Mass (61%), volunteering for a parish ministry or activity (51%), and offering their time and talents in volunteer opportunities at some place other than the parish (51%) once a month or more.
- Half report volunteering for a parish ministry or activity (49%), and offering their time and talents in volunteer opportunities at some place other than the parish (49%) twice a year or less.

<sup>16</sup> Calculated by summing “once a week” and “more than once a week.”

<sup>17</sup> Calculated by summing “once or twice a month,” “almost every week,” “once a week” and “more than once a week.”

<sup>18</sup> Calculated by summing “never or rarely” and “once or twice a year.”

### **Section III: Assessment of Parish Life and Needs**

Overall, the results of the St. Adalbert Parish Life Survey are very positive. Thirteen particular areas were addressed in the survey instrument. These areas are featured in this section of the report, though readers are advised to consult the response frequencies in Appendix I of this document for response rates and other pertinent information about these data.

The areas of parish life addressed are:

- Evaluation of Aspects of Parish Life
- Evaluation of Faith Formation Programs
- Evaluation of Parish Outreach
- Attraction to the Parish
- Importance of Religious Behaviors
- Importance of Church Teachings
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## Evaluation of Aspects of Parish Life

*This section presents some of the survey's most general evaluation of parish life, evaluating these very general measures of CARA's seven elements of parish life: community, worship, faith formation, and stewardship. Respondents were asked to evaluate each aspect of parish life, rating each "poor," "fair," "good," or "excellent." <sup>19</sup> The first column of numbers in the table below summarizes the positive side of the findings, showing the percentage that rated each aspect "good" and "excellent" combined. The final column shows those who rated an aspect as "excellent." <sup>20</sup>*

More than four in five respondents (81% to 97%) give a positive rating ("good" and "excellent" combined) to each of the aspects of parish life shown in the table below. They are most likely to give a positive rating to Masses and liturgies (97%) and Cor Jesu – Adoration and penance service (97%).

<i><b>Please evaluate these aspects of parish life</b></i>		
<i>Percentage responding</i>		
	<b>"Good" or "Excellent" Combined %</b>	<b>"Excellent" Only %</b>
Masses and liturgies in general	97	72
Cor Jesu – Adoration and penance service	97	70
Music at Mass	94	79
Prayerful, reverent atmosphere at Mass	93	68
Hospitality or sense of welcome at Mass	87	43
Management of parish finances	84	33
Efforts to educate parishioners in the faith	83	37
Sense of community within the parish	82	26
Encouragement to share your time, talents and treasure with the parish	81	34

- Examining the percentages in that final column only, about two-thirds to four-fifths give an "excellent" rating to these four aspects of parish life:
  - Music at Mass – 79%
  - Masses and liturgies in general – 72%
  - Cor Jesu – Adoration and penance service – 70%
  - Prayerful, reverent atmosphere at Mass – 68%

<sup>19</sup> For the questions in this subsection, the non-response rates range from 1% to 28%.

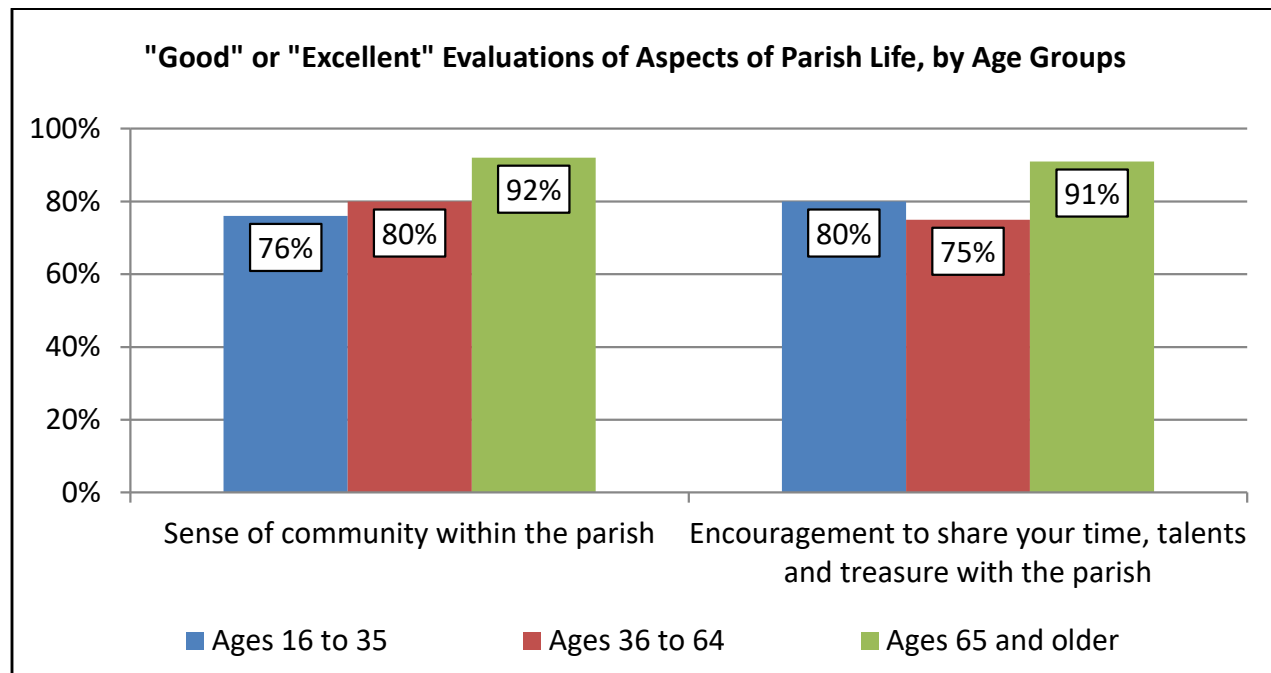
<sup>20</sup> As was discussed in the Introduction, the complete record of each response, including the percentages not responding to each question, are presented in Appendix I. Presenting just the positive side allows for readers to see both what the strongest items in each section are (in the top rows of the table) as well as those relatively more in need of improvement (in the bottom rows).

- About a third to two-fifths rate these aspects as “excellent”:
  - Hospitality or sense of welcome at Mass – 43%
  - Efforts to educate parishioners in the faith – 37%
  - Encouragement to share your time, talents and treasure with the parish – 34%
  - Management of parish finances – 33%
- The sense of community within the parish (26%) receives an “excellent” from a quarter of respondents.

## Differences by Age Groups

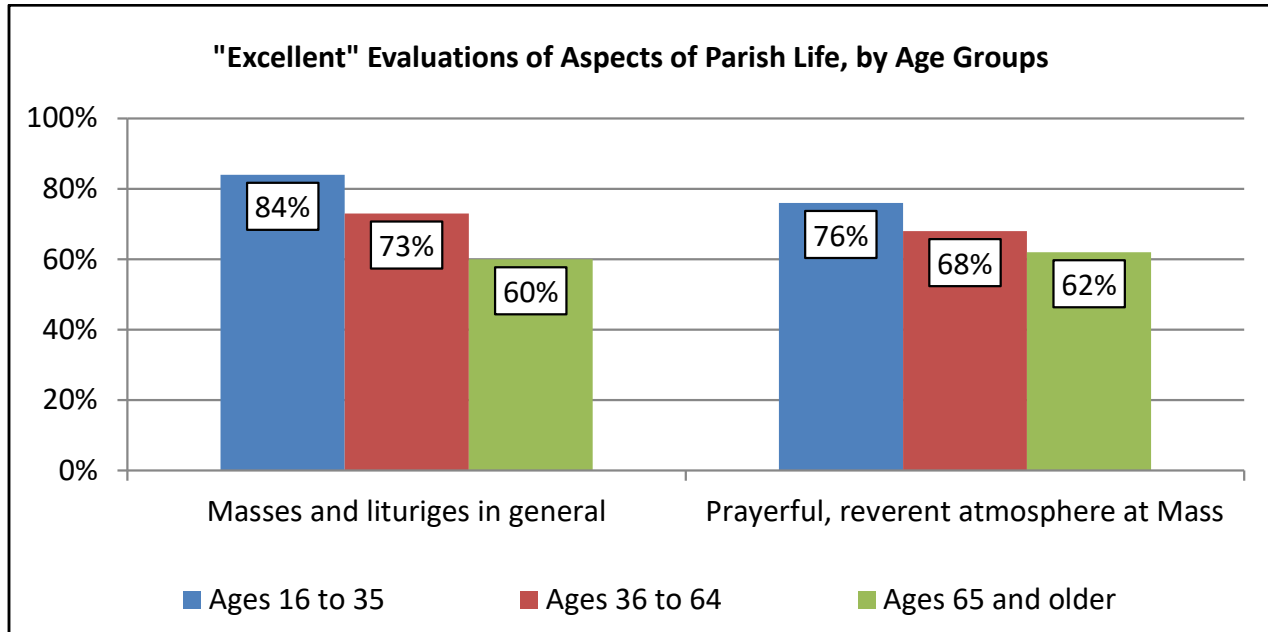
### *“Good” and “Excellent” Ratings Combined*

Those ages 65 and older are most likely to evaluate the two aspects of parish life presented in the figure below as “good” or “excellent.”

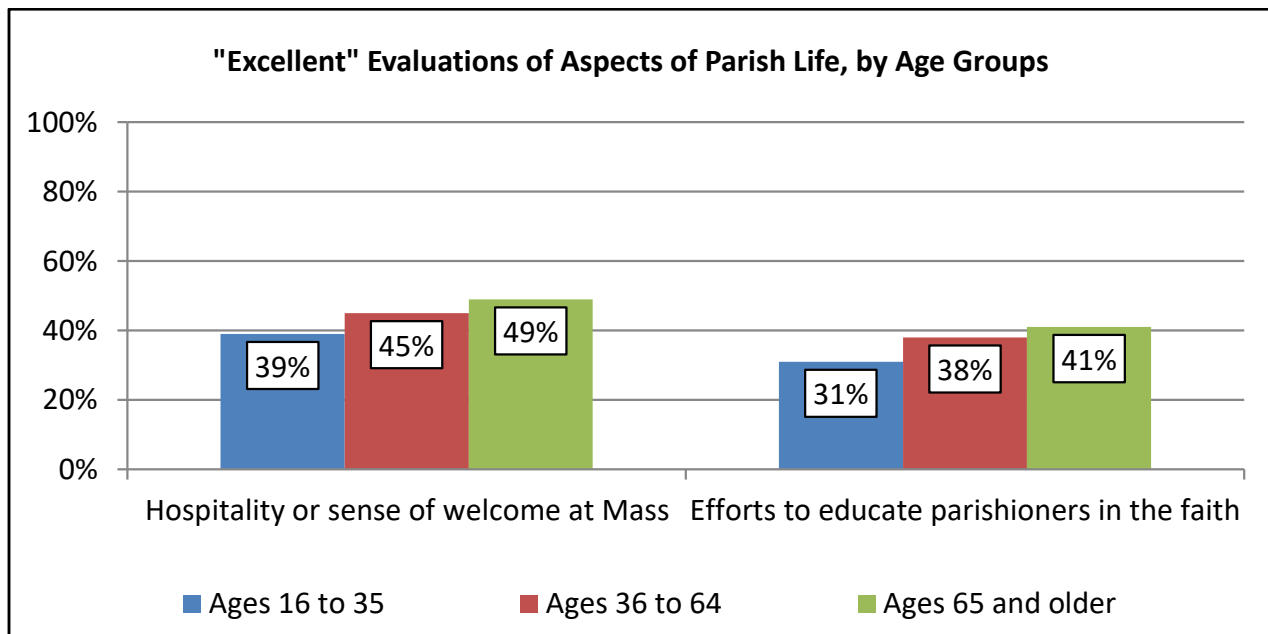


### *“Excellent” Ratings Only*

The younger the age group, the more likely its members are to give an “excellent” rating to the two worship-related aspects of parish life presented in the figure below.

