

St. Leo's

PARISH COMMUNITY

A Letter From Our Pastor

THE RESULTS OF OUR RECENT PARISH SURVEY

Dear Parishioners,

As part of St. Leo's ongoing commitment to develop Stewardship as a way of life, we conducted a comprehensive parish survey this past March. 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 165 completed surveys. This is a 22-percent response rate, which is over 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 similarity 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. Leo's. In the coming year, I hope we all can work together to meet the needs of our parish community and make parish life more rewarding for us all.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Rev. Donald A. Buhrman
Pastor



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2019 PARISH SURVEY RESULTS

As you complete this survey, please check only one response per question unless otherwise indicated. Also, please print. Thank you.

Liturgy

Which Mass at St. Leo's do you most frequently attend?

- 40% Saturday, 5:00 p.m.
- 31% Sunday, 8:00 a.m.
- 29% Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

How often do you attend Mass at St. Leo's?

- 48% Every weekend
- 29% Every weekend and some weekdays
- 3% Every weekend and every weekday
- 17% Occasional weekends (once or twice a month)
- 1% Seasonally (Christmas, Easter, etc.)
- 1% I no longer attend Mass

I consider myself a member of...

- 100% St. Leo's Parish Community
- 0% St. Mary's Cathedral
- 0% Resurrection Catholic Church
- 0% Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church
- 0% Another church

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>
Fr. Don	81%	14%	3%	1%
Fr. Mark	59%	27%	10%	4%
Deacon Bill	45%	32%	18%	5%
Greeters	49%	51%	1%	0%
Ushers	46%	49%	4%	1%
Altar Servers	43%	53%	4%	0%
Lectors	52%	46%	2%	0%
Song Leaders	71%	29%	0%	1%
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	54%	44%	1%	0%

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

- 66% Excellent
- 28% Good
- 3% Fair
- 3% Needs Improvement

Do you have any suggestions to help enhance our Sunday liturgies?

- Suggestions to Enhance Mass (10)
- Suggestions for Music (5)
- Liturgical Ministers (4)

Adult Faith Formation

Have you attended an Adult Faith Formation program at St. Leo's in the last three years?

- 38% Yes
- 62% No

If you have attended an Adult Faith Formation program at St. Leo's in the last three years, was it a good experience?

- 85% Yes
- 15% No

If you haven't attended an Adult Faith Formation program at St. Leo's in the last three years, would you consider attending one in the future?

- 55% Yes
- 45% No

If you would like to attend an Adult Faith Formation program, in which areas would you be most likely to participate? **(Check all that apply)**

- 41% Church Teachings
- 52% Scriptures/Bible Study
- 17% Ethics and Morality
- 25% Marriage
- 32% Small Faith Sharing Groups
- 66% Practical Ways of Growing in Faith and Prayer
- 19% Retreats
- 7% Other

If you have not attended an Adult Faith Formation program at St. Leo's in the last three years, what reasons prevented you from attending? **(Check all that apply)**

- 13% Not interested in what the parish offers
- 14% Health Issues
- 7% Usually unaware of opportunities within the parish
- 48% Not enough time due to family and work responsibilities
- 2% Transportation
- 38% Haven't yet made the effort to get involved
- 2% Lack of babysitting services
- 11% Other



Parish Religious Education Program (Pre-K - 5th Grade)

Please answer the questions in the shaded area only if your child/children are currently enrolled in our Parish Religious Education Program.

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

- 38% Excellent
- 55% Good
- 7% Adequate
- 0% Fair
- 0% Poor

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

- 86% Yes
- 0% No
- 11% Somewhat
- 4% Unsure

What do you like most about our Parish Religious Education Program? **(Check all that apply)**

- 58% Director, staff and catechists
- 38% The families involved
- 88% The children/families learn about their faith
- 23% Meeting times
- 0% Other

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

- 32% Get the parents more involved
- 0% Change the time
- 26% More training and support for the teachers
- 37% Improve the curriculum
- 11% Other

Empower Youth

Do you have children in grades 6-10 living in your home?

