



ST. ANTHONY *of* PADUA

The Results of Our Recent Parish Survey

As part of St. Anthony of Padua's ongoing commitment to develop stewardship as a way of life, we conducted a comprehensive parish survey this past winter. 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 165 completed surveys. This is a 25 percent response rate, which is over two times greater than the national average of 10 percent. We 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 we 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.

We are confident that the information we have gathered through the survey will help guide our parish leadership as we continue to develop stewardship at St. Anthony of Padua. In the coming year, let us work together to meet the needs of our parish community and make parish life more rewarding for us all.

2016 Parish Survey Results

Liturgy

Which Mass at St. Anthony do you most frequently attend?

- 32% Saturday, 4:00 p.m.
- 16% Saturday, 6:30 p.m.
- 32% Sunday, 8:00 a.m.
- 20% Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

How often do you attend Mass at St. Anthony?

- 70% Every weekend
- 10% Every weekend and some weekdays
- 1% Every weekend and every weekday
- 16% Occasional weekends (once or twice a month)
- 1% Seasonally (Christmas, Easter, etc.)
- 1% I no longer attend Mass

I consider myself a member of...

- 98% St. Anthony
- 1% St. Peter
- 0% St. Francis Solanus
- 0% St. Rose of Lima
- 0% Blessed Sacrament
- 1% Another church

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

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Needs Improvement</u>
Fr. Tom	31%	40%	13%	15%
Deacons	53%	41%	5%	1%
Greeters	23%	62%	13%	3%
Ushers	28%	57%	12%	3%
Altar Servers	26%	54%	15%	5%
Lectors	37%	57%	4%	1%
Cantors	33%	57%	8%	2%
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	40%	57%	3%	1%

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

- 48% Strongly agree
- 34% Agree
- 11% Neutral
- 5% Disagree
- 2% Strongly Disagree

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

- Modify Homilies (25)**
- Improve/Adjust Music (12)**
- Improve Liturgical Ministers (9)**

Adult Faith Formation

Have you attended an Adult Faith Formation program at St. Anthony in the last three years?

- 18% Yes
- 82% No

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

- 79% Yes
- 21% No

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

- 59% Yes
- 41% 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)

- 46% Church Teachings
- 66% Scriptures/Bible Study
- 32% Ethics and Morality
- 28% Marriage
- 25% Small Faith Sharing Groups
- 63% Practical Ways of Growing in Faith and Prayer
- 20% Retreats
- 5% Other

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Parish Life

What is your perception of your role as a member of St. Anthony? **(Multiple Responses Possible)**

- 93% To attend Mass
- 76% Participate/volunteer in ministries and social activities
- 94% Support the parish financially
- 70% Share my faith with others
- 7% Other

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

- 33% Very responsive
- 30% Somewhat responsive
- 28% Neutral
- 6% Unresponsive
- 3% Very unresponsive

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

- 65% Very responsive
- 20% Somewhat responsive
- 12% Neutral
- 2% Unresponsive
- 1% Very unresponsive

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

(Multiple Responses Possible)

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| 91% | Bulletin | 18% | Website |
| 11% | Facebook | 1% | Twitter |
| 31% | Email | 43% | Newsletter |
| 64% | Announcements at Mass | | |

Have you enjoyed receiving our parish's new monthly newsletters?

- 92% Yes
- 8% No

In what medium would you prefer to receive the parish's monthly newsletter:

- 79% Print (current medium used to deliver newsletter)
- 21% Online (via email or some other form of electronic delivery)

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

- 64% Parish groups and activities
- 39% Comments from our pastor
- 43% Highlights on parishioners
- 57% Information on the finances of the parish
- 19% Diocesan-wide news
- 53% Information of general Catholic interest
- 46% Explanations of specific Catholic teachings
- 6% Other

Do you use our parish's website?

- 37% Yes
- 63% No

If not, why not?

- No Computer or Internet (27)**
- Unaware/Don't Think About It (10)**
- It is Not Up to Date (9)**
- Too Busy/Rarely (9)**



Survey Results *continued*

Parish School of Religion (K - 8)

The questions in the shaded area were answered only if your child/children are currently enrolled in our Parish School of Religion (PSR) program.