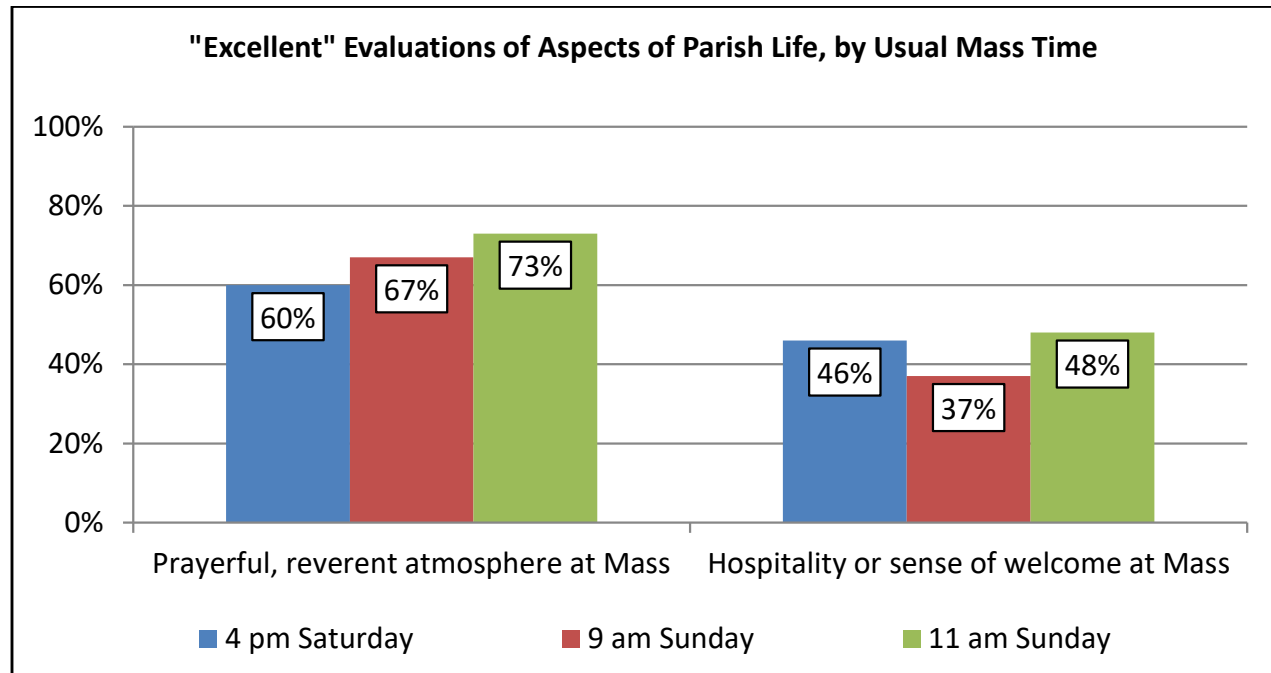


Those ages 36 and older are especially likely to evaluate the aspects of parish life presented in the figure below as “excellent.”



## Differences by Mass Usually Attended

Those who usually attend the 11 am Sunday Mass are especially likely to give the prayerful, reverent atmosphere at Mass an “excellent” rating. Usual attenders of the 9 am Sunday Mass, on the other hand, are relatively *less* likely to rate the hospitality or sense of welcome that highly.



## Evaluation of Faith Formation Programs

*Respondents were asked to evaluate some parish faith formation programs. As in the previous subsection, respondents were asked to evaluate each staff member or program, rating each “poor,” fair,” “good,” or “excellent.”<sup>21</sup> The first column of numbers in the table below summarizes the positive side of the findings, showing the percentage that rated each aspect “good” or “excellent” combined. The final column displays the percentage rating each person or program as “excellent.”*

More than seven-tenths rate each of the faith formation programs in the table below positively (“good” and “excellent” combined). They are most likely to rate the OCIA (92%) and marriage preparation (84%) programs positively.

<i>Please evaluate the following faith formation programs</i>		
<i>Percentage responding</i>		
	<b>“Good” or “Excellent” Combined %</b>	<b>“Excellent” Only %</b>
OCIA – for adults to enter the Church	92	54
Marriage preparation	84	35
Faith formation for adults	73	26
Sacramental preparation programs for youth	71	24

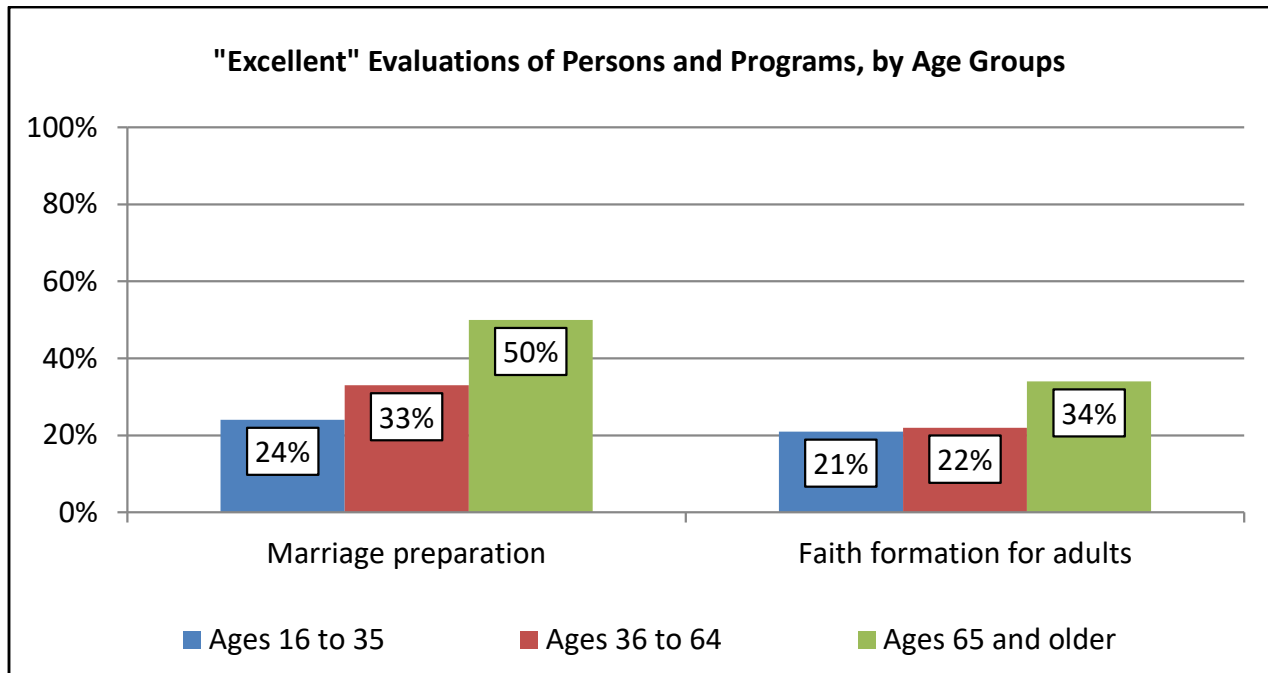
- More than half rate OCIA (54%) as “excellent.”
- Marriage preparation (35%) receives an “excellent” evaluation from more than a third.
- About a quarter say faith formation for adults (26%) and sacramental preparation programs for youth (24%) as “excellent.”

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<sup>21</sup> For the questions in this subsection, the non-response rates range from 52% to 68%. There is an expectation that some of these non-response rates will be higher as not everyone participates in the formation programs or have children that do. To view the non-response rates for each item in this subsection, see Appendix I.

## Differences by Age Groups

The older the age group, the more likely its members are to give an “excellent” rating to marriage preparation at the parish. Those ages 65 and older are also most likely to evaluate faith formation for adults as “excellent.”



## Evaluation of Parish Outreach

*Parishioners were asked to evaluate how well the parish reaches out to various groups. As in the previous subsection, respondents were asked to evaluate parish outreach to each group, rating each “poor,” “fair,” “good,” or “excellent.” The first column of numbers in the table below summarizes the positive side of the findings, showing the percentage that rated outreach to each group as “good” or “excellent” combined. The final column displays the percentage rating outreach to each group as “excellent.”*<sup>22</sup>

About half to three-fourths say parish outreach is “good” or “excellent” to young adults (75%), single adults (62%), those sick or homebound (59%), and married couples (53%). Less than half give a positive evaluation to outreach to senior citizens (47%) and those divorced or separated (40%).

<i><b>Please evaluate parish outreach to the following groups:</b></i>		
<i>Percentage responding</i>		
	<b>“Good” or “Excellent” Combined %</b>	<b>“Excellent” Only %</b>
Young adults – ages 18 to 35	75	33
Single adults	62	22
Sick or homebound	59	23
Married couples	53	17
Senior citizens – ages 65 and older	47	11
Divorced or separated	40	11

- A third rate outreach to young adults as “excellent” (33%).
- Roughly one in five rates as “excellent” outreach to those sick or homebound (23%), single adults (22%), and married couples (17%).
- Parish outreach to senior citizens (11%) and those divorced or separated (11%) receives an “excellent” evaluation from one in ten respondents.

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<sup>22</sup> For the questions in this subsection, the non-response rates range from 44% to 76%. See Appendix I and p. 32 for more details.

## Non-response Rate

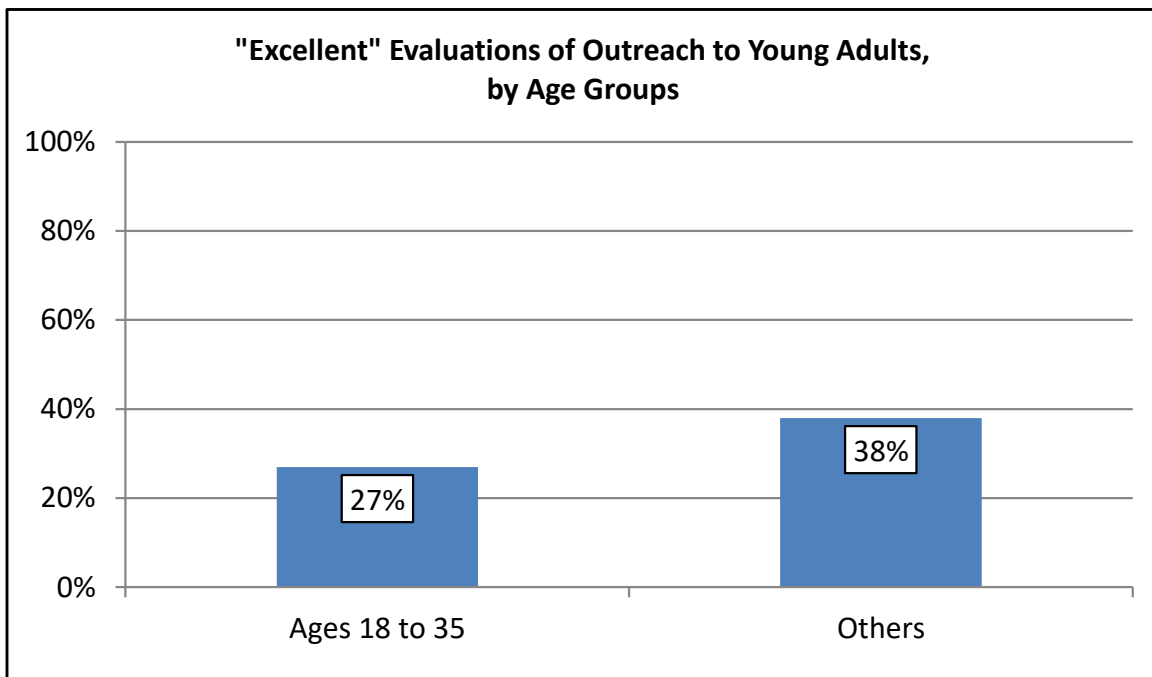
Perhaps due to being unfamiliar with parish outreach efforts to some groups, non-response rates are high for some groups. They are at least half for outreach to the following groups:

- 76% for divorced or separated
- 72% for sick or homebound
- 58% for single adults
- 54% for senior citizens

While it is impossible to know why a respondent did not provide a response to a question, these high non-response rates might be suggestive that the parish has not made these outreach programs well known.

## Differences by Age Group

Those ages 18 to 35 are *less* likely than others to give an “excellent” evaluation to parish outreach to young adults, with 27% of those of that age group rating it that highly.

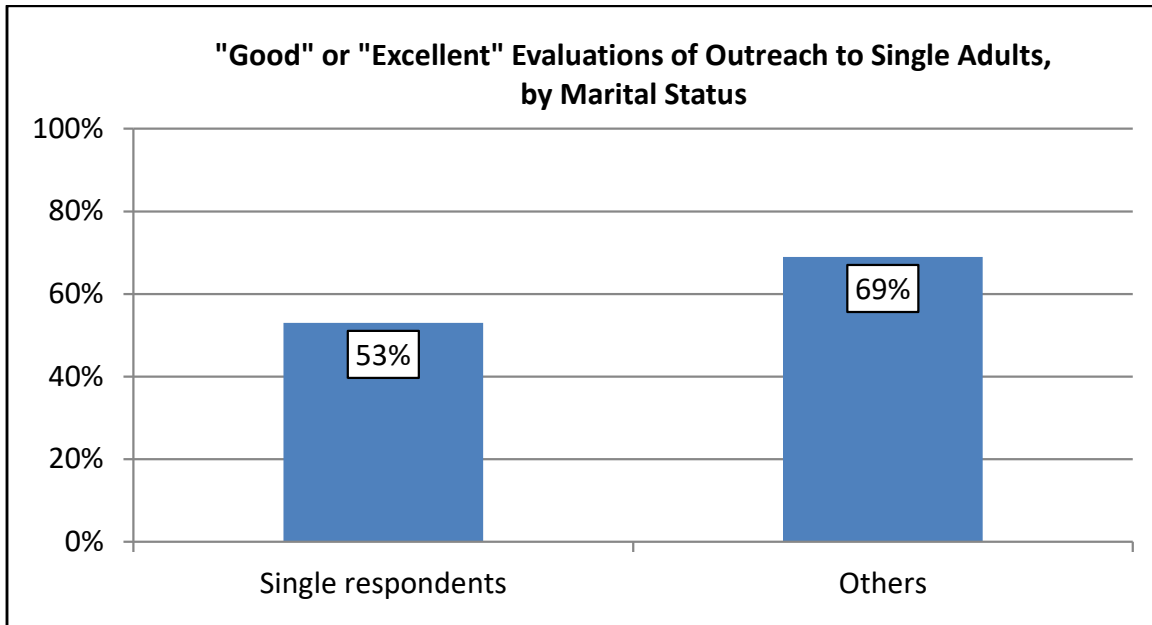


Those age 65 or older do *not* differ from others in how they evaluate parish outreach to senior citizens.

