

ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH

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Survey
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2014 Parish Survey Results

As part of St. Ignatius of Antioch's ongoing commitment to develop stewardship as a way of life, we recently conducted a comprehensive parish survey. 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 238 completed surveys. This is an 18 percent response rate, which is nearly two times greater than the national average of 10 percent. I 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.

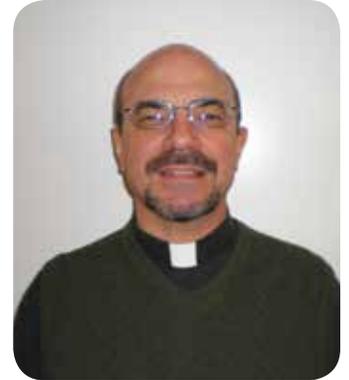
The results of the survey are included in this newsletter, and I hope these results will give you a clearer vision of how the parish as a whole responded to each specific question. We also asked you to respond to a few open-ended questions. Because of space constraints, we could not include each response 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.

As your pastor, I am confident that the information we have gathered through the survey will help guide our parish leadership as we continue to develop stewardship at St. Ignatius of Antioch. In the coming year, I hope we all will work together to meet the needs of our parish community and make parish life more rewarding for us all.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Fr. Michael Troha



Liturgy

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

- 36%** Saturday, 5:00 p.m.
- 28%** Sunday, 9:00 a.m.
- 36%** Sunday, 11:00 a.m.

How often do you attend Mass at St. Ignatius?

- 59%** Every weekend
- 9%** Every weekend and some weekdays
- 3%** Every weekend and every weekday
- 21%** Occasional weekends (once or twice a month)
- 3%** Seasonally (Christmas, Easter, etc.)
- 5%** I no longer attend Mass at St. Ignatius

I consider myself a member of...

- 97%** St. Ignatius
- 0%** St. Mel
- 0%** St. Mark
- 0%** St. Vincent de Paul
- 3%** Another church

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

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Needs Improvement
Priest	51%	38%	8%	3%
Greeters	28%	42%	12%	18%
Ushers	28%	49%	18%	5%
Servers	31%	59%	9%	1%
Lectors	41%	50%	8%	1%
Cantors	45%	46%	5%	3%
Eucharistic Ministers	40%	52%	5%	2%

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

- 59%** Strongly agree **25%** Agree
- 11%** Neutral **3%** Disagree
- 2%** Strongly Disagree

Do you feel welcome when you attend liturgy at St. Ignatius?

- 96%** Yes
- 4%** No

Please indicate how fully you participate during the celebration of Mass. **(Check all that apply)**

- 96%** I say the prayers and responses.
- 75%** I sing the hymns.
- 94%** I pay attention during the homily.
- 93%** I receive Communion.
- 90%** I show up on time.
- 88%** I remain until Mass has ended and the final hymn has been sung.

Do you have any other suggestions to help enhance our weekend liturgies? **Top 3 responses:**

- **Change/Adjust Music (15 responses)**
- **Change/Adjust Mass Rubrics (15 responses)**
- **Adjust/Improve Liturgical Ministries (15 responses)**

Parish Life

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

- 95%** To attend Mass
- 51%** Participate/volunteer in ministries and social activities
- 88%** Support the parish financially
- 61%** Share my faith with others
- 9%** Other

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

- (Check all that apply)**
- 88%** Bulletin **28%** Web site
 - 13%** Facebook **2%** Twitter
 - 30%** Email **54%** Newsletter
 - 77%** Announcements at Mass

What information are you interested in learning more about at our parish? **(Check all that apply)**

- 60%** Parish groups and activities
- 66%** Comments from our pastor
- 35%** Highlights on parishioners
- 51%** Information on the finances of the parish
- 30%** Diocesan-wide news
- 47%** Information of general Catholic interest
- 40%** Explanations of specific Catholic teachings
- 5%** Other

Do you use our parish's website?

- 42%** Yes
- 58%** No

Why or why not? **Top 3 responses:**

- **Unable to/Don't use internet (46 responses)**
- **To see parish information (25 responses)**
- **Forget about it (16 responses)**

Outreach

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

	Yes	No	Unsure
Active Parishioners	67%	9%	24%
Inactive Parishioners	11%	19%	70%
New Parishioners	46%	9%	45%
Shut-in Parishioners	24%	9%	66%
Non-Catholic Spouses	8%	9%	82%
The Local Community	55%	6%	39%
The Poor	72%	2%	27%
Other Christian Churches	34%	8%	58%
Other Religions	19%	7%	73%

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

- 63%** Increase communications about parish ministries
- 63%** Encourage more parishioner participation
- 40%** Be more welcoming
- 47%** Get more involved in the community
- 14%** Other

What more can we do as a parish to improve and/or grow our Basketball League? **Top 2 responses:**

- **No changes (17 responses)**
- **Improve Awareness (14 responses)**

Stewardship of Time

How often does your family share a meal?