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

- 27% Excellent
- 53% Good
- 7% Adequate
- 13% Fair
- 0% Poor

Do you believe that the instruction provided by our PSR program is in line with the teaching of the Catholic Church?

- 87% Yes
- 0% No
- 13% Somewhat
- 0% Unsure

What do you like most about our PSR program?

(Multiple Responses Possible)

- 39% Director, staff and catechists
- 8% The families involved
- 77% The children/families learn about their faith
- 15% Meeting times
- 8% Other

How do you think we can improve our PSR program?

(Multiple Responses Possible)

- 44% Get the parents more involved
- 22% Change the time
- 11% More training and support for the teachers
- 22% Improve the curriculum
- 22% Other

St. Dominic School (Pre-K - 8)

Having a Catholic school is a vital part of St. Anthony's mission as a parish.

- 69% Strongly agree
- 17% Agree
- 10% Neutral
- 4% Disagree
- 1% Strongly disagree

Do you have children in Pre-K through 8th grade living in your home?

- 20% Yes
- 80% No

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

- 75% St. Dominic School
- 0% Other Private School
- 22% Public School
- 3% Home School

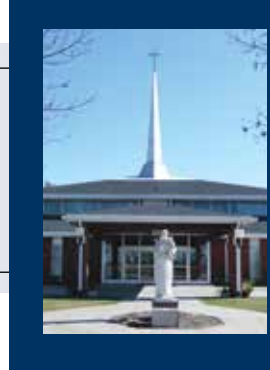
If you currently have children in Pre-K through 8th grade in your household and they do not attend St. Dominic, what is the reason that they don't attend?

- 9% Transportation is a problem
- 9% More academic options at other school
- 0% Catholic education is not a family priority
- 0% Cost (I would rather put my money to use in other ways)
- 45% Cost (I cannot afford to send my child[ren] to Catholic schools)
- 36% Other

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

- 93% Yes
- 7% No

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The questions in the shaded area were answered only if you have children currently enrolled at St. Dominic School.

How would you rate the quality of EDUCATION that our students currently receive at St. Dominic?

64%	Excellent	0%	Fair
28%	Good	4%	Poor
4%	Adequate		

How receptive is the FACULTY to meeting your needs?

70%	Very receptive
13%	Somewhat receptive
4%	Neutral/No experience
13%	Unreceptive
0%	Very unreceptive

Do you believe that the children who attend St. Dominic are receiving good Catholic moral development?

87%	Yes
0%	No
13%	Somewhat
0%	Unsure

What do you like most about St. Dominic School?

(Multiple Responses Possible)

78%	Great teachers
78%	The daily emphasis on Christian life
91%	Catholic education
70%	Builds community
4%	Other

How do you think we can improve St. Dominic School?

(Multiple Responses Possible)

29%	Increase the communication with the parents
41%	Improve the curriculum
35%	More training for teachers
29%	Increase the emphasis on Catholic Faith
41%	Other

Outreach

Do you believe that St. Anthony does a good job reaching out to the following groups:

	Yes	No	Unsure
Active Parishioners	69%	16%	15%
Inactive Parishioners	8%	30%	61%
New Parishioners	44%	12%	43%
Shut-in Parishioners	48%	9%	44%
Non-Catholic Spouses	7%	21%	71%
The Local Community	31%	20%	49%
The Poor	33%	13%	54%
Other Christian Churches	12%	24%	64%
Other Religions	9%	24%	67%

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

65%	Increase communications about parish ministries
72%	Encourage more parishioner participation
58%	Be more welcoming
47%	Get more involved in the community
8%	Other

Stewardship

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

61%	Accept it as a core Gospel value and carry it out in my life
7%	Don't really understand what it means
25%	Think it's important, but find it hard to implement
2%	Believe it's not applicable in my life
5%	Believe that it's just another way to discuss fundraising

Survey Results *continued*

Stewardship of Time

How often does your family share a meal?