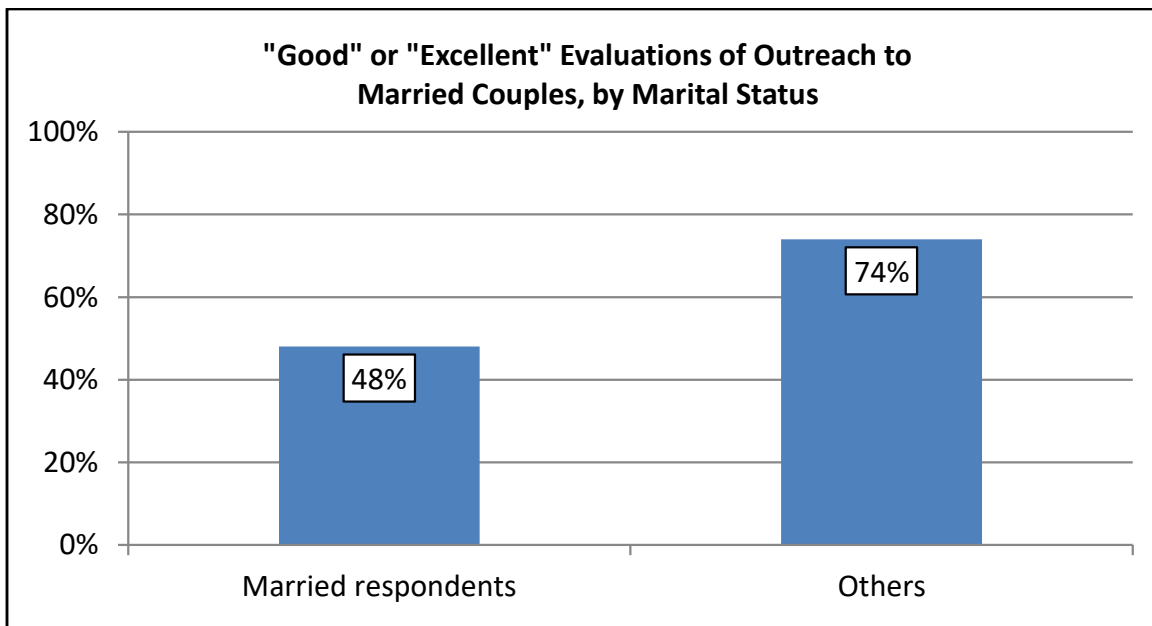
## Differences by Marital Status

### *“Good” and “Excellent” Evaluations Combined*

Single respondents are *less* likely than others to give a “good” or “excellent” evaluation to parish outreach to single adults, with 53% of single respondents rating it that highly.

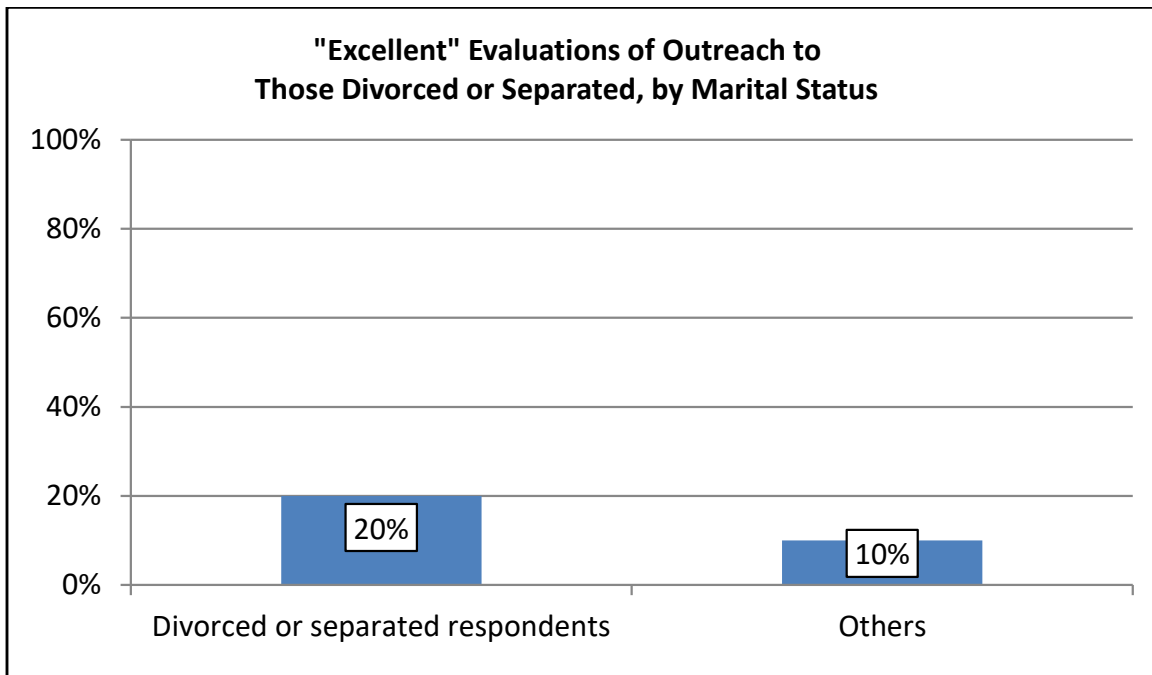


Married respondents are *less* likely than others to give an “excellent” evaluation to parish outreach to married couples, with 48% of married respondents rating it that highly.



*“Excellent” Evaluations Only*

Divorced or separated respondents are more likely than others to give an “excellent” evaluation to parish outreach to those divorced or separated, with 20% of those divorced or separated rating it that highly.



## Attraction to the Parish

*Respondents were asked to indicate how much different elements of parish life attract them to St. Adalbert Parish, being offered the responses of: attracts them “not at all,” attracts them “a little,” attracts them “somewhat,” and attracts them “very much.” The first column of numbers in the table below shows the combined percentage saying an element attracts them “somewhat” or “very much.” The final column shows the percentage saying an element attracts them “very much” to the parish.* <sup>23</sup>

Those attending Mass at the parish report being especially attracted to the parish (“somewhat” or “very much” combined) by the quality of the liturgy (98%), the beauty of the church (98%), the quality of the music (93%), the quality of the preaching (90%), and the sense of belonging they feel there (88%).

<i><b>How much do the following attract you to the parish?</b></i>		
<i>Percentage responding</i>		
	<b>“Somewhat” or “Very Much” Attracts Combined %</b>	<b>“Very Much” Attracts Only %</b>
The quality of the liturgy	98	84
The beauty of the church	98	82
The quality of the music	93	75
The quality of the preaching	90	65
The sense of belonging you feel here	88	55
The programs and activities of the parish	74	26
Its faith formation for adults	67	24

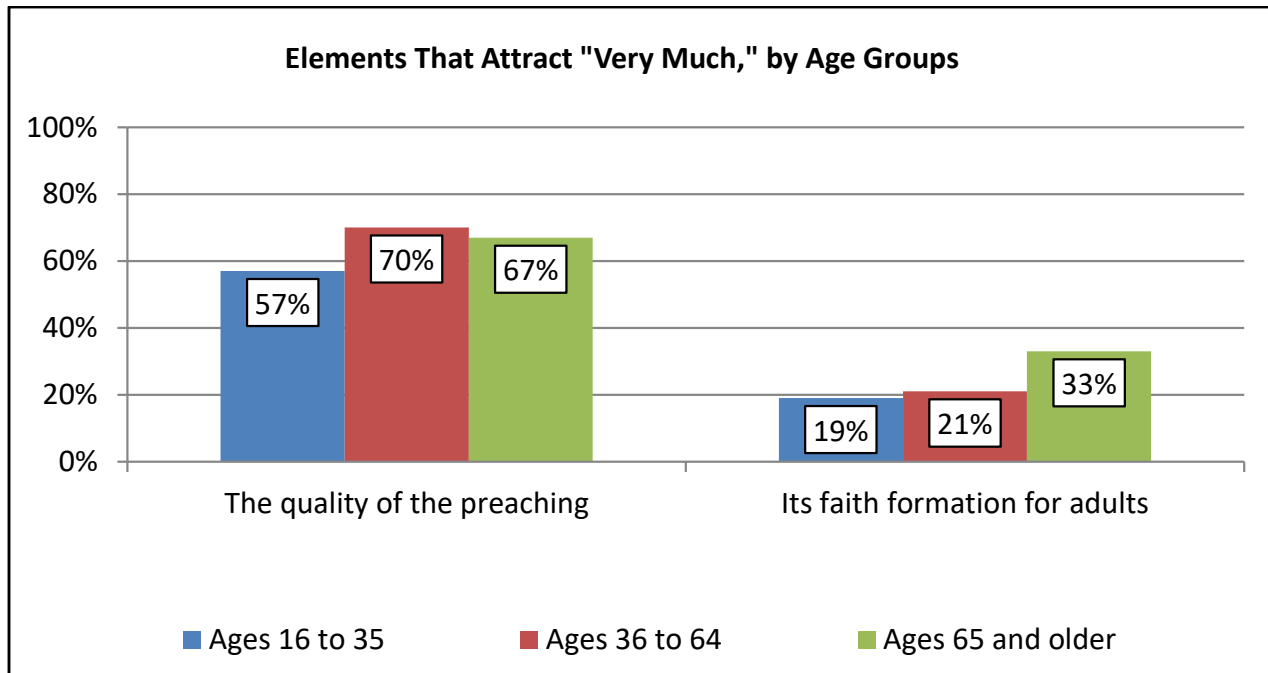
More than half say the following attract them to the parish “very much”:

- The quality of the liturgy – 84%
- The beauty of the church – 82%
- The quality of the music – 75%
- The quality of the preaching – 65%
- The sense of belonging you feel here – 55%

<sup>23</sup> For the questions in this subsection, the non-response rates range from 2% to 25%.

## Differences by Age Groups

Those ages 36 and older are especially likely to indicate that the quality of the preaching “very much” attract them to the parish, with those ages 65 and older most likely to say they are “very much” attracted by its faith formation for adults.



## Importance of Religious Behaviors

*Respondents were asked how important a list of behaviors is to them. They were offered these four options to respond: “not” important, “a little” important, “somewhat” important, and “very” important. The first column of numbers in the table below shows the combined percentage responding “somewhat” or “very” important. The final column displays the percentage saying it is “very” important to them.<sup>24</sup>*

Between 95% and 99% say each of the behaviors in the table below are “somewhat” or “very” important to them.

<i><b>How important are the following to you?</b></i>		
<i>Percentage responding</i>		
	<b>“Somewhat” or “Very” Important Combined %</b>	<b>“Very” Important Only %</b>
Attending Mass	99	92
Living your life consistent with Church teaching	98	84
Personal prayer	98	82
Learning more about the Catholic faith	96	74
Helping those in need	95	67
Being part of a parish community	95	64

More than three-fifths say each of the behaviors are “very” important to them:

- Attending Mass – 92%
- Living your life consistent with Church teaching – 84%
- Personal prayer – 82%
- Learning more about the Catholic faith – 74%
- Helping those in need – 67%
- Being part of a parish community – 64%

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<sup>24</sup> For the questions in this subsection, the non-response rates range from 2% to 5%.

## Importance of Church Teachings

Respondents were asked how important a list of Church teachings is to them. They were offered these four options to respond: “not” important, “a little” important, “somewhat” important, and “very” important. The first column of numbers in the table below shows the combined percentage responding “somewhat” or “very” important. The final column displays the percentage saying it is “very” important to them.<sup>25</sup>

With one exception (*Care for God’s Creation* at 84%), more than nine in ten say each of the Church teachings in the table below are “somewhat” or “very” important to them.