- 65%** Daily
- 18%** Several days a week
- 9%** Once a week
- 8%** Less than once a week

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

- 48%** Yes
- 53%** No

If you are married, do you pray with your spouse on a daily basis (in addition to grace before meals)?

- 24%** Yes
- 76%** No

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

- 75%** Daily
- 16%** Weekly
- 2%** Monthly
- 4%** Every few months
- 0%** Yearly
- 3%** Never

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

- 53%** Yes
- 47%** No

Stewardship of Talent

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

- 60%** 0
- 19%** 1
- 13%** 2
- 5%** 3
- 4%** 4 or more

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

- 9%** Very involved
- 20%** Moderately involved
- 28%** Somewhat involved
- 28%** Rarely involved
- 15%** Never involved

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

- 4%** Not interested in what the parish offers
- 19%** Health issues
- 23%** Usually unaware of opportunities within the parish
- 36%** Not enough time due to family and work responsibilities
- 3%** Transportation
- 17%** Haven't yet made the effort to get involved
- 1%** Lack of babysitting services

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

- 63%** Satisfied with my current level of involvement
- 37%** Would like to become more involved

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

- 36%** Satisfied with current level of involvement
- 21%** Would like to become more involved
- 44%** Not applicable

At what times would you most likely be able to attend parish functions? **(Check all that apply)**

- 18%** Sat. mornings **33%** Saturday evenings
- 39%** After Sun. Mass **22%** Sunday evenings I attend
- 10%** Weekday mornings **57%** Weekday evenings
- 10%** Weekday afternoons

Stewardship of Treasure

Each parishioner is responsible for supporting our parish financially.

- 53%** Strongly agree
- 37%** Agree
- 8%** Neutral
- 2%** Disagree
- 0%** Strongly disagree

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

- 57%** Every week
- 4%** Every other week
- 8%** Once a month
- 14%** Monthly (for all the weeks in the month)
- 2%** Once a year
- 2%** Never
- 12%** Other

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

- 3%** 0% of my annual income
- 32%** 1% - 2% of my annual income
- 26%** 3% - 4% of my annual income
- 18%** 5% - 6% of my annual income
- 7%** 7% - 8% of my annual income
- 12%** 9% - 10% of my annual income
- 4%** 11% or more of my annual income

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

- 13%** I give a certain dollar amount based on a percentage of my income.
- 37%** I have chosen a certain dollar amount in some other way.
- 1%** I base the amount on what I think the parish needs.
- 33%** I give whatever I can afford that week.
- 14%** I don't have a system that determines how much I give.
- 2%** I don't financially support the parish.

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

- 2%** We are easily able to pay our operating bills and put aside money in savings.
- 11%** We are easily able to pay our operating bills.
- 36%** We barely generate enough revenue to pay our operating bills.
- 11%** We are not generating enough revenue to pay our operating bills.
- 40%** I am unaware of the state of our parish finances.

St. Ignatius of Antioch Catholic School

Supporting a Catholic school is a vital part of St. Ignatius's mission as a parish.

- 56%** Strongly agree
- 34%** Agree
- 8%** Neutral
- 2%** Disagree
- 0%** Strongly disagree

Do you have children in Kindergarten through 8th grade living in your home?

- 9%** Yes
- 92%** No

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

- 25%** St. Ignatius Catholic School
- 25%** Other Catholic School
- 10%** Other Private School
- 45%** Public School
- 0%** Home School

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

- 0%** Transportation is a problem
- 22%** Don't live close to the school
- 6%** More academic options at other school
- 6%** Catholic education is not a family priority
- 0%** Cost (I would rather put my money to use in other ways)
- 28%** Cost (I cannot afford to send my child[ren] to Catholic schools)
- 39%** Other

Are you aware that a tuition assistance program is available for those in need?

- 83%** Yes
- 17%** No

Adult Faith Formation

Have you ever attended an Adult Faith Formation program at St. Ignatius?

- 21%** Yes
- 79%** No

Would you consider attending an Adult Faith Formation program at St. Ignatius if offered?

