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# Saint Paul

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

## *A Letter From Our Pastor*

## *The Results of Our Parish Survey*

Dear Parishioners,

We recently conducted a comprehensive parish survey to give all parishioners an opportunity to express their views regarding parish life, stewardship, our parish school, religious education, worship, outreach and many other subjects. Thanks to your responses, this survey was a success! The parish office received 244 completed surveys, for a response rate of 18 percent, which is above the national average of 10-12 percent. These surveys included many positive and constructive comments. The survey responses were entered into a database, and the statistical results are what you will see in this newsletter.

In the coming year, these results will help us to constructively address the needs of our parish community. Please take a few moments to look through these results. They will give you a clearer vision of how the parish as a whole responded to each specific question.

The information not detailed in these published results includes the hundreds of responses that parishioners gave to several open-ended questions. There are far too many to include in this newsletter, and some are very personal. However, we assure you that these verbatim responses are being reviewed and evaluated.

Thank you again for your participation in our survey and for your commitment to living the stewardship way of life at St. Paul.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Doug Halsema  
Pastor

**Saint Paul**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

2012 Parish Survey

Dear Parishioners,

St. Paul is conducting a survey to understand the needs and opinions of parishioners so that we can build an even more vibrant parish community. Your opinions matter a great deal, and I want to thank you in advance for spending the time to complete this survey.

A wide range of subjects are covered in this questionnaire. Your candid and thoughtful answers will help us assess various areas of parish life. Please take advantage of this opportunity to openly communicate your personal views.

The data from this survey will be carefully analyzed, and we will create a report that gives a comprehensive assessment of our parish. We will publish the results later this year in the parish newsletter so you can see the input of your fellow parishioners.

Thank you for your faithful participation, and may God continue to bless you, your family and our entire parish family.

Sincerely in Christ,  
*Fr. Doug Halsema*  
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**Completing Your Survey**

- One survey has been mailed to each registered household. Husbands and wives may complete the survey together.
- Please return your completed survey by **Monday, June 4**.
- You may either mail it in the envelope provided or drop it in the offertory basket.
- Keep in mind that all responses are confidential.

# Liturgy

# Parish Life

Where do you and your family regularly attend Mass?

- 97%** St. Paul Catholic Church
- 2%** Another church
- 0%** St. Ann Catholic Church (Gulf Breeze)
- 0%** St. Joseph Catholic Church
- 0%** St. Michael Catholic Church
- 0%** Cathedral of the Sacred Heart

How often do you attend Mass at St. Paul?

- 49%** Every weekend
- 34%** Every weekend and some weekdays
- 10%** Occasional weekends (once or twice a month)
- 3%** Every weekend and every weekday
- 2%** I no longer attend Mass
- 1%** Seasonally (Christmas, Easter, etc.)

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

- 21%** Saturday, 4:30 p.m.
- 13%** Sunday, 7:00 a.m.
- 29%** Sunday, 9:00 a.m.
- 26%** Sunday, 11:00 a.m.
- 12%** Sunday, 6 p.m.

If the parish began offering a 6:00 a.m. daily Mass, would you or your family attend?

- 10%** Yes                      **90%** No

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>
Pastor	<b>75%</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>0%</b>
Associate				
Pastor	<b>79%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>0%</b>
Deacons	<b>63%</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>1%</b>
Altar Servers	<b>48%</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>0%</b>
Communion				
Ministers	<b>52%</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>1%</b>
Music				
Ministry	<b>68%</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>2%</b>
Readers	<b>45%</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>0%</b>
Ushers	<b>44%</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>0%</b>

Do you have any other suggestions to help enhance our weekend liturgies? *(Top three answer categories are listed)*

- More Contemporary Music at Mass (7 responses)
- Offer Different Styles of the Mass (6 responses)
- Miscellaneous Adjustments to the Music (6 responses)

What is your perception of your role as a member of St. Paul? (Check all that apply)

- 95%** To attend Mass
- 91%** Support the parish financially
- 76%** Share my faith with others
- 74%** Participate/volunteer in ministries and social activities
- 10%** Other