<i><b>How important are the following Church teachings to you?</b></i>		
<i>Percentage responding</i>		
	<b>“Somewhat” or “Very” Important Combined %</b>	<b>“Very” Important Only %</b>
<i>Sanctity of Marriage and Call to Family:</i>		
Supporting marriage and family	97	88
<i>Poor and Vulnerable:</i> Meeting needs of the		
poor and vulnerable in our community	95	68
<i>Life and Dignity:</i> Ending abortion, euthanasia,		
assisted suicide, embryonic stem cell		
research, and the death penalty	94	76
<i>Dignity of Work:</i> Respecting the basic		
rights of workers	91	60
<i>Care for God’s Creation:</i> Caring for the		
Earth and our natural environment	84	50

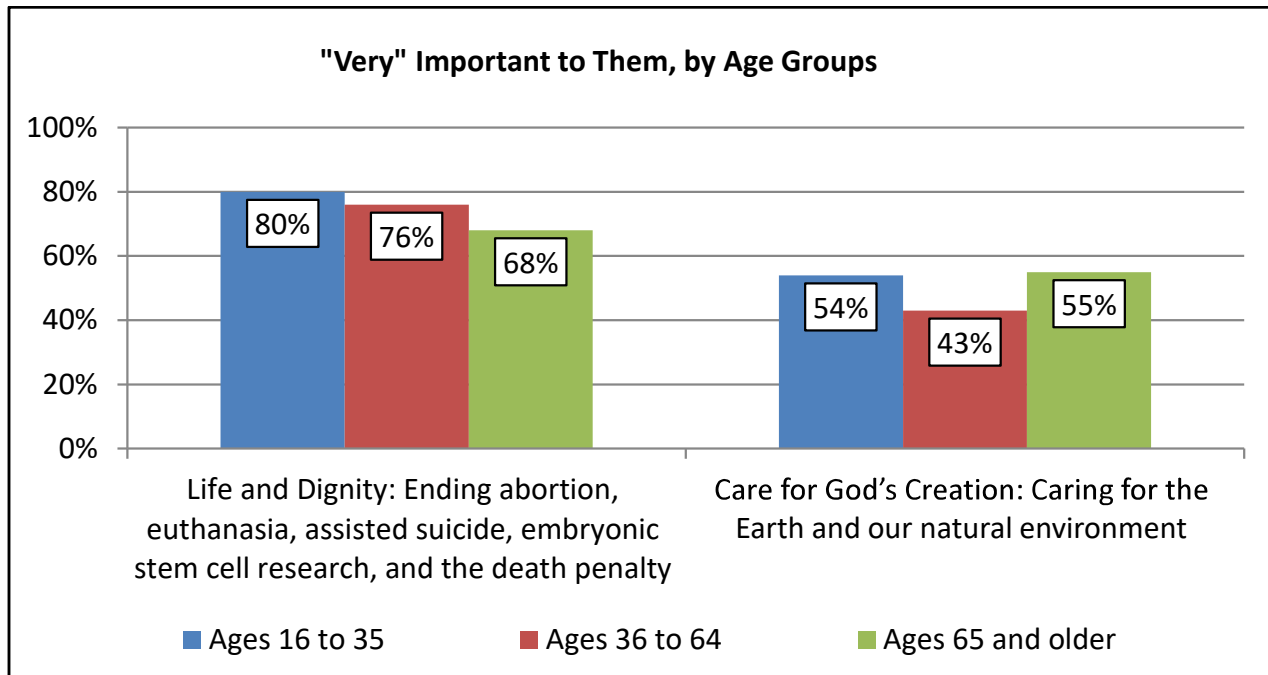
Half to nine-tenths say the following Church teachings are “very” important to them:

- *Sanctity of Marriage and Call to Family:* Supporting marriage and family – 88%
- *Life and Dignity:* Ending abortion, euthanasia, assisted suicide, embryonic stem cell research, and the death penalty – 76%
- *Poor and Vulnerable:* Meeting needs of the poor and vulnerable in our community – 68%
- *Dignity of Work:* Respecting the basic rights of workers – 60%
- *Care for God’s Creation:* Caring for the Earth and our natural environment – 50%

<sup>25</sup> For the questions in this subsection, the non-response rates range from 4% to 5%.

## Differences by Age Groups

The younger the age group, the more likely its members are to say that the *Life and Dignity* Church teaching is “very” important to them. Those ages 36 to 64, on the other hand, are *least* likely to indicate that the *Care for God’s Creation* Church teaching is “very” important to them.



## Interest in Learning More about Topics

*Respondents were asked how interested they would be in learning more about seven different topics. They were offered these four options to respond: “no” interest, “a little” interest, “somewhat” interested, and “very much” interested. The first column of numbers in the table below shows the combined percentage responding “somewhat” or “very” interested. The final column displays the percentage indicating being “very” interested in a topic.<sup>26</sup>*

With one exception (how to help the poor and marginalized at 70%), more than three in four report at least “somewhat” interested in each of the topics listed in the table below.

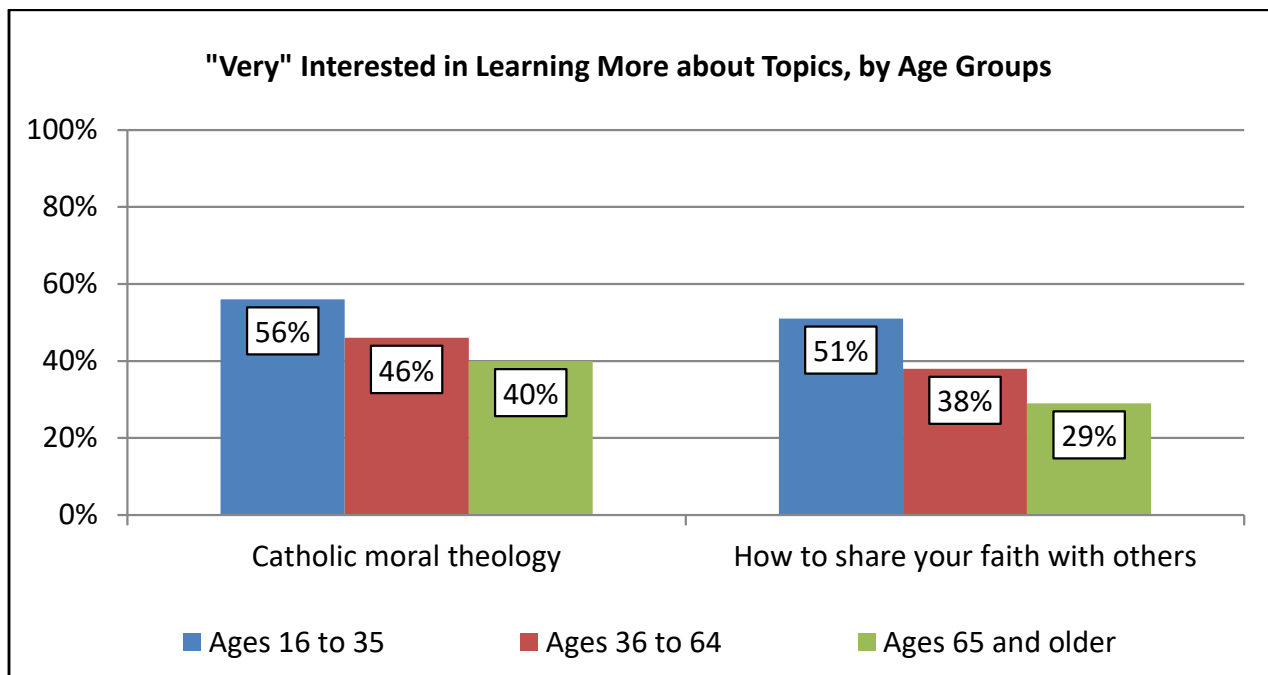
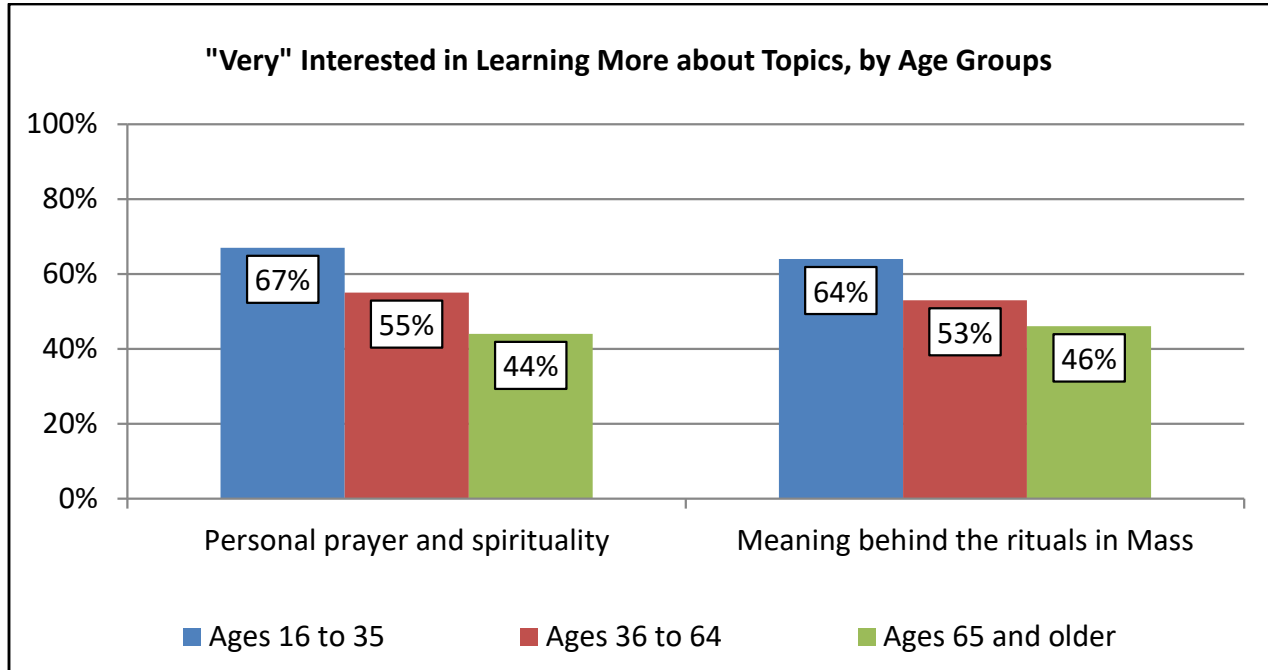
<i><b>How interested are you in learning more about:</b></i>		
<i>Percentage responding</i>		
	<b>“Somewhat” or “Very” Interested Combined %</b>	<b>“Very” Interested Only %</b>
Personal prayer and spirituality	91	56
History and traditions of the Church	89	58
Meaning behind the rituals in Mass	85	55
Biblical study and interpretation	83	49
Catholic moral theology	81	48
How to share your faith with others	77	40
How to help the poor and marginalized	70	32

- Roughly half indicate that they are “very” interested in learning more about these topics:
  - History and traditions of the Church – 58%
  - Personal prayer and spirituality – 56%
  - Meaning behind the rituals in Mass – 55%
  - Biblical study and interpretation – 49%
  - Catholic moral theology – 48%
- A third to two-fifths say they are “very” interested in the topics of how to share one’s faith with others (40%) and how to help the poor and marginalized (32%).

<sup>26</sup> For the questions in this subsection, the non-response rates range from 9% to 13%.

## Differences by Age Groups

The younger the age group, the more likely its members are report being “very” interested in learning more about the four topics presented in the two figures below.



## Priority for Parish Needs

*Respondents were asked how much priority the parish should give to a list of needs. They were offered these four options to respond: “no” priority, “a little” priority, “somewhat” priority, and “very much” priority. The first column of numbers in the table below shows the combined percentage responding “somewhat” or “very much” priority. The final column displays the percentage giving a need “very much” priority.<sup>27</sup>*

With one exception, more than half give at least “somewhat” priority to each of the needs listed in the table below.

<i><b>What priority do you give the following for the parish?</b></i>		
<i>Percentage responding</i>		
	<b>“Somewhat” or “Very Much” a Priority Combined %</b>	<b>“Very Much” a Priority Only %</b>
Fostering priestly or religious vocations	91	57
Developing a parish sense of community	91	57
Programs to help parishioners develop their prayer life and interior spirituality	85	46
Young adult ministry	82	46
Social activities and opportunities to meet new people	81	50
Outreach to inactive Catholics	80	39
Ministry to couples	80	33
Adult faith formation	79	36
More opportunities for devotions such as rosaries and Eucharistic Adoration	72	34
Outreach to the unchurched in the area	70	28
More small group prayer opportunities	62	23
Parish missions	57	13
Collaboration on ministries with St. Mary	37	11

<sup>27</sup> For the questions in this subsection, the non-response rates range from 9% to 85%. The 85% non-response rate is for “social activities and opportunities to meet new people,” which was accidentally omitted from the online survey. The rest of the non-response rates range from 9% to 29%.