- 74% Daily
- 17% Several days a week
- 6% Once a week
- 2% Less than once a week

Do you say grace before meals?

- 77% Yes
- 23% No

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

- 47% Yes
- 53% 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?

- 78% Daily
- 13% Weekly
- 3% Monthly
- 2% Every few months
- 0% Yearly
- 4% Never

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

- 71% Yes
- 29% No

Stewardship of Talent

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

- 26% 0
- 16% 1
- 19% 2
- 11% 3
- 27% 4 or more

Beyond participating in weekly Masses, how do you rate your involvement in St. Anthony parish and school functions?

- 17% Very involved
- 32% Moderately involved
- 32% Somewhat involved
- 15% Rarely involved
- 4% Never involved

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

- 0% Not interested in what the parish offers
- 24% Health issues
- 15% Usually unaware of opportunities within the parish
- 33% Not enough time due to family and work responsibilities
- 1% Transportation
- 9% Haven't yet made the effort to get involved
- 1% Lack of baby-sitting services
- 17% Other

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

- 68% Satisfied with my current level of involvement
- 32% Would like to become more involved

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

- 56% Satisfied with current level of involvement
- 24% Would like to become more involved
- 20% Not applicable

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

- 15% Saturday mornings
- 30% Saturday evenings
- 38% After the Sunday Mass I attend
- 20% Sunday evenings
- 17% Weekday mornings
- 52% Weekday evenings
- 19% Weekday afternoons

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Stewardship of Treasure

Each parishioner is responsible for supporting our parish financially.

- 70% Strongly agree
- 28% Agree
- 2% Neutral
- 0% Disagree
- 0% Strongly disagree

How often do you make financial contributions to St. Anthony?

- 51% Every week
- 6% Every other week
- 18% Once a month
- 18% Monthly (for all the weeks in the month)
- 1% Never
- 5% 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
- 25% 3% - 4% of my annual income
- 16% 5% - 6% of my annual income
- 15% 7% - 8% of my annual income
- 14% 9% - 10% of my annual income
- 2% 11% or more of my annual income

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

- 16% I give a certain dollar amount based on a percentage of my income.
- 54% I have chosen a certain dollar amount in some other way.
- 1% I base the amount on what I think the parish needs.
- 13% I give whatever I can afford that week.
- 13% I don't have a system that determines how much I give.
- 0% I don't financially support the parish.
- 3% Other

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.
- 6% We are easily able to pay our operating bills.
- 31% We barely generate enough revenue to pay our operating bills.
- 47% We are not generating enough revenue to pay our operating bills.
- 15% I am unaware of the state of our parish finances.

Demographics

Gender

- 11% Male 40% Female
- 49% Husband and Wife Completed Together

Marital Status

- 4% Single 78% Married
- 13% Widowed 4% Divorced
- 1% Separated

What is your annual household income?

- 1% \$0 - \$9,999
- 18% \$10,000 - \$29,999
- 22% \$30,000 - \$49,999
- 19% \$50,000 - \$74,999
- 15% \$75,000 - \$99,999
- 21% \$100,000 - \$199,999
- 4% \$200,000 and above

Age (**More than one box was checked if husband and wife completed the survey together**)

- 4% 18-29 11% 30-39
- 13% 40-49 21% 50-59
- 25% 60-69 36% 70+

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SATURDAY: 4:00 P.M. & 6:30 P.M.

SUNDAY: 8:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.

CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY 5:15 - 6:15 P.M.

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

5%	0-1 year	5%	2-3 years
4%	4-5 years	24%	6-10 years
63%	More than 10 years		

General Information

The things I like best about St. Anthony Parish are... **(Top Responses)**

The Community and Willingness to Help (64)

Parish Size and Location (23)

Parish Ministries (19)

I wish St. Anthony would... **(Top Responses)**

Be Open to Change and Unity (21)

Improve/Add More Ministries (12)

Improve Homilies (12)

To learn more about stewardship at St. Anthony of Padua, please contact
the Stewardship Committee at stanthonystewardship2015@gmail.com.