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

- 68%** Very responsive
- 21%** Somewhat responsive
- 10%** Neutral
- 0%** Unresponsive
- 1%** Very unresponsive

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

- 75%** Very responsive
- 12%** Somewhat responsive
- 13%** Neutral
- 1%** Unresponsive
- 0%** Very unresponsive

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

- 78%** Very responsive
- 11%** Somewhat responsive
- 11%** Neutral
- 1%** Unresponsive
- 0%** Very unresponsive

Do you enjoy receiving our parish's monthly newsletter?

- 90%** Yes
- 10%** No

In what medium do you prefer to receive our parish's monthly newsletter? (Check all that apply)

- 72%** Print (current medium used to deliver newsletter)
- 28%** Online (via email or some other form of electronic delivery)

# Children's Religious Education (K - 5)

What information do you want included in our monthly newsletter?

(Check all that apply)

- 89% Articles about parish groups and activities
- 74% Comments from our pastor
- 71% Explanations of specific Catholic teachings
- 68% Articles of general Catholic interest
- 54% Information on the finances of the parish
- 51% Highlights on various parishioners
- 51% Diocesan-wide news
- 6% Other

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

(Check all that apply)

- 89% Bulletin
- 61% Announcements at Mass
- 47% Email
- 28% Web site
- 10% Facebook
- 0% Twitter

Do you regularly access our parish's website?

- 28% Yes
- 72% No

If you regularly access our parish's website, do you find it useful?

- 77% Yes
- 24% No (why not?)

If you regularly access our parish's website, what can we do to improve its functionality?

*(Top three answer categories are listed)*

- More User-Friendly (4 responses)
- It's Fine As-Is (3 responses)
- Miscellaneous (3 responses)



Those who answered the questions in the shaded area have children who are currently enrolled in our Religious Education program.

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

- 38% Excellent
- 38% Good
- 10% Adequate
- 14% Fair
- 0% Poor

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

- 88% Yes
- 0% No
- 4% Somewhat
- 8% Unsure

What do you like most about our Religious Education programs?

(Check all that apply)

- 73% The children/families learn about their faith
- 64% The catechists and staff
- 50% The families involved
- 23% Meeting times
- 0% Other

How do you think we can improve our Religious Education programs? (Check all that apply)

- 50% Get the parents more involved
- 50% More training and support for the teachers
- 28% Improve the curriculum
- 17% Change the time
- 17% Other *(Only three answers given)*

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# EDGE

## Middle School

### Religious Education

Do you have children in middle school (6th-8th grades) living in your home?

- 10% Yes
- 90% No

If you have children in middle school living in your home, do they regularly attend EDGE at St. Paul?

- 15% Yes
- 85% No (why not?)

# Youth Ministry

## (Fraternus, Sororitas, TNT)

Do you have children in middle or high school (6th-12th grades) living in your home?

- 14% Yes
- 86% No

If you have children in middle or high school living in your home, please indicate the programs they regularly attend:

- 8% Fraternus
- 8% Sororitas
- 0% TNT
- 83% Do not attend Youth Ministry programs

Those who answered the questions in the shaded area have children who attend EDGE at St. Paul.

*(Only 5 individuals answered the questions in this section)*

How would you rate the quality of EDGE at St. Paul?

- 40% Excellent
- 60% Good
- 0% Fair
- 0% Poor

What do you like most about EDGE?

*(Check all that apply)*

- 60% It involves the youth more in parish life
- 60% The Christian atmosphere in which they socialize
- 40% Other *(Only 2 individuals answered this question)*
- 40% The variety of activities offered
- 0% The commitment and dedication of the staff

How do you think we can most improve EDGE? *(Check all that apply)*

- 60% Involve the youth in the parish more
- 60% Offer more activities
- 60% Increase the service opportunities
- 40% Inform the parishioners more about the program
- 20% Get more youth involved
- 0% Change the time
- 0% Other
- 0% Improve the current activities

Those who answered the questions in the shaded area have children who attend Youth Ministry at St. Paul.