- 58%** Yes
- 42%** 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**)

- 35%** Church Teachings
- 49%** Scriptures/Bible Study
- 37%** Ethics and Morality
- 15%** Marriage
- 22%** Small Faith Sharing Groups
- 62%** Practical Ways of Growing in Faith and Prayer
- 40%** Retreats
- 8%** Other

Demographics

Gender

21% Male **51%** Female

27% Husband and Wife Completed Together

Marital Status (Check one)

19% Single **49%** Married

19% Widowed **12%** Divorced

0% Separated

Ethnicity origin (or Race): Please specify your ethnicity.

(Check all that apply)

96% White

5% Latino

0% African American

0% Native American

1% Asian

0% Other

Please indicate if you have dependents living at home and how many: **(Check all that apply)**

24% Preschool age or younger

33% Elementary School age

4% Middle School/Junior High age

17% High School age

48% College age

Total Number of children

What is the highest degree or level of school you or your spouse have completed? *If currently enrolled, highest degree received.*

0% No schooling completed

0% Elementary

40% High

38% College

19% Graduate

3% Doctorate

What is your annual household income?

4% \$0 - \$9,999

29% \$10,000 - \$29,999

26% \$30,000 - \$49,999

14% \$50,000 - \$74,999

14% \$75,000 - \$99,999

12% \$100,000 - \$199,999

1% \$200,000 and above

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

2% 18-29 **7%** 30-39

9% 40-49 **22%** 50-59

30% 60-69 **35%** 70+

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

7% 0 - 1 year **7%** 2-3 years

12% 4-5 years **10%** 6-10 years

64% More than 10 years

What city do you live in? **(Please print)**

General Information

The things I like best about St. Ignatius Catholic Church are... **Top 4 responses:**

- **Choirs/Handbells/Music (56 responses)**
- **Beautiful Church (53 responses)**
- **The Liturgy (43 responses)**
- **Priests (42 responses)**

I wish St. Ignatius would... **Top 3 responses:**

- **More ministries (61 responses)**
- **Improve Church Campus (54 responses)**
- **Improve/Adjust Liturgy (43 responses)**

