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Dear Parishioners,

As part of the process to update and redevelop our Pastoral Plan for the next five years, a survey of our parishioners was conducted during May of 2017. Through bulletin articles and Mass announcements, all parishioners were invited to participate and provide input on their parish experiences. We are grateful to the 16.25% or 65 out of 350-400 active parishioners who responded. They have provided valuable input into the planning process.

The Diocese of Joliet created its Framework for Pastoral Action, and specifically its three pillars of DISCIPLESHIP, EVANGELIZATION and CHARITY, as a vision for the Diocese. The parish pastoral leadership under the guidance of its pastor and lay leaders - are called upon to pray and reflect on the Framework for Pastoral Action. Reflecting on their specific needs, strengths and challenges as a community, the parish leadership should develop specific objectives which respond to the call of the Framework in order to form part of their MISSION as a parish. From the objectives, the parish leadership can develop specific actions, or strategies. These strategies form an Action Plan for the parish and become part of the ministries they offer. A process of communication with their parishioners should be established, allowing the parish to regularly review their progress, and even revise their plan when necessary.

The Parish Survey Summary Report provides the detailed parish survey numeric data, observations and conclusions reached from the survey responses. A summary of the survey results is available on the parish website [[www.stjohnvillapark.org](http://www.stjohnvillapark.org)] using the following path from the home page: **Our Parish ---> Parish Council ---> Click on Parish Survey Summary Report**. You can also obtain a paper copy at the parish office. The survey was divided into eight sections: Important to Me, Worship, Catechesis/Education, Formation, Evangelization, Stewardship, Church Environment, and Commitment to Parish. The final portion of the survey requested demographic data to assist in analysis of the responses. There was also a page provided for narrative responses.

Parish leadership has reviewed the data and feedback that you provided. The results will be one of the inputs used to shape the vision for our parish, serve as a good starting point for some honest self-evaluation and become part of the foundation of our plan for the next five years.

We wish to thank all who participated in the survey. We hope you will take some time to review the results. And we hope that doing so will make you want to become even more involved in the life of our wonderful parish.

Father Mark Rosenbaum  
Saint John the Apostle Parish Pastoral Council

## A BRIEF SUMMARY OF SURVEY RESULTS

### Your Saint John Experience

- **THINGS YOU LIKE.** The most frequently mentioned things parishioners like about the parish are the people and the sense of community. Many parishioners described feeling “at home” in Saint John the Apostle Parish. However, a few respondents felt the parish could do more to welcome or involve all parishioners in the wider parish community.
- **YOU ARE ENTHUSIASTIC.** Parishioners who responded were almost universal (more than 85% agreeing) in their enthusiasm about their Saint John the Apostle Faith experience and its influence in leading them to a more spiritual life.
- **WORSHIP/AT MASS.** While most indicated the environment within the church was conducive to prayer and active participation in the liturgy, noise before and after Mass detracted from their prayer. The use of incense is an issue for many. Some indicated that contemporary music could be introduced with our more traditional hymns. Several felt that Masses should be in English or Spanish and did not like a bilingual format. Homilies from Father and the deacon that apply to everyday life are important and appreciated.
- **EVANGELIZATION/COMMUNITY PRESENCE.** Many respondents felt the need for evangelization: to reach out to non-practicing Catholics and those Catholics who are divorced, single, widowed, etc.
- **COMMUNICATION.** Respondents receive their parish communications through the bulletin. Some parishioners use the new parish website. Some expressed concern about the placement of announcements at Mass (before or after).
- **THE CHALLENGE OF BECOMING INVOLVED.** Many expressed a desire for more involvement and some are finding it a challenge to establish relationships with other parishioners. Many relationships between parishioners are formed through involvement in parish ministries. Volunteers need to be encouraged through personal invitation and by holding a ministry fair.
- **FAITH FORMATION.** Several mentioned a desire for more bible studies, prayer groups, healing services, and retreats. While a variety of faith formation opportunities are offered, respondents felt scheduling needs to be improved. Several noted limited opportunities are available specifically for our youth, young adults, and singles.
- **FACILITIES.** Suggestions for facilities improvements were offered: narthex carpeting, restroom renovation, addition of spiritual imagery in church, painting, new windows, and more.

