



Disciple Maker Index Survey



*St. Michael
Parish Results*

Your Feedback on the DMI Survey Provides Valuable Information for St. Michael Parish



This past spring our parish had the opportunity to participate in the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey. About 33 percent of parishioners took the opportunity to give their feedback. The national participation average is between 7-10 percent, so this puts St. Michael above the national average.

The Disciple Maker Index contained 75 questions designed to provide an opportunity for parishioners to reflect on their individual spiritual growth and overall parish effectiveness. Almost 300,000 Catholics from more than 1,500 parishes throughout 40 dioceses have taken the DMI since 2013, providing not just valuable data for each parish, but for the Church nationally as well.

Of the 336 surveys that were completed, 318 were done online and 18 completed on paper at the parish. The majority of respondents were women, representing 60 percent of the total respondents.





Key Findings

St. Michael Strengths

Attitudes and Beliefs

- 79% strongly believe in the True Presence of the Eucharist, compared to 71% nationally and 74% in our diocese.
- 80% strongly believe that Scripture is the Word of God, compared to 69% nationally and 73% in our diocese.
- 85% attend Mass at least weekly and 70% pray daily.

Potential Action Step: Identify which of these strengths align with the following opportunities for growth and could be a starting point for future efforts.

St. Michael Opportunities for Growth

Sharing the faith with others

- Our lowest 3 rankings were:
 1. Sharing personal story
 2. Sharing the story of Jesus
 3. Explaining Church teachings
- 46% never invite someone to come to Mass, compared to 33% nationally and 38% in our diocese.

Potential Action Step: Identify the role of a personal witness story and plan how to explain and train for discipleship.

Helping Spiritual Growth of Parishioners

- 27% strongly agree that the parish helps their spiritual growth, compared to 38% nationally and 35% in our diocese.
- Our least frequent spiritual practices were:
 1. Spiritual direction / pastoral counseling
 2. Attending a retreat

Potential Action Step: Plan ways to encourage faith mentor relationships, retreat attendance & catechesis opportunities.

Demographics

336

Total surveys completed, representing 33% of 1,033 parishioners

60%

Women who completed the DMI survey

40%

Men who completed the DMI survey

70%

People who responded that are married

58%

Have school age children

1033

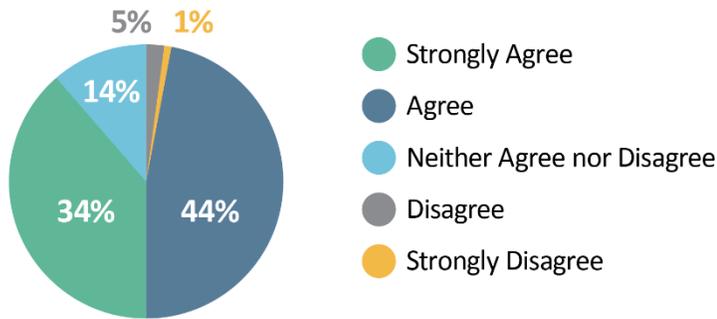
Total number of weekly Mass attendance at St. Michael parish

The DMI Survey examined four primary areas:

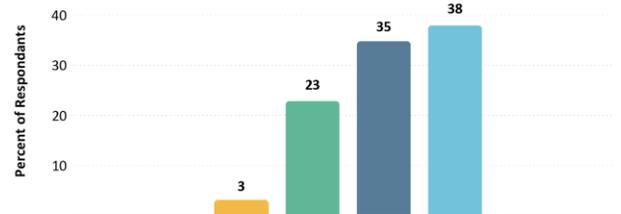
Attitudes & Beliefs
Participation
Overall Satisfaction
Demographics

Key Stats

I would recommend St. Michael Parish

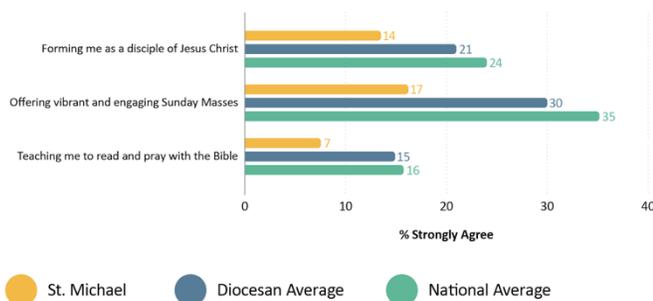


Personal Faith Life



- I consider myself Catholic, though faith is not a significant part of my life.
- I practice my Catholic faith, but do not know Jesus personally like a friend.
- I have personally encountered Jesus Christ and am growing as a disciple.
- My relationship with Jesus Christ is the most important relationship in my life.

Opportunities to Support



What's Next?

- DMI results have been reviewed and considered among other information to assess the current state of the parish and parish life.
- The next step includes sessions in the fall that are open to all in our parish to further share more information, and for you to inform the planning team. Look for invites.
- The draft action plan will be submitted to the diocese for review and feedback.
- The final action plan will be completed by summer 2022.

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Please join me in praying for our future.”



Hello everyone,

Especially in this our 75th Anniversary year, we are certain that our parish community is built upon the solid rock of our past. We must also look with hope to our future.

In March, we formed a team to help study the results of the survey and to develop a plan moving forward.

In addition to myself, members are: **Kregg & Kelly Kish, Mallory Waldmiller, Donovan LaDuke, Liz Greve, David Szolosi, and Jennifer Prichard Clark.** Together, we completed consultation sessions facilitated by the Catholic Leadership Institute.

The three purposes of the sessions were to help us understand the results of the survey, to learn from the responses, and to develop a basis for an action plan.

In unpacking the data and discerning its implications, it is clear that we have reasons to celebrate and also that there is more work to be done.

In the Fall, we will be sharing more information and the team welcomes your continued feedback. Please feel free to reach out to members of the group or myself to share your thoughts or suggestions. I encourage the valued feedback from our parishioners, our staff, and council members as well.

Thank you to those who completed the survey and to those who will participate in the sessions this fall. Please join me in praying for our future. Please join me in praying that this parish community will continue to grow in discipleship. Let us always be ready to give an explanation for our hope to anyone who asks.

God bless,

Fr. Anthony A. Dinovo, Jr.

Pastor

“Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope” (1 Peter 3:15).