About two-fifths to three-fifths say the parish should give “very much” priority to these needs:

- Fostering priestly or religious vocations – 57%
- Developing a parish sense of community – 57%
- Social activities and opportunities to meet new people – 50%
- Programs to help parishioners develop their prayer life and interior spirituality – 46%
- Young adult ministry – 46%
- Outreach to inactive Catholics – 39%

Approximately a quarter to a third report that the parish should give “very much” priority to these five needs:

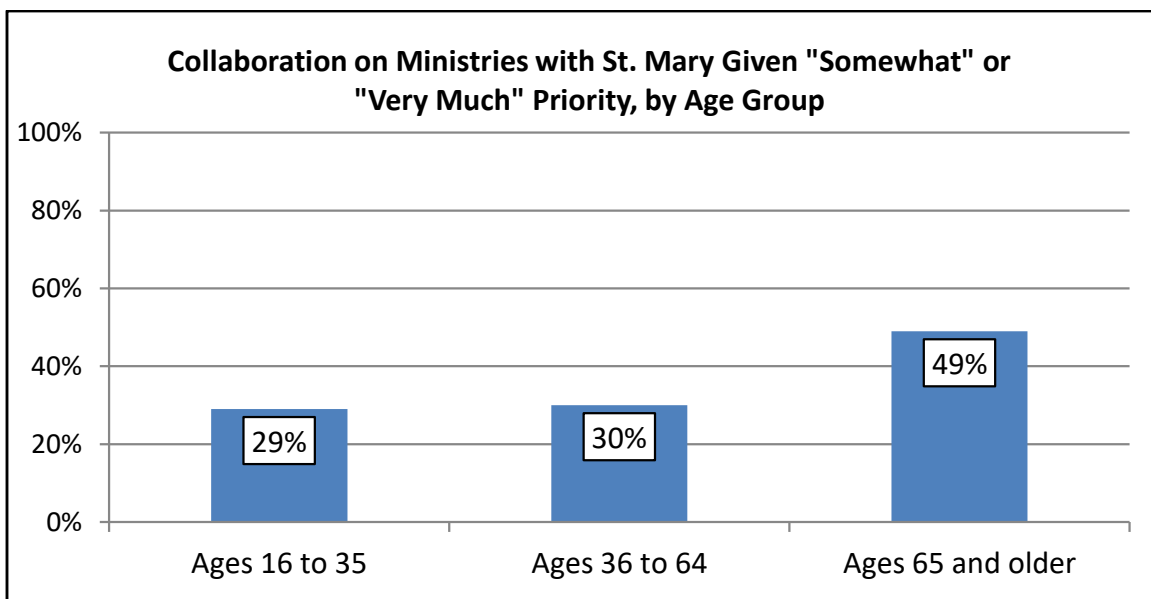
- Adult faith formation – 36%
- More opportunities for devotions such as rosaries and Eucharistic Adoration – 34%
- Ministry to couples – 33%
- Outreach to the unchurched in the area – 28%
- More small group prayer opportunities – 23%

Just over one in ten indicates that the parish should give “very much” priority to parish missions (13%) and collaboration on ministries with St. Mary (11%).

### Differences by Age Group

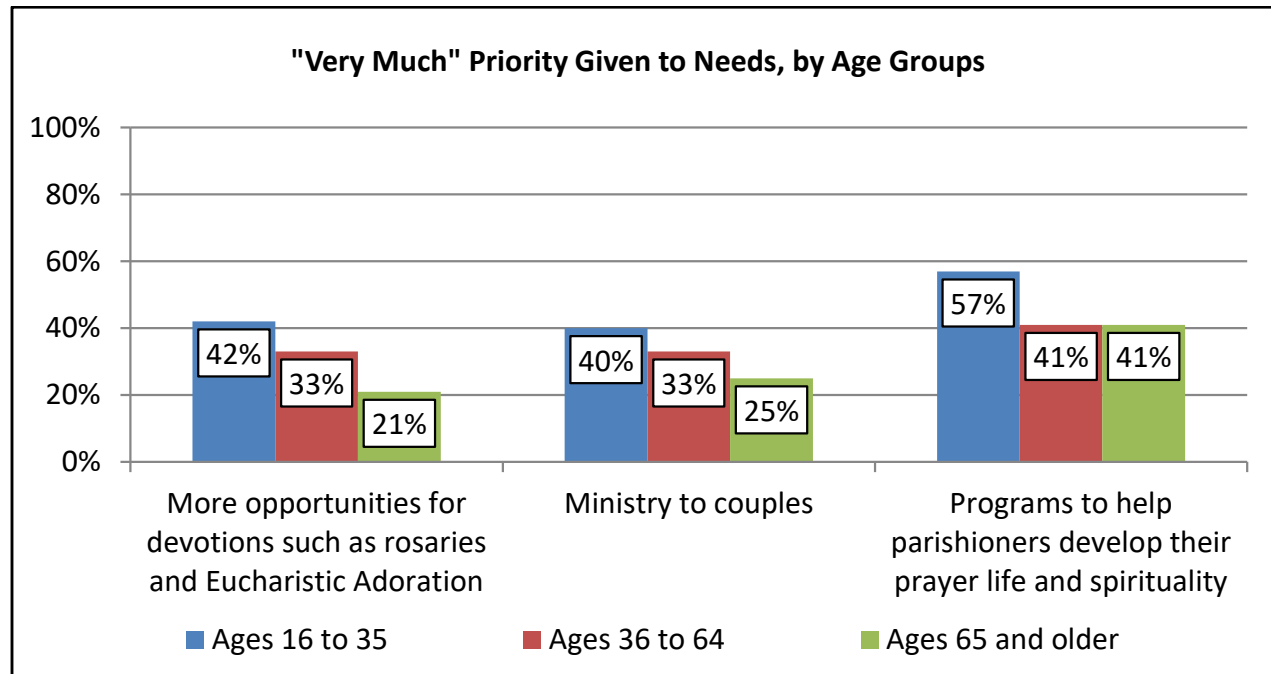
*“Somewhat” or “Very” Interested*

Those ages 65 and older are especially likely to place “very much” priority on collaboration on ministries with St. Mary.



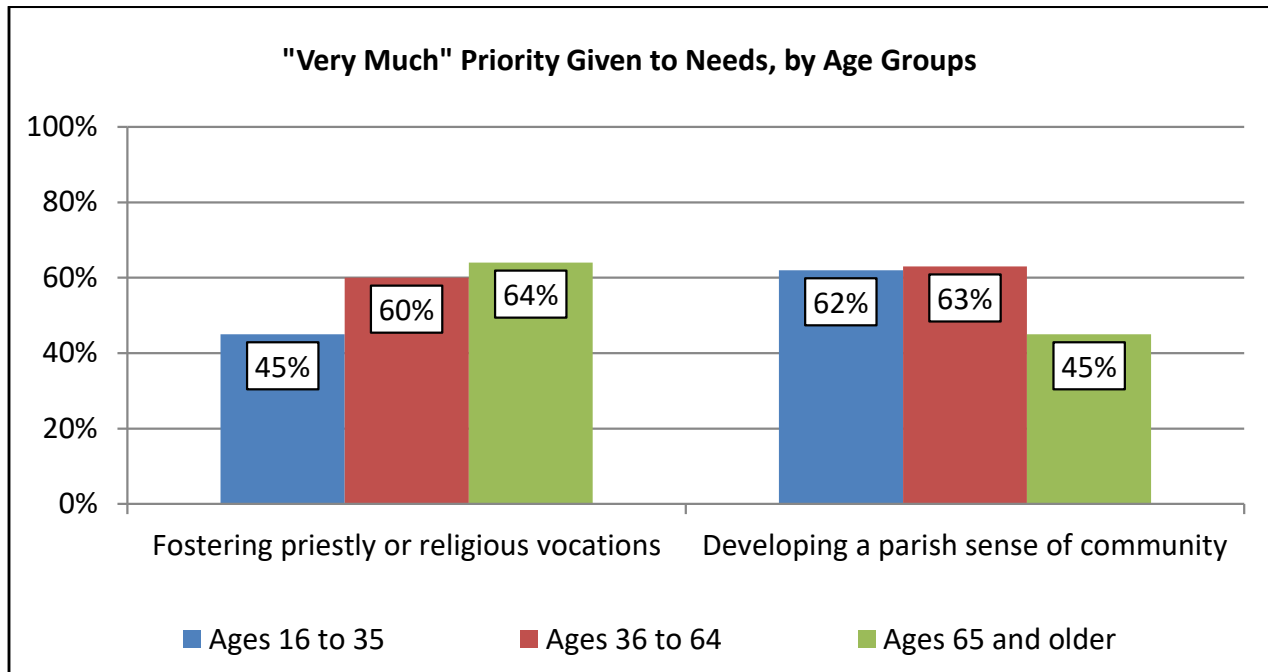
*“Very” Interested Only*

The younger the age group, the more likely its members are to say the parish should place “very much” priority on providing more opportunities for devotions and ministry to couples.



In addition, those ages 16 to 35 are most likely to give “very much” priority to programs to help parishioners develop their spirituality and interior spirituality.

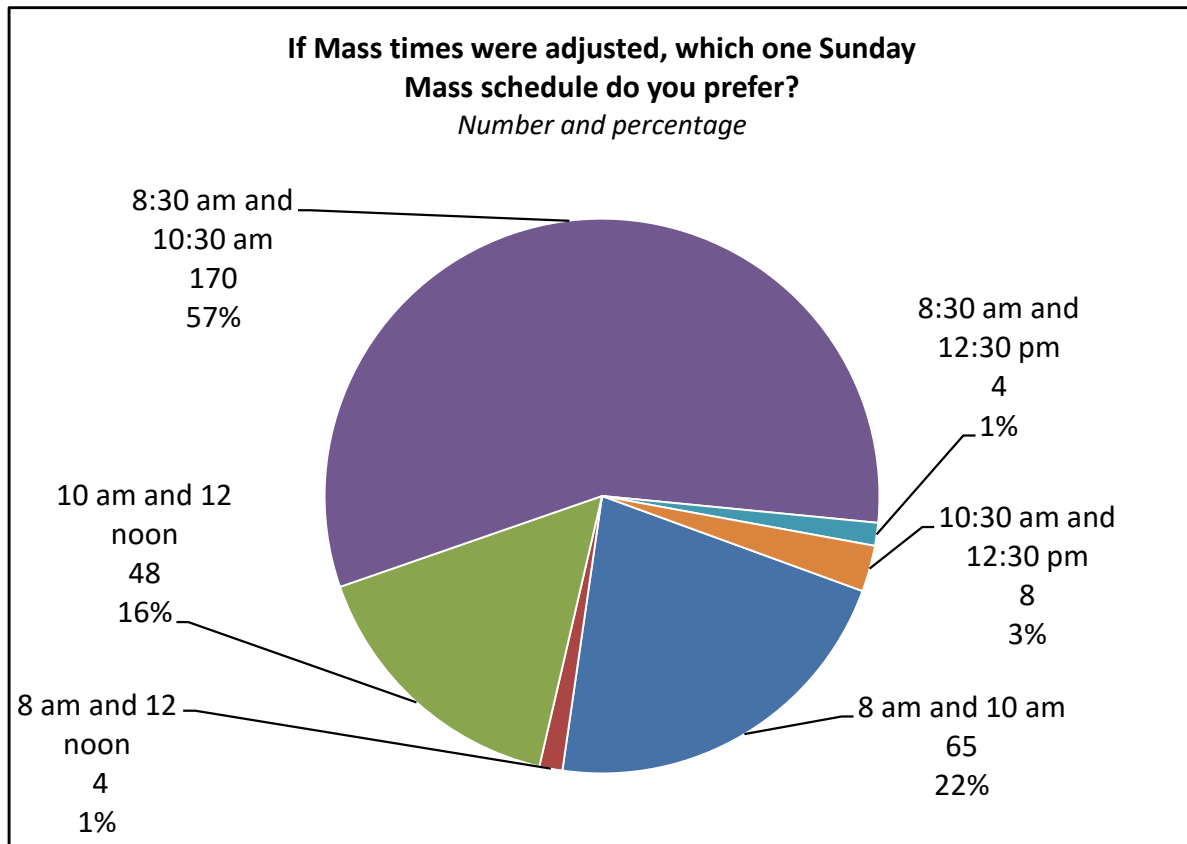
Those ages 16 to 35 are *least* likely to give “very much” priority to fostering priestly or religious vocations, with those ages 65 and older *least* likely to place “very much” priority on developing a parish sense of community.