### The Next Five Years

Based on responses, the following were identified as the top priorities for the next five years:

- Investing in youth to achieve growth in their involvement in parish life
- Providing liturgy and music that inspire active Mass participation
- Providing adult education/formation programs and supporting small prayer group formation
- Evangelizing to reach those Catholics not attending Mass or participating in the parish
- Promoting a sense of community through ministry/activities that increase parishioner involvement
- Promoting outreach and social service assistance to those in need

## PARISH SURVEY DETAIL RESPONSES

### Section 1 - - IMPORTANT TO YOU AS A PARISHIONER

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**Question 1: It is IMPORTANT TO ME that my parish facilitates a strong spiritual life.**

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know	Number of Responses
0.00%	0.00%	1.54%	32.31%	66.15%	0.00%	100.00%
0	0	1	21	43	0	65

The responses were positive with 98% indicating they want a parish that enhances their faith experience.

**Question 2: It is IMPORTANT TO ME that my parish makes an effort to accommodate everyone, including people with different languages and cultures.**

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know	Number of Responses
6.15%	3.08%	6.15%	24.62%	60.00%	0.00%	100.00%
4	2	4	16	39	0	65

Over 84% of respondents indicating that they want a parish that tries to accommodate everyone.

**Question 3: It is IMPORTANT TO ME that parishioners are provided with opportunities to serve those in need.**

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know	Number of Responses
0.00%	0.00%	12.31%	24.62%	56.92%	6.15%	100.00%
0	0	8	16	37	4	65

Over 81% of respondents indicated that they want opportunities to serve those in need.

**Question 4: It is IMPORTANT TO ME that my parish makes an effort to encourage those who have left the Church to return and the un-churched to join.**

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know	Number of Responses
1.54%	0.00%	16.92%	29.23%	46.15%	6.15%	100.00%
1	0	11	19	30	4	65

Over 75% of respondents favored renewed evangelization efforts.

**Question 5: It is IMPORTANT TO ME there are sufficient opportunities to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation at my parish.**

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know	Number of Responses
1.54%	0.00%	7.69%	27.69%	63.08%	0.00%	100.00%
1	0	5	18	41	0	65

Over 90% of respondents would like to have opportunities for reconciliation.

**Question 6: It is IMPORTANT TO ME that my parish provides educational programs to encourage adult parishioners to develop a stronger faith and deeper relationship with Christ.**

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know	Number of Responses
0.00%	4.62%	16.92%	21.54%	53.85%	3.08%	100.00%
0	3	11	14	35	2	65

Over 75% of respondents would like to have adult education programs.

**Question 7: It is IMPORTANT TO ME that my parish provides educational opportunities that are sufficient to allow children and young adults to develop a strong faith.**

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know	Number of Responses
0.00%	4.62%	7.69%	30.77%	53.85%	3.08%	100.00%
0	3	5	20	35	2	65

Over 84% of respondents stress the importance of faith education and participation of the youth.

**Question 8: It is IMPORTANT TO ME that my parish provides opportunities for lay people to have leadership positions and responsibility.**

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know	Number of Responses
0.00%	4.62%	6.15%	29.23%	55.38%	4.62%	100.00%
0	3	4	19	36	3	65

Over 84% of respondents would like lay people to have positions of responsibility.

**Question 9: It is IMPORTANT TO ME that the pastor and other leaders at my parish communicate regularly and effectively with members of my parish.**

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know	Number of Responses
0.00%	1.54%	16.92%	21.54%	58.46%	1.54%	100.00%
0	1	11	14	38	1	65

80% of respondents value the importance and need for communication from leadership to parishioners.

**Question 10: It is IMPORTANT TO ME my parish takes steps to create and follow a Pastoral Plan where the goals are communicated to the parishioners.**

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know	Number of Responses
0.00%	1.54%	18.46%	29.23%	47.69%	3.08%	100.00%
0	1	12	19	31	2	65

50% of respondents agreed that a Pastoral Plan was important and needs to be communicated.

