

Parish Survey -- School and Religious Education



Question #29

Have you had, or do you currently have children that attended/attend:

	Yes	No
Holy Angels School?	49%	51%
St. John-Holy Angels Religious Education?	40%	60%
Other Catholic School?	40%	60%
Other Religious Education Programs?	48%	52%

Question #30

If yes to any of the above, do you understand your role as the primary religious teacher of your child/children?

Yes	No
99%	1%

Summary

- Most understand that School and Religious Education are an extension to the primary role of the parent but need more concrete help.
- Several expressed that they feel that the School should do more in regards to Sacramental Preparation.

Question #31

Do you feel you have a good knowledge of church doctrine to assist you in the primary preparation of your child/children's faith formation?

Strong Knowledge	Good Knowledge	Somewhat Lacking
24%	60%	16%

Summary

- For the most part, people felt that they were somewhat comfortable but could also use more knowledge.
- Many believe they have limited or just basic background and education of church doctrine from their personal experiences in Catholic Elementary and High School.

Question #32

Do you and your family attend Sunday Liturgy?

Weekly 97%	Monthly 2%	Occasionally 1%	Not at All
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Summary

- These percentages reflect the 190 persons that responded to this question.

Question #33

If you have or have had children in Holy Angels School in the last five years, how would you rate the following as it pertains to your family?

	Completely Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Somewhat Dissatisfied	Completely Dissatisfied
Religious Education	75%	24%		1%
Sacramental Preparation	60%	28%	8%	4%
Academic Programs	55%	38%	5%	2%
Liturgical Opportunities	66%	26%	6%	2%
Extra Curricular Activities	41%	38%	18%	3%
Parent Involvement	54%	34%	9%	3%
Parish Family Activities	51%	37%	9%	2%
Community Outreach	43%	49%	6%	2%

Question #34

If you have or have had children in St. John-Holy Angels Religious Education Program in the last five years, please rate the following as it pertains to your family.

	Daily	Weekly	Rarely
Do you discuss with your children what they do in class?	50%	48%	2%
Do you talk about the Sunday Readings or homily?	8%	51%	41%
Do you pray together as a family, e.g. Blessings before meals, Rosary, Special Intentions, etc.?	80%	6%	14%
Do you ever volunteer to help with any Religious Education programs, e.g. Catechist, Aide, Vacation Bible School etc.?	3%	13%	84%
Apart from Sunday Liturgies, do you attend any parish events, e.g. Vespers, Triduum, Ash Wednesday Liturgy, Parish Picnic, Social Outreach, etc.?	68%	8%	24%

Question #35

Please use the following space to write any insights or concerns you have pertaining to Holy Angels School programs.

Summary

- Concern was raised about the lack of presence the parish priests at school functions.
- Many stated their satisfaction with the school program as it is.
- Concern was raised about grouping / phasing students in the academic areas.

Please use the following space to write any insights or concerns you have pertaining to St. John-Holy Angels Religious Education programs.

Summary

- Parents and students should be more accountable regarding participation and preparation to the Religious Education program.
- Parents should be more involved in both the Religious Education program and faith formation for their children at home.

GOALS

Goals for Holy Angels School

- In an attempt to support and connect with the families, the second grade teachers will do weekly reinforcement of the Sacramental Preparation materials for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist.
- In an effort to better meet the diverse abilities of the students in Holy Angels School, the School will begin to phase students based on learning styles and abilities for Math and Language Arts.
- A Long Range Strategic Plan has been developed that will be further developed and implemented through the components of the up and coming Middle States Self-Study and Re-Accreditation.

Goals for St. John-Holy Angels Religious Education Program

- Partner with Adult Formation and Hispanic Ministry to offer speakers, seminars, open discussion opportunities, etc... for parents and any interested adults.
- The Religious Education program is Lectionary (Sunday Gospel) based. Present more information for parents/adults online and in the bulletin to facilitate at-home discussion and the everyday practice of Catholic values.
- Re-vitalize the Sacramental programs to help parents gain a clearer understanding as **adults** of the Sacraments so that they can in turn impart this knowledge to their children.