## Preferred Sunday Mass Schedule

Respondents were asked, if it was to be adjusted, which one Sunday Mass schedule would they prefer. Unfortunately, the question was only asked on the online survey, being omitted on the paper version of the survey.<sup>28</sup>

More than half indicate that they prefer an 8:30 am and 10:30 am Sunday Mass schedule (57%) if it were to be adjusted. Roughly one in five prefers an 8 am and 10 am Mass schedule (22%) or a 10 am and 12 noon Mass schedule (16%).



## Differences by Age Groups

More than half of all three age groups prefer the 8:30 am and 10:30 am Mass schedule:

- 59% of those ages 16 to 35
- 55% of those ages 36 to 64
- 53% of those ages 65 and older

<sup>28</sup> Twenty-six percent did not provide a response to this question. Part of that non-response rate is due to the question being accidentally omitted from the paper survey.

## Impediments to Contributing More Financially to the Parish

*Respondents were asked how much a list of reasons prevent them from contributing more financially to the parish. They were offered these four options to respond: does “not” prevent, prevents “a little,” “somewhat” prevents, and “very much” prevents. The first column of numbers in the table below shows the combined percentage responding “somewhat” or “very much” prevents. The final column displays the percentage saying a reason “very much” prevents them from contributing more financially to the parish.<sup>29</sup>*

More than half say their current financial status or debts (55%) “somewhat” or “very much” prevents them from contributing more financially to the parish. Just under two in five (35% to 39%) say the others at least “somewhat” prevents them from contributing more.

<i><b>How much do the following prevent you from contributing more financially to the parish?</b></i>		
	<i>Percentage responding</i>	
	<b>“Somewhat” or “Very Much” Prevents Contributing More Combined %</b>	<b>“Very Much” Prevents Contributing More Only %</b>
Your current financial status or debts	55	28
Not being aware of how the parish spends its money	39	14
Your support of other causes	38	11
Not being aware of the parish’s needs	35	9

Nearly three in ten report that their current financial status or debts (28%) “very much” prevents them from contributing more financially to the parish. About one in ten (9% to 14%) says the other impediments “very much” prevents them from contributing more.

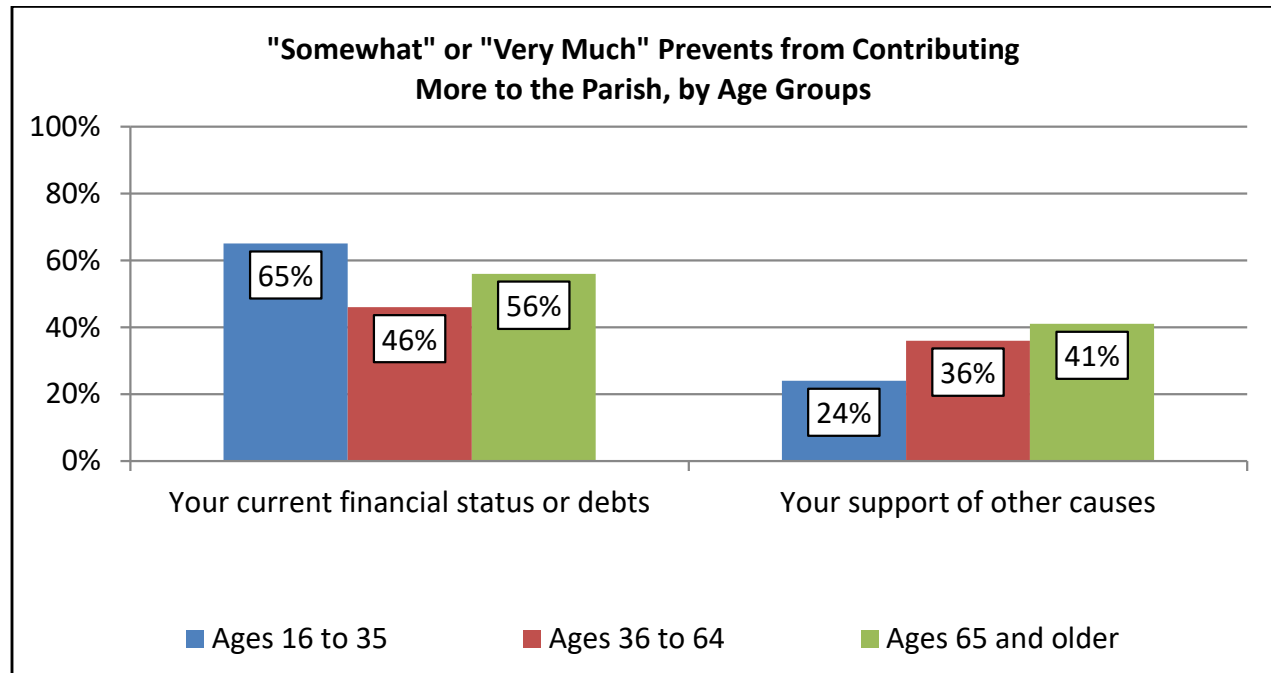
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<sup>29</sup> For the questions in this subsection, the non-response rates range from 15% to 21%.

## Differences by Age Groups

### *"Somewhat" or "Very Much" Prevents*

Those ages 16 to 35 are especially likely to say their current financial statuses or debts "somewhat" or "very much" prevent them from contributing more to the parish. In addition, the older the age group, the more likely its members are to say their support of other causes "somewhat" or "very much" prevent them from contributing more to the parish.



## Impediments to Being More Involved in Parish Ministries and Activities

*Respondents were asked how much a list of reasons prevent them from being more involved in parish ministries and activities. They were offered these four options to respond: does “not” prevent, prevents “a little,” “somewhat” prevents, and “very much” prevents. The first column of numbers in the table below shows the combined percentage responding “somewhat” or “very much” prevents. The final column displays the percentage saying a reason “very much” prevents them from being more involved.<sup>30</sup>*

More than half indicate that their busy schedules or lack of time (58%) “somewhat” or “very much” prevents them from being more involved in parish ministries and activities. One-fifth to two-fifths (21% to 40%) says the other reasons in the table below at least “somewhat” prevent them.

<p><b><i>How much do the following prevent you from being more involved in parish ministries and activities?</i></b></p> <p><i>Percentage responding</i></p>		
	<b>“Somewhat” or “Very Much” Prevents Being More Involved Combined</b>	<b>“Very Much” Prevents Being More Involved Only</b>
	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>
My busy schedule or lack of time	58	20
Inconvenient times for programs	40	9
I am already as involved as I’d like to be	36	8
I am uncomfortable coming to activities because I do not know anyone there	30	11
Not knowing what activities, programs or ministries are offered	27	7
I do not know what talents I have that I could contribute to the parish	26	7
Lack of child care	21	9

- One in five reports that their busy schedules or lack of time (20%) “very much” prevents them from being more involved.
- About one in ten says these impediments “very much” prevent them from being more involved in parish ministries and activities.
  - I am uncomfortable coming to activities because I do not know anyone there – 11%
  - Inconvenient times for programs – 9%

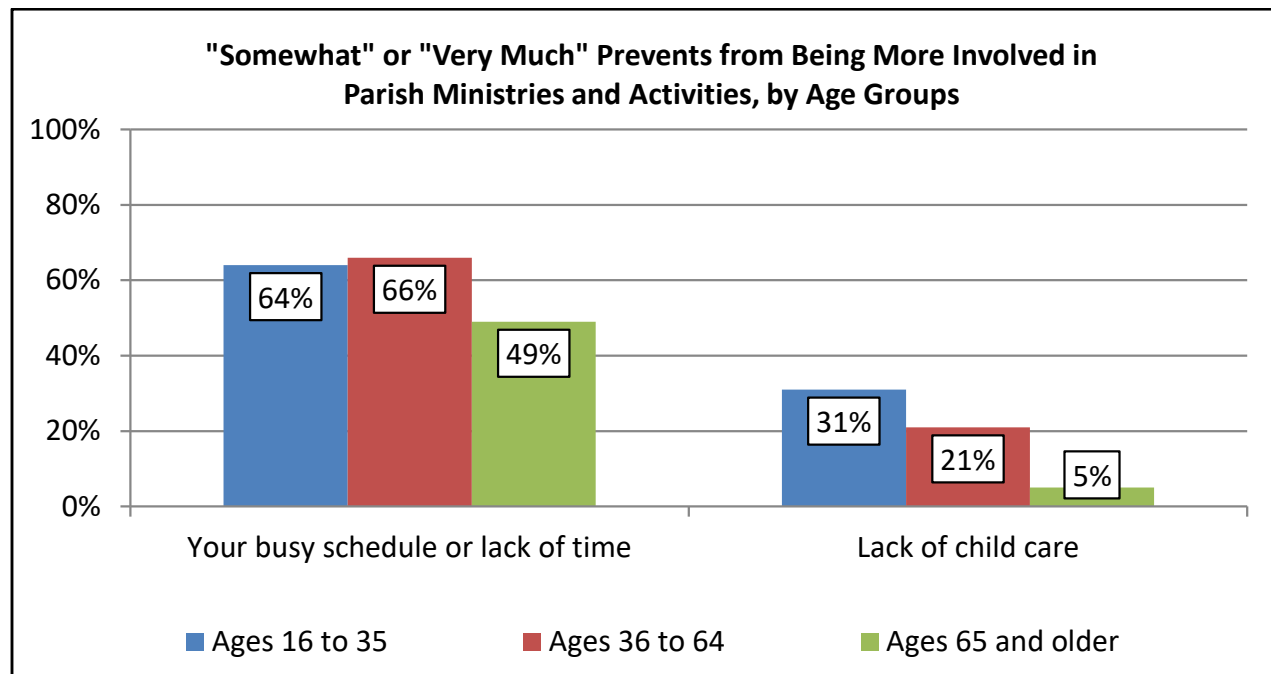
<sup>30</sup> For the questions in this subsection, the non-response rates range from 12% to 47%.

- Lack of child care – 9%
- I am already as involved as I'd like to be – 8%
- Not knowing what activities, programs or ministries are offered – 7%
- I do not know what talents I have that I could contribute to the parish – 7%

## Differences by Age Groups

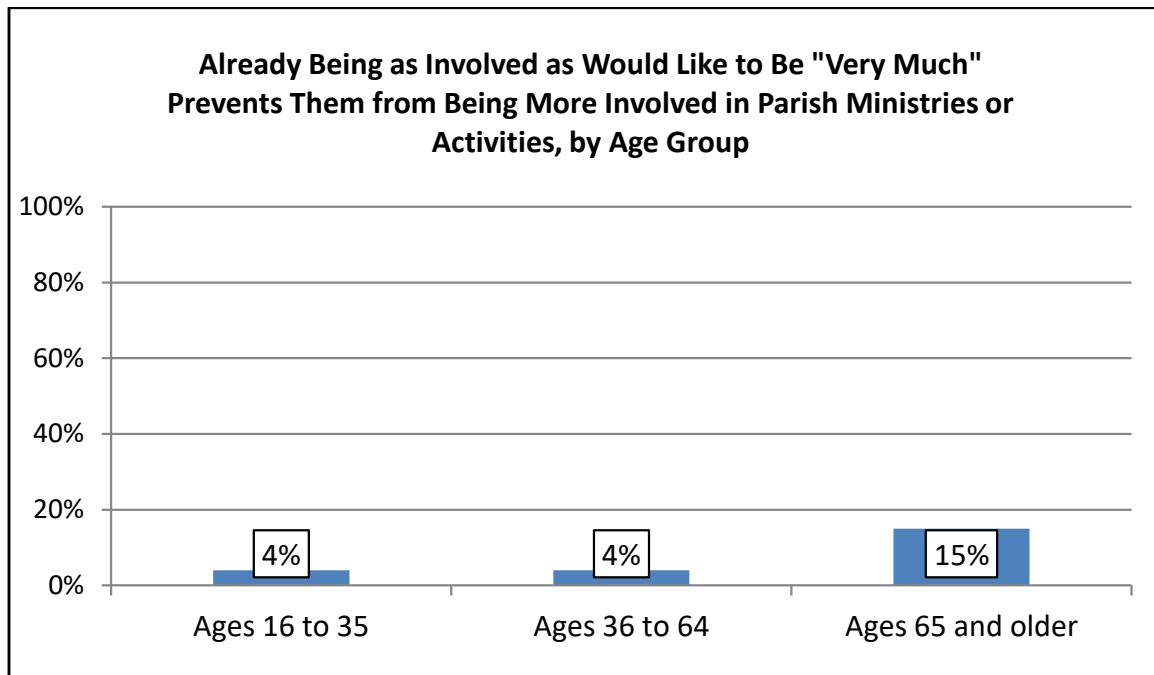
### *"Somewhat" or "Very Much" Prevents*

Those ages 65 and older are *least* likely to say the two impediments presented in the figure below "somewhat" or "very much" prevent them from being more involved in parish ministries and activities.