13% Yes 87% No

If you have children in grades 6-10 living in your home, do they attend youth ministry activities/programs at St. Leo's?

50% Regularly
38% Occasionally
13% Never

Please answer the questions in the shaded area only if your child/children regularly participate in our youth ministry program.

How would you rate the quality of the youth ministry program at St. Leo's?

44% Excellent
50% Good
6% Adequate
0% Fair
0% Poor

What do you like most about the youth ministry program? **(Check all that apply)**

67% The commitment and dedication of the staff
44% The variety of activities offered
61% It involves the youth more in parish life
39% The Christian atmosphere in which they socialize
6% Other

How do you think we can most improve the youth ministry program? **(Check all that apply)**

21% Involve the youth in the parish more
21% Inform the parishioners more about the program
50% Get more youth involved
36% Offer more activities
14% Improve the current activities
29% Increase the service opportunities
7% Other

Catholic Education

Supporting Catholic Education at Grand Island Central Catholic School is a vital part of St. Leo's mission as a parish.

47% Strongly Agree
37% Agree
13% Neutral
3% Disagree
0% Strongly Disagree

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

13% Yes
87% No

Would you send your children to a Catholic Elementary School if it were available?

56% Yes
11% No
26% Maybe
8% Need more information

Parish Life

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

97% To attend Mass
81% Participate/volunteer in ministries and social activities
93% Support the parish financially
73% Share my faith with others
3% Other

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

74% Very responsive
14% Somewhat responsive
10% Neutral
1% Unresponsive
1% Very unresponsive

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

- 84% Very responsive
- 12% Somewhat responsive
- 4% Neutral
- 1% Unresponsive
- 0% Very unresponsive

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

(Check all that apply)

- 91% Bulletin
- 38% Web site
- 15% Facebook
- 2% Twitter
- 42% Email
- 56% Newsletter
- 52% Parish Mailings
- 69% Announcements at Mass

Did you enjoy receiving our parish's new monthly newsletters?

- 90% Yes
- 10% No

What information do you want included in our monthly newsletter? **(Check all that apply)**

- 86% Articles about parish groups and activities
- 78% Comments from our pastor
- 47% Highlights on various parishioners
- 56% Information on the finances of the parish
- 33% Diocesan-wide news
- 54% Articles of general Catholic interest
- 57% Explanations of specific Catholic teachings
- 3% Other

Do you use our parish's website?

- 63% Yes
- 37% No

If no, why not?

- Not Tech Savvy (9)
- Do Not Have/Use Computer or Internet (8)
- Use Bulletin/Other Sources (6)

Do you use the "Formed" website?

- 37% Yes
- 63% No

If not, why not?

- Unaware of It (15)
- Haven't Made Time/Tried (11)
- Do Not Have Computer/Internet (7)

Do you use our "myParish" App?

- 57% Yes
- 43% No If not, why not?
- No Cell/Smartphone (6)
- Not Tech Savvy (5)
- Didn't Know About It (3)

Outreach

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

	Yes	No	Unsure
Active Parishioners	83%	3%	13%
Inactive Parishioners	14%	12%	74%
New Parishioners	35%	6%	59%
Shut-in Parishioners	53%	2%	45%
Non-Catholic Spouses	12%	9%	79%
Single Parishioners	29%	5%	66%
The Local Community	60%	3%	38%
The Poor	67%	1%	31%
Other Christian Churches	22%	5%	73%
Other Religions	17%	4%	79%

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

- 54% Increase communications about parish ministries
- 55% Encourage more parishioner participation
- 25% Be more welcoming
- 41% Get more involved in the community
- 6% Other

Stewardship

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

- 74% Accept it as a core Gospel value and carry it out in my life
- 1% Don't really understand what it means
- 24% Think it's important, but find it hard to implement
- 0% Feel it's not applicable in my life
- 2% Feel that it's just another way to discuss fundraising

Stewardship of Time

How often does your family share a meal?

- 76% Daily
- 21% Several days a week
- 2% Once a week
- 2% Less than once a week

Do you say grace before meals?