## **Section 2 - - WORSHIP**

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**Question 11: Sunday Eucharist is celebrated with full and active participation by parishioners.**

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know	Number of Responses
0.00%	6.25%	15.63%	18.75%	59.38%	0.00%	100.00%
0	4	10	12	38	0	64

**Question 12: Homilies are directly related to scriptures and to the real-life experiences of people.**

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know	Number of Responses
1.56%	1.56%	20.31%	31.25%	43.75%	1.56%	100.00%
1	1	13	20	28	1	64

**Question 13: Lectors are well-trained and effective.**

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know	Number of Responses
1.56%	3.13%	12.50%	29.69%	50.00%	3.13%	100.00%
1	2	8	19	32	2	64

**Question 14: Music facilitates participation in the Eucharistic celebration.**

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know	Number of Responses
1.56%	3.13%	17.19%	25.00%	53.13%	0.00%	100.00%
1	2	11	16	34	0	65

**Question 15: There are other worship opportunities provided by my parish besides Sunday Mass (daily Mass, Adoration, Rosary, etc.)**

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know	Number of Responses
1.56%	0.00%	10.94%	23.44%	59.38%	4.69%	100.00%
1	0	7	15	38	3	64

**Question 16: I feel welcomed and a part of each Eucharistic celebration I attend.**

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know	Number of Responses
1.56%	3.13%	6.25%	20.31%	68.75%	0.00%	100.00%
1	2	4	13	44	0	64

**Question 17: The parish makes sufficient effort to involve youth and young adults (other than altar servers) in the Eucharistic celebration.**

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know	Number of Responses
3.13%	12.50%	17.19%	28.13%	23.44%	15.63%	100.00%
2	8	11	18	15	10	64

### **Section 3 - - CATECHESIS / EDUCATION**

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**Question 18: Knowledgeable people teach the adult religious education programs (e.g., RCIA, Sacramental Preparation, Bible Study).**

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know	Number of Responses
1.56%	0.00%	6.25%	18.75%	40.63%	32.81%	100.00%
1	0	4	12	26	21	64

**Question 19: Well trained and knowledgeable people staff the parish religious education for the youth (CCD).**

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know	Number of Responses
1.56%	0.00%	10.94%	18.75%	29.69%	39.06%	100.00%
1	0	7	12	19	25	64

**Question 20: Sufficient adult education/faith formation opportunities are available in the parish.**

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know	Number of Responses
0.00%	1.56%	12.50%	32.81%	34.38%	18.75%	100.00%
0	1	8	21	22	12	64

See responses for Question 22 for suggested topics parishioners are interested in.

**Question 21: Sufficient faith formation and religious education programs are available for children and young adults in the parish.**

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know	Number of Responses
0.00%	3.13%	14.06%	29.69%	29.69%	23.44%	100.00%
0	2	9	19	19	15	64

**Question 22: If St. John the Apostle Parish offered more adult education programs to help people live their faith well in the contemporary world, what topics or issues should be addressed in the sessions? *Number of Responses -- 25***

- My faith in my fellow man – not destroying the world that God created for us!
- Importance of Daily Mass, keeping prayer in marriage, praying the rosary as a family
- Real life issues / current events
- Volunteering
- Parenting: Respect between parents and children
- Strengthening the faith, Learning about the lives of the saints
- Prayer, Adult Catechism
- End of Life Issues, Caregivers
- Bible Study, Pro-Life Issues, Servanthood, Stewardship
- Language classes in English and Spanish.
- The vast differences between our religion and social justice and political policy
- More short-term study groups (3-4 weeks)
- Real, everyday life situations and how to approach them according to the church's teachings
- Theology
- Bible, Lives of the Saints, History of the Church
- Studying the Jewish faith and Muslim faith in order to promote understanding and decrease fear.
- Keeping your faith in a secular society
- Cultural diversity in the Church: understanding the Hispanic and English-speaking communities
- NFP (Natural Family Planning)
- Ethics, Morality
- Love for Jesus
- Bible Study – other topics being explored in more “active” parishes; Women’s Issues
- The importance of early and continued formation and all-encompassing instruction of parents to their children.

Note: A variety of faith formation opportunities can be offered. However, scheduling of opportunities is based on availability and cost of speakers. For home study, some topics can be found on Formed.org. Group studies need volunteer leaders.

**Section 4 - - FORMATION**

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**Question 23: The parish makes an effort to accommodate people with special needs.**

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know	Number of Responses
1.59%	1.59%	9.52%	19.05%	50.79%	17.46%	100.00%
1	1	6	12	32	11	63

**Question 24: The parish provides sufficient opportunities for individuals to develop more fully their prayer life.**

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know	Number of Responses
1.56%	4.69%	9.38%	37.50%	39.06%	7.81%	100.00%
1	3	6	24	25	5	64

**Question 25: The parish takes steps to influence the values and decisions of the larger community through outreach.**

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know	Number of Responses
1.56%	4.69%	15.63%	25.00%	23.44%	29.69%	100.00%
1	3	10	16	15	19	64