### *“Very Much” Prevents Only*

Those ages 65 and older are most likely to say they are already as involved as they want to be and that that “very much” prevents them from being more involved in parish ministries and activities.



### **Differences by Presence of Children in the Household**

One in five of those with children or stepchildren in their households under age 18 say a lack of childcare (19%) “very much” prevents them from being more involved in parish ministries or activities, compared to 9% of all respondents.

### Times of the Week Available

*Responding parishioners were asked to choose the one time of the week they are regularly most available to participate in parish activities like committees and adult education. The results are presented in the table below.<sup>31</sup>*

The time of the week when respondents most commonly say they are available to participate in parish activities are weekday evenings (60%), followed by after the Mass they attend (22%).

***In a typical week, when are you regularly most available to participate in parish activities, such as committees and adult education?***  
*Percentage responding*

	%
Weekday evenings	60
After the Mass you attend	22
Saturday mornings	12
Saturday afternoons	6

### Differences by Age Groups

A majority of those of all age groups (53% to 67%) say they are regularly most available to participate in parish activities on weekday evenings.

#### **Times Regularly Most Available to Participate in Parish Activities, by Age Group**

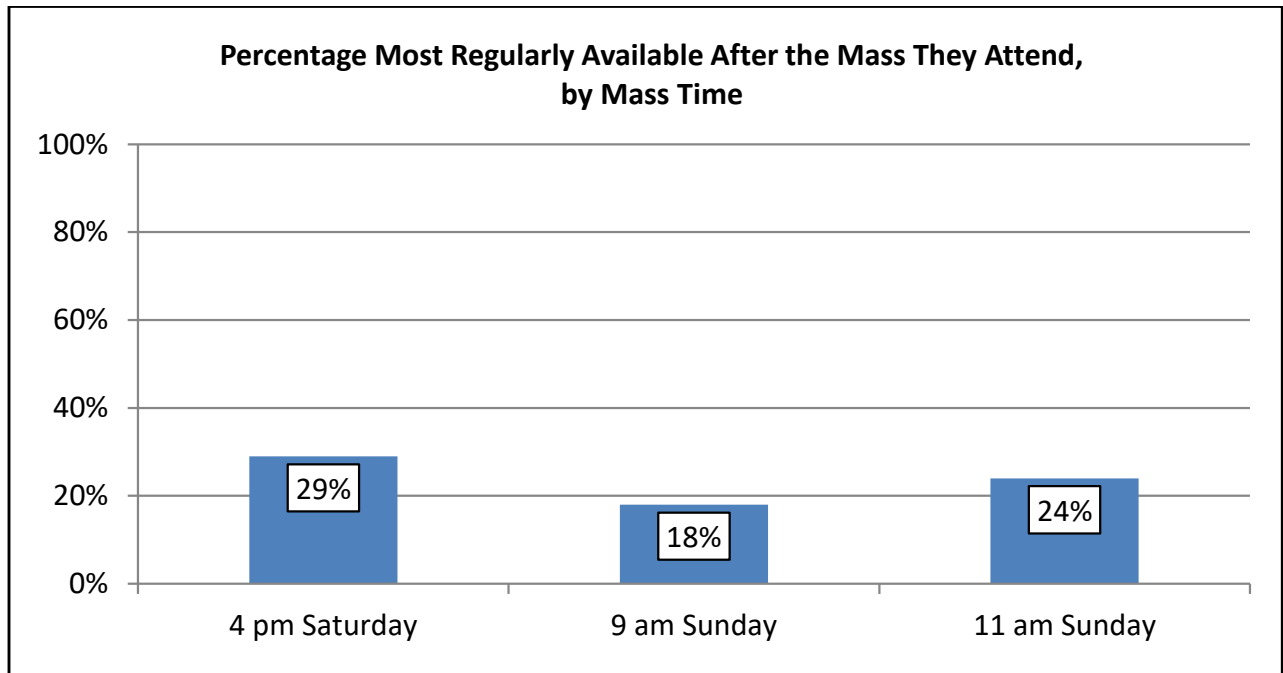
	<b>Ages 16 to 35</b>	<b>Ages 36 to 64</b>	<b>Ages 65 and Older</b>
	%	%	%
Weekday evenings	53	58	67
After the Mass you attend	20	24	23
Saturday mornings	15	15	6
Saturday afternoons	11	4	4

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<sup>31</sup> Fifteen percent did not provide a response to this question.

## Differences by Mass Regularly Attended

Among those saying they are regularly most available to participate in parish activities after the Mass they attended, the most common responses are those usually attending the 4 pm Saturday Mass.



## Attitudes about Parish Life and Stewardship

*Respondents were asked how much they agree with different statements about parish life. They were offered these four options to respond: “do not” agree, agree “a little,” “somewhat” agree, and “very much” agree. The first column of numbers in the table below shows the combined percentage responding “somewhat” or “very much” agree. The final column displays the percentage “very much” agreeing with a statement.<sup>32</sup>*

More than nine in ten “somewhat” or “very much” agree with these statements:

- At Communion, I receive the Body and Blood of Jesus – 99%
- I trust in God and God’s goodness – 99%
- I want to have a deeper spiritual life – 97%
- I feel loved by God – 96%
- God is guiding the Catholic Church – 95%

<i>How much do you agree with the following?</i>		
<i>Percentage responding</i>		
	<b>“Somewhat” or “Very Much” Agree Combined %</b>	<b>“Very Much” Agree Only %</b>
At Communion, I receive the Body and Blood of Jesus	99	96
I trust in God and God’s goodness	99	93
I want to have a deeper spiritual life	97	83
I feel loved by God	96	85
God is guiding the Catholic Church	95	81
I feel informed about what goes on in this parish	89	45
I contribute financially to this parish	86	70
The parish website effectively communicates issues related to parish life	84	41
I would increase my financial contributions to support new ministries	67	24
I feel informed about parish finances	43	11
I can be a good Catholic without going to Confession at least once a year	26	11
I can be a good Catholic without going to Mass every weekend	19	6

<sup>32</sup> For the questions in this subsection, the non-response rates range from 3% to 16%.

Seven-tenths or more “very much” agree with the following statements:

- At Communion, I receive the Body and Blood of Jesus – 96%
- I trust in God and God’s goodness – 93%
- I feel loved by God – 85%
- I want to have a deeper spiritual life – 83%
- God is guiding the Catholic Church – 81%
- I contribute financially to this parish – 70%

Roughly a quarter to half “very much” agree with these statements:

- I feel informed about what goes on in this parish – 45%
- The parish website effectively communicates issues related to parish life – 41%
- I would increase my financial contributions to support new ministries – 24%

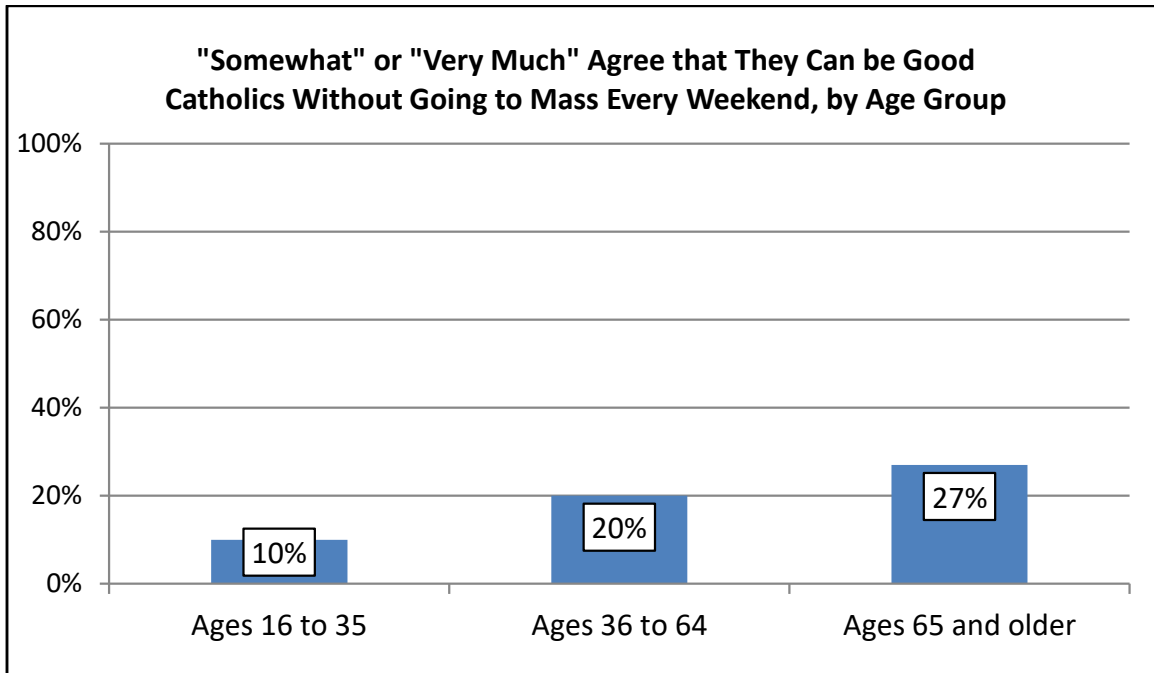
One in ten or less “very much” agree with these three statements:

- I feel informed about parish finances – 11%
- I can be a good Catholic without going to Confession at least once a year – 11%
- I can be a good Catholic without going to Mass every weekend – 6%

## Differences by Age Groups

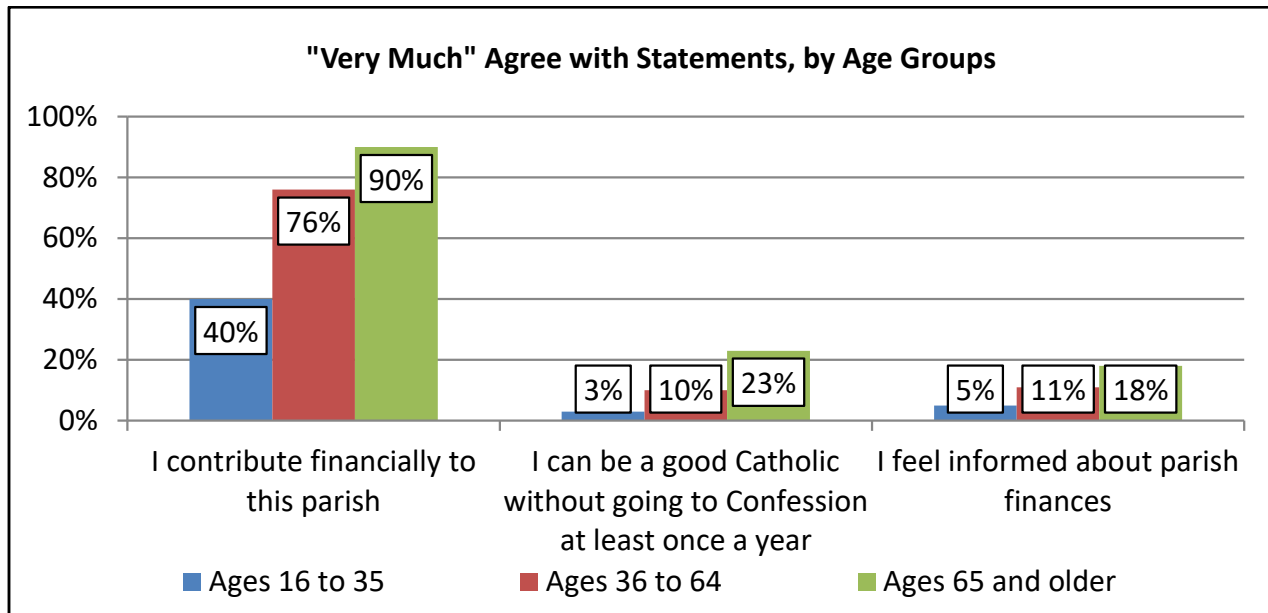
*“Somewhat” or “Very Much” Agree Combined*

The older the age group, the more likely its members are to “somewhat” or “very much” agree that they can be good Catholics without going to Mass every weekend.

