

St. Francis of Assisi Manitowoc Parishioner Survey Results

As part of an overall parish long range planning process, a survey was developed by the parish Vision 2020 planning committee. Copies of the survey were placed in the pews for all masses the weekend of January 7-8, 2017. Masses were delayed to allow time for parishioners to complete surveys. 1,087 surveys were collated. Instructions on the survey asked respondents to rank each item on a scale of from one to five with one indicating strong disagreement with the statement and five indicating strong agreement with the statement. Those who did not have an opinion or were unsure concerning their response to the item were invited to leave it blank. What follows are the average score and actual number of responses by rank.

	Avg	Disagree <<----->> Agree					Blank
		1	2	3	4	5	
1. Overall the celebration of the mass each weekend is very good.	4.3	12	20	149	425	530	10
2. St. Francis parish is warm, welcoming and hospitable.	4.0	20	45	247	423	397	14
3. Music at liturgies is uplifting and well done.	3.9	31	73	255	415	360	12
4. Homilies by the priests are engaging and uplifting.	4.3	9	24	116	483	496	18
5. Homilies by deacons are engaging and uplifting	3.7	47	106	281	397	277	38
6. I know what is expected of me to be a member of the parish.	4.1	18	44	212	411	404	56
7. At St. Francis, members of the parish have ample opportunities to use their gifts and talents.	4.2	17	30	193	389	470	47
8. Small group opportunities are available and there are several options.	4.0	18	40	265	391	332	99
9. Because of my involvement in the parish, I regularly experience the Holy Spirit.	3.9	19	51	278	375	339	84
10. St. Francis does a good job of inviting people to be members of the parish.	3.7	40	71	331	373	270	61
11. Overall the pastor is very good.	4.3	23	34	126	354	580	29
12. Overall the staff is very good.	4.3	13	34	177	414	468	38
13. There are excellent opportunities for lay people to share in parish leadership.	4.1	16	47	247	395	381	58
14. There are adequate opportunities offered to help adults grow spiritually.	4.0	16	44	226	440	357	63
15. The parish does a good job serving those in need.	4.0	14	38	206	446	344	98
16. Members of the parish are very generous with their money and share sacrificially.	3.5	26	94	406	357	154	109
17. The Catholic grade school is very good.	4.2	15	13	195	342	407	172
18. If at all possible, it would be important to build a new K-8 Catholic grade school.	3.4	127	116	275	201	303	124
19. The Faith Formation program for students who do not attend the Catholic school is very good.	3.5	26	63	356	258	140	303
20. Roncalli High school is very good.	4.2	12	26	176	313	449	170
21. Pastoral ministry to the sick, homebound, those in hospitals/nursing homes, the grieving is very good.	3.9	14	37	222	393	323	157
22. Opportunities for seniors and those who are aging is very good.	3.8	15	58	311	375	222	164
23. Overall the parish facilities are well maintained and adequate.	4.1	22	52	171	485	361	52
24. It is a good idea to refurbish and make greater use of St. Boniface Church.	3.2	209	118	228	207	269	115
25. Ministry to and with youth and young adults is well done.	3.7	21	70	314	357	191	193
26. The parish ministers well to families.	3.8	16	53	310	379	208	179
27. The parish reaches out to the unchurched and those who have left the church.	3.3	55	136	424	202	101	226

		Disagree <-----> Agree						
		Avg	1	2	3	4	5	Blank
28.	I feel well informed about what is going on in our parish.	3.7	41	104	271	413	244	72
29.	St. Francis of Assisi is a good stewardship parish.	3.8	16	65	280	411	251	121
30.	I know the mission of the parish and I am committed to it.	3.9	16	48	269	414	298	100
31.	Parishioners are invited, involved and engaged in the programs and ministries of the parish.	3.8	15	71	290	427	227	115
32.	In the past year, I have invited someone to be a member of this parish.	2.7	289	165	186	139	125	241
33.	I spend time in worship or prayer every day.	4.0	34	71	224	265	488	64
34.	Overall I am satisfied with St. Francis of Assisi parish.	4.1	20	45	186	450	417	28

What Percentage of the time do you worship at?	Responded 75-100% at this site	Responded 50-74% at this site	Responded 25-49% at this site	Responded 1-24% at this site
Grand Site	347	101	88	232
Marshall Site	165	57	75	258
Waldo Site	384	79	79	196

I typically attend mass	at least weekly	2-3 times per month	once a month	a couple of times a year	Blank
	998	110	7	4	26

Gender of Respondent	Male	Female	Blank
	420	682	27

Age of respondent	Age 18-25	Age 26-35	Age 36-45	Age 46-55	Age 56-65	Age over 65	Blank
	34	30	66	131	268	586	27

Since the merger of the six parishes in Manitowoc to form St. Francis of Assisi 10 years ago, which of the following statements best describes your perception on how the merger has gone?	One parish/3 worship sites	We are one parish/3 communities	3 distinct communities/work well together as SFA	3 distinct communities/cooperate on some things	3 very separate communities	I do not know or am unsure	Blank
	458	194	138	125	46	134	49
	40.0%	17.0%	12.1%	10.9%	4.0%	11.7%	4.3%

The survey had one open ended question. 19 pages of typed comments were submitted. For the sake of brevity, we are not including those comments here but they were considered by the Vision 2020 planning team.

FOOTNOTE: It should be noted that there was a typo on the survey concerning range of responses. i.e. the printed survey indicated a range of from “strongly disagree to strongly disagree.” However, written instructions clearly noted that the range was from 1 = strongly disagree to 5 = strongly agree. An announcement was made calling attention to the typo. Collators of the survey found very few surveys did not make the needed adjustment to maintain the validity of the results.