**Question 26: The parish makes sufficient efforts to meet the needs of people who may feel excluded from parish life at some point (e.g., divorced individuals, single parents, the elderly).**

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know	Number of Responses
3.13%	4.69%	12.50%	17.19%	26.56%	35.94%	100.00%
2	3	8	11	17	23	64

**Question 27: The parish fosters Global Solidarity through education on and outreach to our brothers and sisters across the world.**

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know	Number of Responses
3.13%	3.13%	17.19%	21.88%	17.19%	37.50%	100.00%
2	2	11	14	11	24	64



**Question 28: The parish provides opportunities for parishioners of all ages to be formed in Catholic social teaching, growing in understanding of Church teaching on peace, justice and human development.**

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know	Number of Responses
3.13%	6.25%	14.06%	26.56%	28.13%	21.88%	100.00%
2	4	9	17	18	14	64

**Question 29: The parish builds a culture of life by promoting the dignity of every human life from conception to natural death.**

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know	Number of Responses
1.56%	3.13%	10.94%	25.00%	53.13%	6.25%	100.00%
1	2	7	16	34	4	64

**Question 30: The parish promotes faithful citizenship, forming Catholics to exercise their faith in the public forum as well as in their work place.**

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know	Number of Responses
3.13%	6.25%	14.06%	29.69%	35.94%	10.94%	100.00%
2	4	9	19	23	7	64

## **Section 5 - - EVANGELIZATION**

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**Question 31: The parishioners provide an atmosphere of welcome, hospitality and belonging for newcomers and for all present parishioners.**

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know	Number of Responses
4.69%	0.00%	9.38%	23.44%	59.38%	3.13%	100.00%
3	0	6	15	38	2	65

**Question 32: Sufficient efforts are made to reach out to non-practicing Catholics and those with little or no religious experience.**

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know	Number of Responses
4.69%	4.69%	20.31%	7.81%	18.75%	43.75%	100.00%
3	3	13	5	12	28	64

**Question 33: Parish clergy encourage parishioners in their homilies to live and share their faith in their families, workplaces and neighborhoods.**

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know	Number of Responses
3.13%	3.13%	9.38%	28.13%	53.13%	3.13%	100.00%
2	2	6	18	34	2	64

**Question 34: Sufficient efforts are made to sustain the faith of practicing members of the parish.**

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know	Number of Responses
3.13%	1.56%	7.81%	29.69%	54.69%	3.13%	100.00%
2	1	5	19	35	2	64

**Question 35: Enough retreats and evenings of prayer are held to allow individuals to enrich their faith and the parish faith life.**

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know	Number of Responses
1.56%	10.94%	10.94%	23.44%	40.63%	12.50%	100.00%
1	7	7	15	26	8	64

## **Section 6 - - STEWARDSHIP**

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**Question 36: Regular efforts are made to discover parishioners' talents and invite their use in parish service.**

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know	Number of Responses
4.62%	12.31%	15.38%	23.08%	38.46%	6.15%	100.00%
3	8	10	15	25	4	65

**Question 37: Sufficient opportunities are provided for parishioners to serve those in need.**

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know	Number of Responses
3.08%	3.08%	15.38%	26.15%	43.08%	9.23%	100.00%
2	2	10	17	28	6	65

**Question 38: The parish educates parishioners to know their responsibility to be good stewards of their gifts and special talents.**

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know	Number of Responses
1.54%	3.08%	21.54%	32.31%	29.23%	12.31%	100.00%
1	2	14	21	19	8	65

**Question 39: The parish provides good stewardship of the financial and other resources given by parishioners.**

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know	Number of Responses
1.56%	3.13%	4.69%	23.44%	50.00%	17.19%	100.00%
1	2	3	15	32	11	64

**Question 40: Parishioners are aware of the sources and the amounts of the income and expenses of the parish. (Annual Financial Report)**

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know	Number of Responses
1.56%	1.56%	4.69%	23.44%	65.63%	3.13%	100.00%
1	1	3	15	42	2	64

**Question 41: The pastor and parish leaders provide adequate communication with parishioners about programs and the use of parish resources.**

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know	Number of Responses
1.56%	6.25%	17.19%	32.81%	40.63%	1.56%	100.00%
1	4	11	21	26	1	64

**Question 42: The parish adequately imitates Christ through social action and community outreach.**

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know	Number of Responses
1.56%	3.13%	18.75%	26.56%	39.06%	10.94%	100.00%
1	2	12	17	25	7	64