*(Only 7 individuals answered the questions in this section)*

How would you rate the quality of Youth Ministry (Fraternus, Sororitas, TNT) at St. Paul?

- 29% Excellent
- 71% Good
- 0% Fair
- 0% Poor

What do you like most about Youth Ministry (Fraternus, Sororitas, TNT)? *(Check all that apply)*

- 86% The Christian atmosphere in which they socialize
- 43% The commitment and dedication of the staff
- 43% The variety of activities offered
- 43% It involves the youth more in parish life
- 14% Other *(Only 1 individual answered this question)*

How do you think we can most improve Youth Ministry (Fraternus, Sororitas, TNT)? *(Check all that apply)*

- 86% Inform the parishioners more about the program
- 43% Involve the youth in the parish more
- 43% Other *(Only 3 individuals answered this question)*
- 43% Improve the current activities
- 29% Get more youth involved
- 29% Offer more activities
- 29% Increase the service opportunities
- 14% Change the time



# St. Paul School

Having a grade school at St. Paul is a vital part of our mission as a parish.

- 74%** Strongly agree
- 19%** Agree
- 4%** Neutral
- 3%** Disagree
- 1%** Strongly disagree

Do you have dependents in kindergarten through the 8th grade living in your home?

- 23%** Yes
- 77%** No

If you have dependents in kindergarten through the 8th grade living in your home, where do they attend school?

- 60%** St. Paul School
- 29%** Public School
- 7%** Other Private School
- 4%** Home School
- 2%** Another Catholic School

If you currently have dependents in kindergarten through the 8th grade in your household and they do not attend St. Paul School, what is the reason that they don't attend?

- 57%** Other (*Top three answer categories are listed*)
  - Lack of diversity in school (2 responses)
  - Unimpressed with the school (2 responses)
  - We value public school education (2 responses)
- 30%** Cost (I cannot afford to send my child[ren] to Catholic schools)
- 22%** More academic options at other school
- 4%** Level of technology
- 4%** Catholic education is not a family priority
- 4%** Transportation is a problem
- 4%** Cost (I would rather put my money to use in other ways)
- 0%** Lack of/quality of extra-curricular activities

Are you aware that St. Paul parish has a financial assistance program for those in need?

- 75%** Yes
- 25%** No

Those who answered the questions in the shaded area have children currently enrolled at St. Paul School.

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

- 61%** Excellent
- 25%** Good
- 11%** Adequate
- 0%** Fair
- 4%** Poor

How receptive is the ADMINISTRATION AND STAFF to meeting your needs?

- 50%** Very receptive
- 39%** Somewhat receptive
- 8%** Neutral
- 0%** Unreceptive
- 4%** Very unreceptive

Do you feel that the children who attend our parish school are receiving good Catholic moral development?

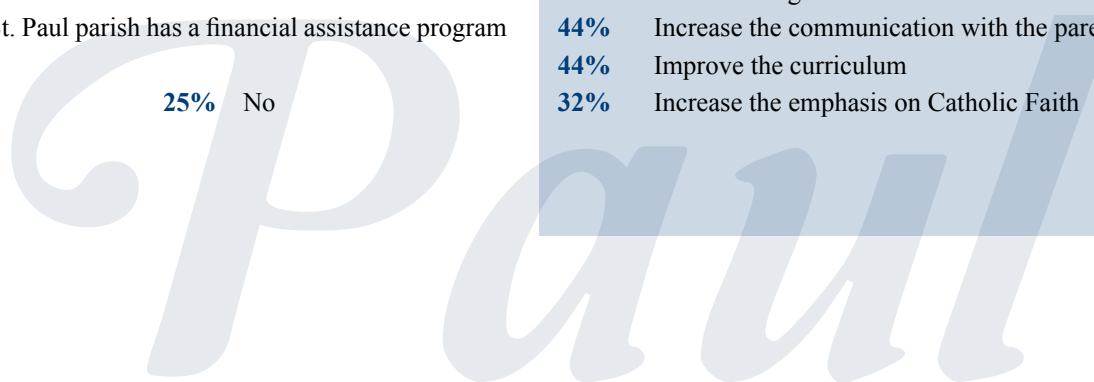
- 71%** Yes
- 7%** No
- 21%** Somewhat
- 0%** Unsure

