

St. Michael the Archangel Parish

Preferences Survey Results

Chameleon Architecture

Below is a sample of the data collected from the parish wide survey from January 2018.

Remember, this was not a popularity contest, final design decisions, furniture selections or a majority opinion. It is a voice, guide for design, direction for furniture selections, and sample of the larger community. The full results can be found at www.brookvilleparishes.com

We had 220 online and 15 hardcopy respondents (235 total):

Just over 33% were 30-44 years old

Just over 33% were 45-59 years old

Just over 25% were 60-over years old

Words you would like to use to describe the FUTURE sanctuary physical appearance:

58% Traditional and Ordered

26% Simple and Warm

Words you would like to use to describe the FUTURE sanctuary interior personality:

43% Reverent and Formal

35% Open and Friendly

Words you would like to use to describe the FUTURE sanctuary interior spiritual character:

52% Sacred and Prayerful

20% Active and Welcoming

20% Joyful and Communal

Activity that you considered especially important beyond Sunday Mass:

55% Daily Mass

48% Liturgical Seasonal Décor

48% Holy Day Celebrations

Other things you would like the design to consider especially:

68% Clearly Hearing the Word

63% Singing & Music

60% Unobstructed View of Tabernacle

Shortcomings to our current space you want to see corrected:

61% Wheelchair area not designed well

42% Seats uncomfortable

Choir Location

40% In the Loft
32% To One Side

Devotional Area

42% Traditional Votives
18% Personal Prayer

Statuary

40% Traditional
34% Venerated

Screen or No Screen in front of Tabernacle

52% No Screen with Tabernacle Altar
25% Semi Transparent Screen

Do the current pews need a renovation:

33% Yes, clean and refinish existing
33% Yes, clean and add new cushions
18% No, they are good as is.

Pew Preference

47% No Pad on Pew Seats
39% Pad on Pew Seats bottoms

Flooring Preference

30% Carpet in Isles and Tile under Pews
24% Wood only

"If I had to describe a look that I would prefer at St. Michael's it would be updated but traditional / keeping some of the historical elements but incorporating modern technology (i.e. lighting, audio/visual, handicap accessible, etc.)."

"Regardless of details in flooring, color scheme, etc., my fondest hope for the renovation is a general move toward a more traditional, reverent space reminiscent in spirit of old churches in Europe but with some modern conveniences of good speakers, lighting, etc."

"St. Michaels is my home away from home. I am thrilled to see the changes ahead, however, I pray that it may withhold some of the charm, character, and age-old beauty in which my parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents have worshipped in for many, many years."

There were 56 comments. All were positive. Many offered a deeper understanding of their particular and many said they liked having input.