**Section 7 - - CHURCH ENVIRONMENT**

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**Question 43: The Church is properly maintained and cleaned.**

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know	Number of Responses
0.00%	1.54%	9.23%	26.15%	63.08%	0.00%	100.00%
0	1	6	17	41	0	65

**Question 44: I am personally satisfied with the appearance and condition of the Church (inside the building).**

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know	Number of Responses
6.15%	6.15%	7.69%	20.00%	60.00%	0.00%	100.00%
4	4	5	13	39	0	65

**Question 45: The size of the church is adequate for the number of people who attend Mass.**

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know	Number of Responses
0.00%	0.00%	1.54%	12.31%	86.15%	0.00%	100.00%
0	0	1	8	56	0	65

**Question 46: The sound system is adequate and projects in all areas of the church.**

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know	Number of Responses
3.08%	4.62%	20.00%	16.92%	53.85%	1.54%	100.00%
2	3	13	11	35	1	65

**Question 47: The exterior of the Church and grounds are maintained.**

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know	Number of Responses
0.00%	3.08%	4.62%	20.00%	72.31%	0.00%	100.00%
0	2	3	13	47	0	65

**Question 48: I would like to see an outside prayer area (grotto, Stations of the Cross,...)**

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know	Number of Responses
13.85%	7.69%	13.85%	13.85%	44.62%	6.15%	100.00%
9	5	9	9	29	4	65

**Section 8 - - COMMITMENT TO PARISH**

**Question 49: How would you rate your commitment to St. John the Apostle Parish?**

Very Low	Low	Neither High or Low	High	Very High	Don't Know	Number of Responses
3.08%	1.54%	10.77%	21.54%	61.54%	1.54%	100.00%
2	1	7	14	40	1	65

**Question 50: What is the likelihood that you would attend a regularly scheduled Bible study class, adult education program, or prayer group?**

Very Low	Low	Neither High or Low	High	Very High	Don't Know	Number of Responses
20.00%	6.15%	29.23%	16.92%	26.15%	1.54%	100.00%
13	4	19	11	17	1	65

**Question 51: What is the likelihood that you would encourage a Catholic who is new to the neighborhood to join St. John the Apostle Parish?**

Very Low	Low	Neither High or Low	High	Very High	Don't Know	Number of Responses
3.08%	1.54%	7.69%	15.38%	67.69%	4.62%	100.00%
2	1	5	10	44	3	65

**- - Please Tell Us About Yourself**

**Question 52: Are you and/or your household registered with the parish?**

Number of Responses	Yes	No
65	93.85% (61)	6.15% (4)

**Question 53: Is this parish your primary place of worship?**

Number of Responses	Yes	No
65	100.0% (65)	0

**Question 54: How long have you been a member of St. John the Apostle?**

Number of Responses	1-10	11-20	21-30	31-40	41-50	More than 51
65	24.62% (16)	18.46% (12)	12.31% (8)	13.85% (9)	20.00% (13)	10.77% (7)

**Question 55: Do you use weekly offering envelopes?**

Number of Responses	Yes	No
65	86.15% (56)	13.85% (9)

**Question 56: Have any of your children attended religious education classes here in the past five years?**

Number of Responses	Yes	No
65	90.77% (59)	9.23% (6)

**Question 57: Have you attended adult religious education classes here in the last five years?**

Number of Responses	Yes	No
65	67.69% (44)	32.31% (21)

**Question 58: I read the parish bulletin.**

Number of Responses	Yes	No
65	98.46% (64)	1.54% (1)

**Question 59: How often do you log onto the Parish website?**

Number of Responses	Every day	2-6x per week	Once per week	1-3x per month	Less than 1x per month	Never
65	0.00% (0)	6.15% (4)	9.23% (6)	20.00% (13)	32.31% (21)	32.31% (21)

**Question 60: About how frequently do you currently attend Mass?**

Number of Responses	Never or rarely	A few times per year	1 -2x per month	Almost every week	Every week	More than once a week
65	0.00% (0)	0.00% (0)	1.54% (1)	13.85% (9)	43.08% (28)	41.54% (27)

**Question 61: Are you Male or Female?**

Number of Responses	Male	Female
65	40.0% (26)	60.0% (39)