What do you like most about our parish school?  
(Check all that apply)

- 92%** Catholic education
- 85%** The daily emphasis on Christian life
- 62%** Builds community
- 58%** Great teachers
- 8%** Other

How do you think we can improve our parish school?  
(Check all that apply)

- 52%** Other (*Top five answer categories are listed*)
  - Miscellaneous (8 responses)
  - Improvements to teaching staff (2 responses)
  - More accommodating to children with special needs (2 responses)
  - Classes are too large (2 responses)
  - More emphasis on Catholic Tradition (2 responses)
- 48%** More training for teachers
- 44%** Increase the communication with the parents
- 44%** Improve the curriculum
- 32%** Increase the emphasis on Catholic Faith



# Adult Faith Formation

Within the past three years, have you attended an Adult Faith Formation program at St. Paul Church?

**38%** Yes **62%** No

If you have attended an Adult Faith Formation program within the past three years, was it a good experience?

**88%** Yes **12%** No

If you haven't attended an Adult Faith Formation program within the past three years, would you consider attending one in the future?

**63%** Yes **37%** No

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

(Check all that apply)

- 65%** Scriptures/Bible Study
- 60%** Church Teachings
- 55%** Practical Ways of Growing in Faith and Prayer
- 32%** Ethics and Morality
- 27%** Retreats
- 22%** Small Faith Sharing Groups
- 21%** Marriage
- 5%** Other

# Outreach

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

	Yes	No	Unsure
Active Parishioners	<b>87%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>10%</b>
Inactive Parishioners	<b>13%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>74%</b>
New Parishioners	<b>66%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>30%</b>
Shut-in Parishioners	<b>49%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>46%</b>
Non-Catholic Spouses	<b>11%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>78%</b>
The Local Community	<b>36%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>55%</b>
The Poor	<b>67%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>30%</b>
Other Christian Churches	<b>16%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>74%</b>
Other Religions	<b>12%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>79%</b>

What more can we do as a parish to reach out to those in need? (Check all that apply)

- 51%** Increase communications about parish ministries
- 46%** Get more involved in the community
- 41%** Encourage more parishioner participation
- 26%** Be more welcoming
- 11%** Other (*Top two answer categories are listed*)

– More communication (4 responses)

6 – Miscellaneous (4 responses)

# Stewardship

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

- 69%** Accept it as a core Gospel value and carry it out in my life
- 17%** Think it's important, but find it hard to implement
- 9%** Feel that it's just another way to discuss fundraising
- 3%** Don't really understand what it means
- 2%** Feel it's not applicable in my life

Did you participate in the 2011 Stewardship Renewal by completing a commitment card?

- 84%** Yes
- 12%** No
- 4%** Unsure

If you participated in the 2011 Stewardship Renewal, and you signed up to join a ministry in which you were previously uninvolved ("interested in joining" commitment), were you contacted by a ministry leaders and formally welcomed into the ministry?

- 60%** Yes
- 20%** No
- 20%** Unsure

## Stewardship of Time

How often does your family share a meal?

- 68%** Daily
- 22%** Several days a week
- 4%** Once a week
- 6%** Less than once a week

Do you say grace before meals?

- 76%** Yes **24%** 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)?

- 22%** Yes **78%** No

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

- 80%** Daily **3%** Every few months
- 12%** Weekly **0%** Yearly
- 1%** Monthly **4%** Never

If you have children, do you discuss religious vocations within your family?

- 56%** Yes
- 44%** No

Stewardship of Talent

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

- 30%** 0
- 17%** 4 or more
- 16%** 3
- 20%** 2
- 18%** 1

Beyond participating in weekly Masses, how do you rate your involvement in St. Paul Parish?

