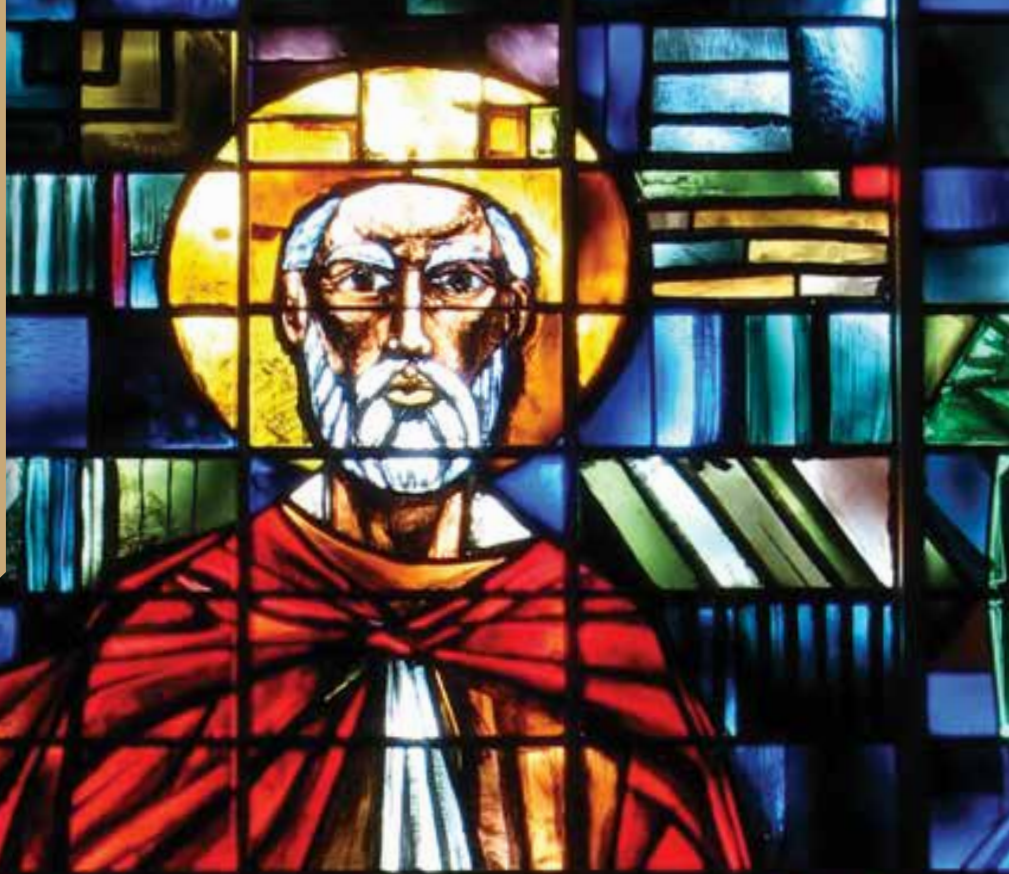


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A Letter from Our Pastor

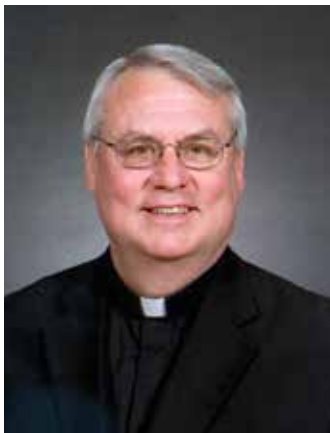
THE RESULTS OF OUR RECENT PARISH SURVEY

Dear Parishioners,

As part of St. Peter's ongoing commitment to develop stewardship as a way of life, we conducted a comprehensive parish survey in fall 2016. 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 497 completed surveys. This is a response rate of 33 percent, which is over three 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 likeness 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. Peter. 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.



Rev. Msgr. Leo J. Enlow
Pastor

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2016 PARISH SURVEY PERCENTAGE REPORTS

Only one response per question was answered unless otherwise indicated.

Liturgy

Where do you and your family regularly attend Mass?

- 98%** St. Peter Catholic Church
- 1%** St. Francis Solanus
- 0%** Blessed Sacrament
- 1%** St. Anthony of Padua
- 0%** St. Rose of Lima
- 1%** Another parish

How often do you attend Mass at St. Peter?

- 59%** Every weekend
- 30%** Every weekend and some weekdays
- 1%** Every weekend and every weekday
- 8%** Occasional weekends (once a month)
- 1%** Seasonally (Christmas, Easter, etc.)
- 2%** I no longer attend Mass

Which Mass at St. Peter do you most frequently attend?

- 25%** Saturday, 5:00 p.m.
- 22%** Sunday, 8:00 a.m.
- 33%** Sunday, 9:30 a.m.
- 21%** Sunday, 11:00 a.m.

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

- 48%** Strongly agree **5%** Disagree
- 33%** Agree **0%** Strongly disagree
- 13%** Neutral

Please indicate how well the following liturgical ministers enhance your prayer and worship.

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Needs Improvement
Priest	77%	20%	3%	0%
Readers	34%	57%	8%	1%
Ushers	39%	52%	8%	1%
Altar Servers	32%	56%	10%	3%
Extraordinary Ministers	44%	50%	5%	1%
Choir	59%	35%	5%	1%
Cantors	44%	47%	8%	1%

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

- **Improve/Adjust Music (29 responses)**
- **Improve/Adjust Liturgical Minister Practices (17 responses)**
- **Adjust/Change the Liturgy Practices (14 responses)**

Adult Religious Education

Have you attended an Adult Religious Education program in the last year at St. Peter Church?

