

Stewardship of God's Gifts– Parish Survey



Question #9

Do you currently serve in one of the ministries of the parish?

YES	NO
56%	44%

Summary

- Numerous respondents indicated serving in multiple ministries.
- Most areas of Ministry were represented in the responses.

Question #10

If no, would you like to be called to serve?

YES	NO
12%	88%

Summary

- Either people are unaware of what the Baptismal call to "service" really means or, they are too busy to serve.
- Eleven different people volunteered for ministry

Question #11

In general do you make financial contributions to the parish?

YES	NO
99%	1%

Summary

- According to the number of responses to this question, the majority of our people are making a financial contribution to the parish.

Question #12

If yes, do you use the parish envelopes?

Regularly	Sometimes	Never
87%	11%	2%

Summary

- Again, according to the percentage of responses, most are using parish envelopes.

Question #13

If no would you tell us why not?

Summary

- People contribute weekly, monthly and some even annually. Others use checks for tax purposes.
- Please make direct deduction from banks available for normal Sunday collections.
- Major obligations with the cost of Catholic education for our children.
- Do not feel connected to the parish due to overemphasis on Hispanics.

Question #14

Do you feel our parish provides you sufficient and easy-to-understand information on our parish finances and obligations?

Strongly Agree 22%	Agree 61%	Disagree 14%	Strongly Disagree 3%
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Summary

- Financial statement should be issued two to three times each year.
- If we know the cost of things, people will donate more.
- Would like more detail in the annual report.
- Fundraising and Jackpot finances should be fully disclosed annually, quarterly, or weekly.
- People want to know the purposes of the envelopes – “Restoration” Envelope etc.
- Show number of registered parishioners vs. number of regular envelope users.
- Salaries of parish employees appear very high according to the last report.

Question #15

Do you believe that the offertory collections and fundraisers adequately fund our parish’s needs and the needs of the community?

Strongly Agree 8%	Agree 45%	Disagree 16%	Strongly Disagree 2 %	Unsure 29%
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Summary

- Some people do not contribute while others do.
- Grants and Bequests are also needed.
- Disappointed when so few people when so few people contribute to “Val’s Turkey Drive”.
- Two people mentioned excessive spending.
- Costs keep rising
- Do not know where the money goes, or what it is really for and don’t really care!

Question #16

In gratitude for God’s many blessings, I/We will prayerfully consider giving of my/our talents:

Summary

- 14 people responded to the invitation to serve in one of our ministries
- Again, those who responded will be contacted.
- To encourage more people through preaching to give back to God and their Church.

Question #17

We desire to build our ministry to the homebound. Are you willing to participate in this effort?

YES 23%	NO 77%
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Summary

- This ministry was extremely important to my wife prior to her death.
- Would like to see Youth incorporated into this.
- I’m sure it would be appreciated.

Goals

- All persons who volunteered to serve in ministry will be contacted.
- Explore the possibilities for making direct deduction from banks in place of weekly envelopes for those who are willing.
- Parish will issue a quarterly financial statement
- Address some of the above concerns in subsequent bulletins.
- Ministry to the Homebound will continue in the Parish but, more people are needed to serve in this Ministry.
- Our Coordinator of Youth Ministry will be asked about the possibility of incorporating our young people in our Ministry to the Homebound.