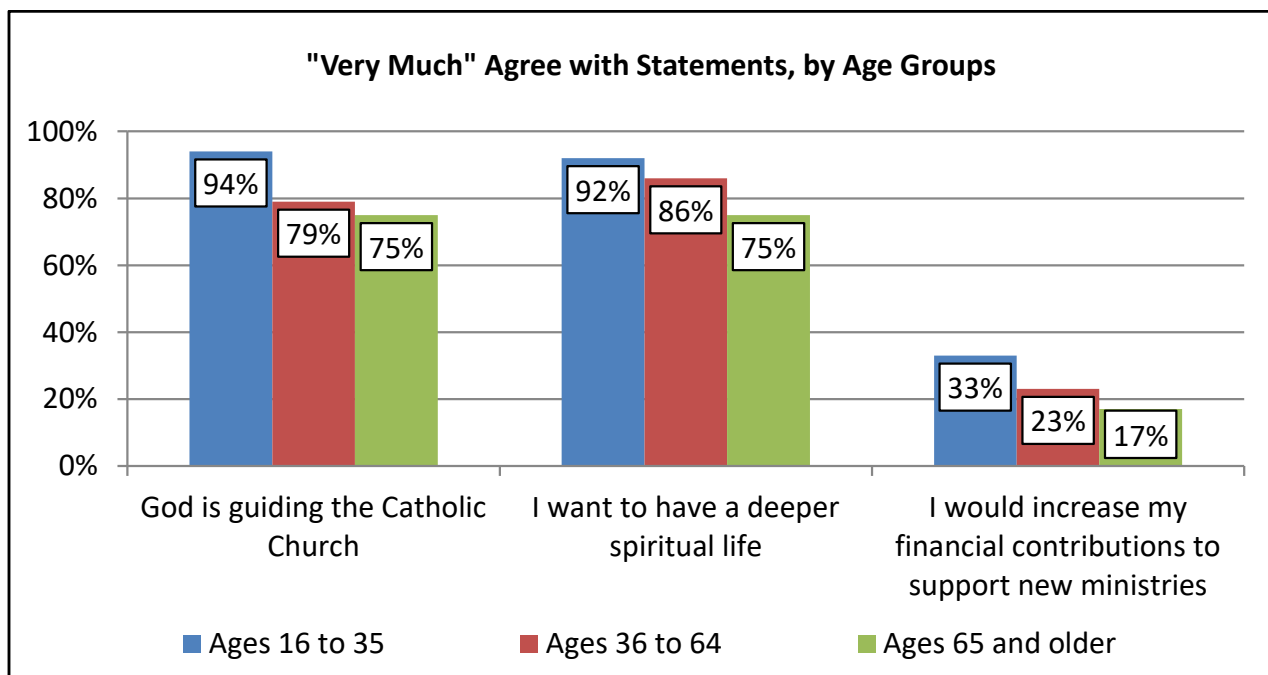


*“Very Much” Agree Only*

The older the age group, the more likely its members are to “very much” agree with the three statements presented in the figure below.



The younger the age group, the more likely its members are to “very much” agree with the three statements presented in the figure below.



## **Appendix I: Survey Instrument and Response Frequencies to All Questions**



## Parish Life Survey – Basilica of Saint Adalbert, Grand Rapids, Michigan CARA – Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate

There were 414 valid respondents to the Parish Life Survey age at St. Adalbert Parish, 74 to the hardcopy version distributed at the parish and 340 to the online version. The percentage giving each response, calculated out of 100 percent, is shown below. The percentage not responding (NR) is shown separately, also calculated out of 100 percent.

Please use these responses for the questions below.

1=Poor                      3=Good  
2=Fair                      4=Excellent  
Blank=Don't Know or Not Applicable

Please **evaluate** these aspects of parish life.

1 2 3 4 NR  
2 16 56 26 3 1. Sense of community within the parish  
0 3 25 72 2 2. Masses and liturgies in general  
2 10 44 43 2 3. Hospitality or sense of welcome at Mass  
2 5 25 68 2 4. Prayerful, reverent atmosphere at Mass  
1 5 15 79 1 5. Music at Mass  
2 14 46 37 5 6. Efforts to educate parishioners in the faith  
4 15 47 34 6 7. Encouragement to share your time, talents  
and treasure with the parish  
4 13 51 33 28 8. Management of parish finances  
<1 3 27 70 25 9. Cor Jesu – Adoration & penance service

Please **evaluate** the following faith formation programs.

1 2 3 4 NR  
8 21 47 24 68 10. Sacramental preparation programs for youth  
2 6 38 54 60 11. OCIA – for adults to enter the Church  
2 14 49 35 68 12. Marriage preparation  
8 20 47 26 52 13. Faith formation for adults

Please **evaluate** parish outreach to these groups.

1 2 3 4 NR  
6 19 42 33 44 14. Young adults - ages 18 to 35  
19 34 36 11 54 15. Senior citizens - ages 65 and older  
18 21 40 22 58 16. Single adults  
18 29 36 17 43 17. Married couples  
26 34 29 11 76 18. Divorced or separated  
13 28 36 23 72 19. Sick or homebound

Please use these responses for the questions below.

1=Not at All                      3=Somewhat  
2=Only a Little                      4=Very Much or Very  
Blank=Don't Know or Not Applicable

How **important** are the following to you?

1 2 3 4 NR  
<1 2 13 85 2 20. Personal prayer  
<1 2 14 84 3 21. Living your life consistent with Church teaching  
1 3 22 74 5 22. Learning more about the Catholic faith  
<1 <1 8 92 2 23. Attending Mass  
1 4 31 64 2 24. Being part of a parish community  
<1 5 28 67 3 25. Helping those in need

How much do the following **attract** you to this parish?

1 2 3 4 NR  
<1 2 16 82 3 26. The beauty of the church  
1 2 14 84 2 27. The quality of the liturgy  
2 5 18 75 3 28. The quality of the music  
3 7 25 65 3 29. The quality of the preaching  
5 22 48 26 7 30. The programs and activities of the parish  
11 22 43 24 25 31. Its faith formation for adults  
2 10 33 55 5 32. The sense of belonging you feel here

How **important** are the following Church teachings to you?

1 2 3 4 NR  
2 4 18 76 5 33. Life and Dignity: Ending abortion,  
euthanasia, assisted suicide, embryonic  
stem cell research, and the death penalty  
1 2 9 88 5 34. Sanctity of Marriage and Call to Family:  
Supporting marriage and family  
0 5 27 68 4 35. Poor and Vulnerable: Meeting needs of the  
poor and vulnerable in our community  
1 8 31 60 5 36. Dignity of Work: Respecting the basic  
rights of workers  
2 14 34 50 4 37. Care for God's Creation: Caring for the  
Earth and our natural environment

How much do you **agree** with these statements?

1 2 3 4 NR  
69 12 13 6 3 38. I can be a good Catholic without going to  
Mass every weekend  
58 16 15 11 4 39. I can be a good Catholic without going to  
Confession at least once a year  
2 3 14 81 4 40. God is guiding the Catholic Church  
<1 1 6 93 3 41. I trust in God and God's goodness  
1 3 11 85 3 42. I feel loved by God  
1 2 14 83 5 43. I want to have a deeper spiritual life  
1 <1 3 96 4 44. I At Communion, I receive the Body and  
Blood of Jesus  
2 10 44 45 4 45. I feel informed about what goes on in this  
parish  
5 12 43 41 16 46. The parish website effectively  
communicates issues related to parish life  
29 28 32 11 16 47. I feel informed about parish finances  
5 9 16 70 9 48. I contribute financially to this parish  
10 24 43 24 16 49. I would increase my financial contributions  
to support new ministries

How much do the following **prevent** you from being more involved in parish ministries and activities?

1 2 3 4 NR  
18 24 38 20 12 50. Your busy schedule or lack of time  
27 33 31 9 19 51. Inconvenient times for programs  
72 7 12 9 47 52. Lack of child care  
48 25 20 7 22 53. Not knowing what activities, programs or  
ministries are offered  
51 22 19 7 23 54. I do not know what talents I have that I  
could contribute to the parish  
43 27 19 11 18 55. I am uncomfortable coming to activities  
because I do not know anyone there  
38 26 28 8 27 56. I am already as involved as I'd like to be

How much do the following **prevent** you from contributing more financially to the parish?

1 2 3 4 NR  
42 20 27 11 21 57. Your support of other causes  
30 15 27 28 15 58. Your current financial status or debts  
39 26 26 9 19 59. Not being aware of the parish's needs  
35 26 25 14 18 60. Not knowing how the parish spends its money

Please use these responses for the questions below.

1=None or Not at All      3=Somewhat  
2=Only a Little      4=Very Much  
Blank=Don't Know or Not Applicable

What **priority** do you give the following for the parish?

1 2 3 4 NR

- 1 8 34 57 9 61. Fostering priestly or religious vocations  
31 33 26 11 12 62. Collaboration on ministries with St. Mary  
6 23 38 34 11 63. More opportunities for devotions such as  
rosaries and Eucharistic Adoration  
9 34 44 13 16 64. Parish missions  
2 13 39 46 12 65. Programs to help parishioners develop their  
prayer life and interior spirituality  
9 29 39 23 15 66. More small group prayer opportunities  
2 18 43 36 20 67. Adult faith formation  
5 13 36 46 29 68. Young adult ministry  
5 14 47 33 26 69. Ministry to couples  
2 7 34 57 13 70. Developing a parish sense of community  
2 17 31 50 85 71. Social activities and opportunities to meet  
new people  
3 16 41 39 15 72. Outreach to inactive Catholics  
8 22 42 28 18 73. Outreach to the unchurched in the area

How **interested** are you in learning more about:

1 2 3 4 NR

- 8 22 38 32 13 74. How to help the poor and marginalized  
4 14 33 48 11 75. Catholic moral theology  
2 7 35 56 12 76. Personal prayer and spirituality  
3 14 34 49 11 77. Biblical study and interpretation  
2 13 30 55 12 78. Meaning behind the rituals in Mass  
5 18 37 40 12 79. How to share your faith with others  
2 9 31 58 9 80. History and traditions of the Church

Please use these responses for the questions below.

1=Never or rarely      4=One to three times a month  
2=Once or twice a year      5=Once a week  
3=Every few months      6=More than once a week  
Blank=Don't Know or Not Applicable

How **often** do you do the following?

1 2 3 4 5 6 NR

- 1 <1 1 2 6 91 5 81. Pray or have a conversation with  
God  
3 3 1 7 52 34 6 82. Attend Mass  
25 22 29 19 4 2 7 83. Go to Reconciliation/Confession  
16 24 25 20 10 5 7 84. Attend parish events other than Mass  
36 13 12 20 8 11 12 85. Volunteer for a parish ministry or  
activity  
29 20 19 15 8 9 12 86. Offer your time and talents in  
volunteer opportunities at some  
place other than the parish

**Yes No NR**

- 85 15 4 87. Are you registered in this parish?  
86 14 4 88. Is this parish your primary place of worship?  
27 73 6 89. Do you have children or stepchildren under  
age 18 living with you currently?  
90. In a typical week, when are you *regularly most available*  
to participate in parish activities, such as committees and  
adult education? **Select only one. NR=15**  
60 1. Weekday evenings      6 3. Saturday afternoons  
12 2. Saturday mornings      22 4. After the Mass you attend

91. What *best* describes you? **Please select only one.**

- 63 1. Active Catholic since birth <1 4. Inactive Catholic  
13 2. Returned Catholic      1 5. Non-Catholic  
23 3. Catholic convert      **NR=5**

92. Which Mass do you *usually* attend at this parish?

**Please select only one Mass time. NR=5**

- 19 1. Saturday 4 pm      8 4. I do *not* regularly attend  
35 2. Sunday 9 am      Mass at this parish  
38 3. Sunday 11 am

93. If Mass times were adjusted, which one Sunday Mass  
schedule do you prefer? **NR=26**

- 21 8 am and 10 am      56 8:30 am and 10:30 am  
2 8 am and 12 noon      1 8:30 am and 12:30 pm  
17 10 am and 12 noon      3 10:30 am and 12:30 pm

**AVG NR**

14 13 94. *Years* you have attended this parish?

**Leave blank if this is not your regular  
parish. Write "1" if one year or less.**

1974 10 95. Year you were *born*: \_\_\_\_\_ (4-digit year)

96. What *best* describes your current marital status?

- 23 1. Single, never married      2 4. Remarried  
1 2. Unmarried, cohabiting      5 5. Divorced or separated  
62 3. Married      6 6. Widowed **NR=5**

97. Do you identify as: 45 1. Male      55 2. Female **NR=5**

98. Your local ZIP code is: \_\_\_\_\_ **NR=9**

99. What *best* describes your highest level of education?

- 1 1. Some high school or less      11 4. Associate's degree  
7 2. High school diploma      40 5. Bachelor's degree  
12 3. Some college      29 6. Graduate degree **NR=5**

100. Which category *best* represents your total annual **NR=17**  
household income, including all those living with you?

- 6 1. Less than \$25,000      14 5. \$100,000-124,999  
17 2. \$25,000-49,999      9 6. \$125,000-149,999  
16 3. \$50,000-74,999      10 7. \$150,000-199,999  
13 4. \$75,000-99,999      15 8. \$200,000 or more

101. On what *need or program* should the parish  
most focus in the next one to three years?

**Thank you for completing this survey.**

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