**Question 62: What is your age in years?**

Age Range	Percentage	Responses
18-30	0.00%	0
31-40	6.15%	4
41-50	12.31%	8
51-60	12.31%	8
61-70	36.92%	24
71-80	18.46%	12
Over 81	9.23%	6
No answer	4.62%	3
Total	100.0%	65

**Surveys completed:**

Number of Responses	English	Spanish
65	92.31% (60)	7.69% (5)

**Please add any other comments, observations or suggestions that you would like to include. See the “Your Comments” section for a summary.**

Number of Responses	Comments	No Comments
65	56.92% (37)	34.08% (28)

**YOUR COMMENTS**

Parishioner comments were wide ranging and numerous. The following summary of comments is representative of the overall spirit of your feedback. However, all individual comments will be valued in discerning our pastoral plan.

**1 – General Comments about the Parish**

- Many parishioners think of St. John as their parish family and feel warmly welcomed by not only the priest or deacon, but also by the various Eucharistic ministers, lectors, and ushers.
- Our parish should continue to try to accommodate all. Our parishioners with different languages and cultures can benefit from each other. Each community has support to offer: youth, young families, devotion, volunteers, and limited or full financial support.
- Many people have been parishioners for a long time and know each other well (sometimes perceived as cliques). Parishioners need to take opportunities to meet new members and introduce them to others.

**2 – Worship**

- Many respondents wrote about the use of incense (pro and con) at every Sunday Mass.
- Would like to hear more homilies from the Deacon.

- Allow teenagers to serve as lectors and ministers. If they are active as kids and feel like they are fully participating, there is a better chance they will go to Mass as adults.
- People responded that they would like to sing more at Masses and know the number of all the songs. Those with vision and hearing problems would appreciate the hymn numbers to be listed on the hymn board on the south side of the altar.
- Many respondents felt that the old hymns are great but could we add some more contemporary music? Music minister could prep us before Mass for new hymns.
- Suggestion that announcements be made at the end of Mass, after the final blessing, when everyone is there to hear them. Better communication is needed.
- More often “remind” us to treat the church space as sacred and to socialize etc. outside or in the narthex.
- Some respondents prefer Masses in English or Spanish, not bilingual.
- The cry room is for people with little children or young adults with special needs who need it.

### 3 – Catechesis/Education

- Some parishioners would attend a bible study, adult class or prayer group if scheduled during daytime hours and others might attend an adult class if held early enough on weeknights.
- Think we should have more social events aimed at younger children and families. Maybe summer “Bible” type camps or summer camp-like activities.
- Is our library just a room or are there books and reading materials to borrow? Can we donate Catholic magazines and books to share?

### 4 – Formation

- Would like to have evening adoration time as some are not able to participate if working during the day.
- More prayer groups with new resources to help initiate groups.
- More social/prayer/spiritual gatherings.
- Would like to see healing services offered. Parishioners are elderly and need them.

### 5 – Evangelization

- We need a program for people age 18-40. We need a way to bring them back to church. If we lose them, we lose their kids and future generations.

### 6 – Stewardship

- An effort must be made to get everyone to financially support our parish. Too many give nothing or too little. Improve communication on financial issues.
- Consider fundraisers to fund improvements in the church.
- Encourage an active, elected, parish council to help with decision making.
- More support for parishioners to participate in ministries: a ministry leader should have an open mind and heart and a welcoming smile. If volunteers are not encouraged, this can sour their enthusiasm for ministry.
- A few respondents felt that they need more guidance in reaching out to parishioners in need as well as improving outreach to the local and international communities.



**7 – Church Environment**

- Consider replacing the carpet in the narthex area or have it cleaned more often.
- Carpet and pew cushions in the church need cleaning.
- The church could use some sprucing up. Brighten up the narthex and refurbish the library.
- Some respondents noted that improvements need to be made in the narthex restrooms for odor control/ventilation.
- Update the sound system.
- Cooling system: Some find it too cold while others find it comfortable and essential.
- Consider removing the old banners on the walls at the rear of the church and create devotion areas using spiritual imagery to reach all ethnicities: Our Lady of Czestochowa and others.
- Some respondents find the stone statues (Mary, Joseph, St. John) on the walls unappealing.
- New windows would greatly brighten the inside of our church!
- In the future, consider removing bushes along the south side of the building and update.
- Outdoor grotto: it would be beautiful, but could also be subject to graffiti and destruction.
- There should be updated tables in the CCD classrooms. Any folding chairs that are collapsing should be recycled.