Stewardship

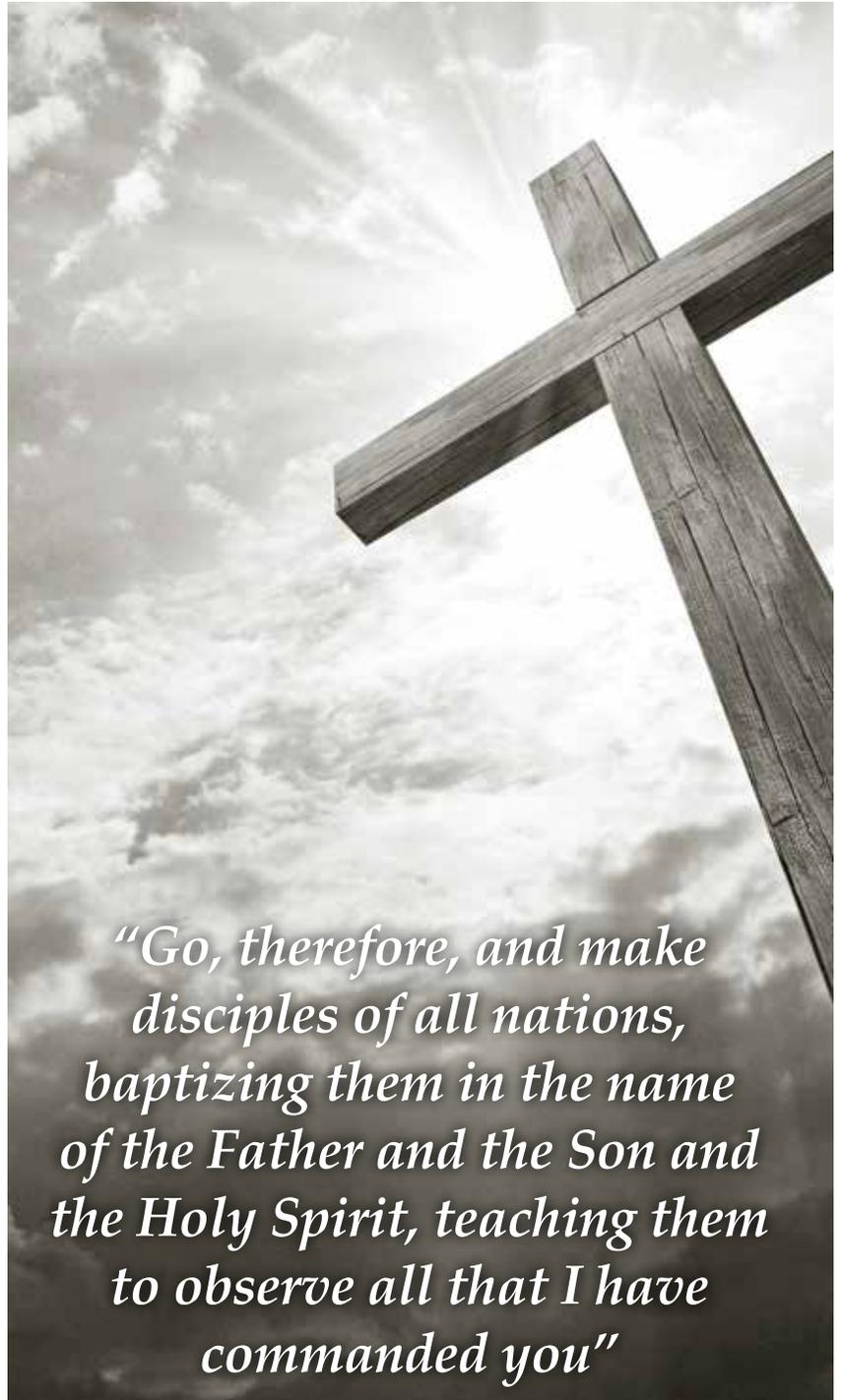
Taking Ownership in Our Parish

As Catholics and as stewards of God's gifts, the Church is much more than a building in which we worship. The Church is the universal body of believers, the society that Christ established to help us grow in holiness, to bring us closer to Him through the giving of our time, talent and treasure, and to lead the world to the truth.

Before Jesus ascended to the Father, He commissioned the disciples, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (Mt. 28:19-20). That is the Church's mission in the world today – to make disciples of all nations, to bring all men to Christ.

Our parish plays a key part in that – we are local representatives of the universal Church. Together, as members of this parish family, we work to carry out the Church's mission on a local level. We worship the Lord at Mass, offering Him our praise and thanksgiving, and then we go forth on a mission to make disciples – to encourage our fellow parishioners in their lives of faith and to bring unbelievers into knowledge of the truth.

As stewards and as members of this parish family, we are called to take ownership in our parish. It is our responsibility to make a conscious effort to be actively involved in the life of the parish, to build relationships with our fellow parishioners, and to celebrate the Mass together as often as possible (and most definitely every Sunday). By getting involved and living the stewardship way of life, our entire parish family can fulfill our mission to grow as disciples of Christ, and ultimately help fulfill the mission of the universal Church.



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Mass Schedule

Saturday, 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Celebrating the Feast of the Archangels

Every Sept. 29, the Church celebrates the feast day of the Archangels – St. Michael, St. Gabriel and St. Raphael. We are indeed blessed to be inspired by these “servants and messengers of God” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 329).

The term “archangels” has its Scriptural basis in the New Testament (1 Thes 4:16, Jude 1:9), indicating a chief or leading angel. “Archangel” generally refers to St. Michael, St. Gabriel and St. Raphael, as they are the three angels most frequently mentioned throughout Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition. The fact that these three angels are mentioned by name on multiple occasions indicates the significance of their roles in the history of salvation. It is because of these important roles that we take pause to celebrate on Sept. 29.

St. Michael is mentioned by name on several occasions in Sacred Scripture (Dn 10:13, Rev 12:7), and his role in the Tradition of the Church has been extensively documented. He has been widely referred to as the “great prince,” and

is most often associated with the apocalypse – the final battle against Satan. Christian Tradition gives St. Michael four different roles, but he has primarily been regarded as the patron and protector of the Church.

St. Gabriel is mentioned by name in Scripture (Lk 1:19), and Tradition has also assigned him implicit roles within Scripture where he is not specifically mentioned. Most important, however, is St. Gabriel’s role as the messenger of God, delivering to Mary the announcement of the birth of Our Savior (Lk 1:26).

St. Raphael is mentioned by name only in the Book of Tobit, where he is responsible for healing Tobias. Raphael means “God has healed” and thus, he has also often been associated with the “angel of the Lord” (Jn 5).

The feast day on Sept. 29 gives each of us the opportunity to consider our own role in the Church, as we gratefully commemorate the Archangels responsible for carrying out their roles of defender, messenger and healer.