- 74% Yes
- 26% No

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

- 49% Yes
- 51% No

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

- 21% Yes
- 79% No

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

- 78% Daily
- 16% Weekly
- 2% Monthly
- 5% Every few months
- 0% Never

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

- 63% Yes
- 37% No

Stewardship of Talent

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

- 17% 0
- 27% 1
- 22% 2
- 17% 3
- 18% 4 or more

Beyond participating in weekly Masses, how do you rate your involvement in St. Leo's?

- 16% Very involved
- 27% Moderately involved
- 38% Somewhat involved
- 18% Rarely involved
- 1% Never involved

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

- 3% Not interested in what the parish offers
- 14% Health issues
- 1% Usually unaware of opportunities within the parish
- 42% Not enough time due to family and work responsibilities
- 1% Transportation
- 22% Haven't yet made the effort to get involved
- 1% Lack of babysitting services
- 16% Other

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

- 76% Satisfied with my current level of involvement
- 24% Would like to become more involved

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

- 71% Satisfied with current level of involvement
- 29% Would like to become more involved

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

- 8% Saturday mornings
- 21% Saturday evenings
- 50% After the Sunday Mass I attend
- 21% Sunday evenings
- 27% Weekday mornings
- 36% Weekday evenings
- 17% Weekday afternoons

Stewardship of Treasure

Each parishioner is responsible for supporting our parish financially.

- 62% Strongly agree
- 34% Agree
- 3% Neutral
- 1% Disagree
- 0% Strongly disagree

How often do you make financial contributions to St. Leo's?

- 40% Every week
- 9% Every other week
- 23% Once a month
- 15% Monthly (for all the weeks in the month)
- 1% Never
- 12% Other

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

- 0% 0% of my annual income
- 23% 1% - 2% of my annual income
- 29% 3% - 4% of my annual income
- 25% 5% - 6% of my annual income
- 12% 7% - 8% of my annual income
- 9% 9% - 10% of my annual income
- 2% 11% or more of my annual income

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

- 32% I give a certain dollar amount based on a percentage of my income.
- 56% I have chosen a certain dollar amount in some other way.
- 1% I base the amount on what I think the parish needs.
- 5% I give whatever I can afford that week.
- 7% I don't have a system that determines how much I give.
- 0% I don't financially support the parish.

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

- 23% We are easily able to pay our operating bills and put aside money in savings.
- 31% We are easily able to pay our operating bills.
- 14% We barely generate enough revenue to pay our operating bills.
- 1% We are not generating enough revenue to pay our operating bills.
- 31% I am unaware of the state of our parish finances.

Demographics

Gender

- 10% Male 39% Female
- 50% Husband and Wife Completed Together

Marital Status **(Check one)**

- 8% Single
- 78% Married
- 13% Widowed
- 1% Divorced
- 0% Separated

What is your annual household income?

- 2% \$0 - \$9,999
- 18% \$10,000 - \$29,999
- 13% \$30,000 - \$49,999
- 20% \$50,000 - \$74,999
- 18% \$75,000 - \$99,999
- 19% \$100,000 - \$199,999
- 10% \$200,000 and above

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

4% 18-29
6% 30-39
9% 40-49
25% 50-59
29% 60-69
39% 70+

How long have you been a registered parishioner at St. Leo's?

3% 0-1 year 11% 2-3 years
8% 4-5 years 12% 6-10 years
14% 10-20 years 52% More than 20 years

General Information

The things I like best about St. Leo's are...

Clergy (43)
Welcoming/Friendly (31)
Parishioners (22)

I wish St. Leo's would...

Suggestions for Mass/Liturgy (10)
More Parishioner Involvement & Outreach (10)
More Activities/Opportunities (7)

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Daily Mass: 9 a.m., **Saturday:** 5 p.m., **Sunday:** 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Confession: Saturday 4 - 4:30 p.m. **Adoration:** First Friday of the Month, 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Abide Adoration: Fourth Sunday of the Month, 7 - 8 p.m.