- 13%** Very involved
- 34%** Moderately involved
- 30%** Somewhat involved
- 14%** Rarely involved
- 9%** Never involved

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

- 45%** Not enough time due to family and work responsibilities
- 20%** Health issues
- 20%** Haven't yet made the effort to get involved
- 5%** Lack of babysitting services
- 5%** Usually unaware of opportunities within the parish
- 3%** Transportation
- 2%** Not interested in what the parish offers

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?

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

What day of the week would you most likely be able to attend parish functions? (Check all that apply)

	Mornings	Evenings
Sunday	<b>42%</b>	<b>34%</b>
Monday	<b>17%</b>	<b>28%</b>
Tuesday	<b>19%</b>	<b>29%</b>
Wednesday	<b>17%</b>	<b>40%</b>
Thursday	<b>19%</b>	<b>32%</b>
Friday	<b>14%</b>	<b>30%</b>
Saturday	<b>26%</b>	<b>34%</b>

Stewardship of Treasure

Each parishioner is responsible for supporting our parish financially.

- 64%** Strongly agree
- 31%** Agree
- 4%** Neutral
- 1%** Disagree
- 1%** Strongly disagree

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

- 58%** Every week
- 21%** Monthly (for all the weeks in the month)
- 10%** About once a month
- 8%** Other
- 5%** About every other week
- 3%** Never

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

- 48%** I have chosen a certain dollar amount in some other way.
- 37%** I give a certain dollar amount based on a percentage of my income.
- 10%** I give whatever I can afford that week.
- 4%** I don't have a system that determines how much I give.
- 1%** I don't financially support the parish.
- 0%** I base the amount on what I think the parish needs.

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

- 3%** 0% of my annual income
- 17%** 1% - 2% of my annual income
- 21%** 3% - 4% of my annual income
- 37%** 5% - 6% of my annual income
- 9%** 7% - 8% of my annual income
- 10%** 9% - 10% of my annual income
- 3%** 11% or more of my annual income

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

- 35%** We are easily able to pay our operating bills.
- 28%** I am unaware of the state of our parish finances.
- 17%** We are easily able to pay our operating bills and put aside money in savings.
- 17%** We barely generate enough revenue to pay our operating bills.
- 2%** We are not generating enough revenue to pay our operating bills.

**Demographics**

- 18%** Male
- 47%** Female
- 36%** Husband and Wife Completed Together



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Marital Status (Check one)

- 8% Single                      1% Separated
- 69% Married                4% Divorced
- 19% Widowed

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

- 5% 0-1 year                      10% 2-3 years
- 13% 4-5 years                      69% 6-10 years
- 3% More than 10 years

What is your annual household income?

- 2% \$0 - \$9,999
- 13% \$10,000 - \$29,999
- 25% \$30,000 - \$49,999
- 19% \$50,000 - \$74,999
- 20% \$75,000 - \$99,999
- 15% \$100,000 - \$199,999
- 7% \$200,000 and above

## General Information

The things I like best about St. Paul Catholic Church are...

*(Top three answer categories are listed)*

- Our priests (67 comments)
- Our church building and grounds (48 comments)
- Music (37 comments)

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

- 4% 18-29                      20% 50-59
- 8% 30-39                      22% 60-69
- 15% 40-49                      38% 70+

I wish St. Paul would... *(Top three answer categories are listed)*

- Offer more styles of the Mass (9 comments)
- Be more accommodating to seniors/those with disabilities (8 comments)
- Offer more ministries/opportunities for faith enrichment (6 comments)

### Liturgy Schedule

**Saturday Vigil:** 4:30 p.m. | **Sunday:** 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m. | **Daily Mass:** Monday-Saturday, 8:30 a.m.  
**Confessions:** Saturdays, 9:00 a.m., 3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m., 1st Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., and by appointment  
**Eucharistic Adoration:** Thursday 9:00 a.m. until Friday 7:30 a.m.