- 18%** Yes
- 82%** No

If you have attended an Adult Religious Education program at St. Peter in the last year, was it a good experience?

- 73%** Yes
- 27%** No

If you haven't attended an Adult Religious Education program at St. Peter in the last year, would you consider attending one in the future?

- 61%** Yes
- 39%** No

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

- 37%** Church Teachings
- 57%** Scriptures/Bible Study
- 23%** Ethics and Morality
- 21%** Marriage
- 25%** Small Faith Sharing Groups
- 57%** Practical Ways of Growing in Faith and Prayer
- 19%** Retreats
- 7%** Other

Parish School of Religion (PSR) (Grades 1 - 8)

Questions in the shaded area were only answered by those who have a child/children who are currently enrolled in PSR.

How would you rate the quality of instruction that our students receive in PSR?

- 27% Excellent
- 54% Good
- 16% Adequate
- 0% Fair
- 2% Poor

Do you feel that the children who attend PSR at St. Peter are receiving good Catholic moral development?

- 78% Yes
- 1% No
- 9% Somewhat
- 12% Unsure

What do you like most about PSR? **(Check all that apply)**

- 50% The catechists and staff
- 24% The families involved
- 64% The children/families learn about their faith
- 0% Parents' programs
- 7% Meeting times
- 7% Other

How do you think we can improve PSR? **(Check all that apply)**

- 56% Get the parents more involved
- 13% Change the time
- 23% More training and support for the teachers
- 23% Improve the curriculum
- 20% Other

Junior High Youth Group (FOUND)

Do you have children in grades seven through nine living in your home?

- 12% Yes
- 88% No

If you have children in junior high school living in your home, do they regularly attend "FOUND," St. Peter's Junior High Youth Group activities/programs?

- 41% Yes
- 60% No

Questions in the shaded area were only answered by those who have children who attend Junior High Youth Group at St. Peter.

How would you rate the quality of the Youth Group at St. Peter?

- 54% Excellent
- 35% Good
- 10% Adequate
- 2% Fair
- 0% Poor

What do you like most about our Youth Group? **(Check all that apply)**

- 58% The commitment and dedication of the staff
- 62% The variety of activities offered
- 66% It involves the youth more in parish life
- 51% The Christian atmosphere in which they socialize
- 10% Other

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How do you think we can most improve the Youth Group?

(Check all that apply)

- 49% Involve the youth in the parish more
- 37% Inform parishioners more about the program
- 39% Get more youth involved
- 10% Offer more activities
- 8% Improve the current activities
- 36% Increase the service opportunities
- 26% Other

St. Peter School

Having a grade school at St. Peter is a vital part of our mission as a parish.

- 83% Strongly agree
- 15% Agree
- 2% Neutral
- 1% Disagree
- 0% Strongly disagree

St. Peter School has a positive image in the community.

- 70% Strongly agree
- 26% Agree
- 3% Neutral
- 0% Disagree
- 0% Strongly disagree

On a scale of 1-10, with 10 being the most likely, how likely are you to recommend St. Peter School to others?

9.2 average

Do you have dependents in grades Pre-K through 8 living in your home?

- 22% Yes
- 78% No

If you have dependents in grades Pre-K through 8 living in your home, where do they attend school?

- 85% St. Peter School
- 0% Another Catholic School
- 0% Other Private School
- 14% Public School
- 1% Home School

If you currently have dependents in grades Pre-K through 8 in your household and they do not attend St. Peter School, what is the reason that they don't attend?

- 0% Transportation is a problem
- 32% More academic options at other school
- 0% Catholic education is not a family priority
- 6% Cost (I would rather put my money to use in other ways)
- 13% Cost (I cannot afford to send my child[ren] to Catholic schools)
- 50% Other

Are you aware that St. Peter parish has a financial assistance program for those in need?

- 90% Yes
- 10% No

Questions in the shaded area were only answered by those who have children currently enrolled at St. Peter School.

How would you rate the quality of EDUCATION that our students currently receive at St. Peter School?

- 53% Excellent
- 40% Good
- 4% Adequate
- 2% Fair
- 1% Poor

How receptive is the ADMINISTRATION AND STAFF to meeting your needs?

- 67% Very receptive
- 22% Somewhat receptive
- 8% Neutral
- 2% Unreceptive
- 1% Very unreceptive

Do you feel that the children who attend our parish school are receiving good Catholic moral development?

- 90% Yes
- 1% No
- 5% Somewhat
- 4% Unsure

What do you like most about our parish school? **(Check all that apply)**

- 60% Great teachers
- 80% The daily emphasis on Christian life
- 80% Catholic education
- 65% Builds community
- 43% Communication: School website, newsletters, email
- 9% Other

How do you think we can improve our parish school? **(Check all that apply)**

- 22% Increase the communication with the parents
- 41% Improve the curriculum
- 40% More training for teachers
- 28% Increase the emphasis on Catholic Faith
- 30% Other

Do you have dependents in grades 9 through 12 living in your home?

- 15% Yes
- 85% No

If you have dependents in grades 9 through 12 living in your home, where do they attend school?

- 73% Quincy Notre Dame High School
- 0% Other Private School
- 30% Public School
- 0% Home School

If you currently have dependents in grades 9 through 12 in your household and they do not attend a Catholic high school, what is the reason that they don't attend?

- 0% Transportation is a problem
- 53% More academic options at other school
- 0% Catholic education is not a family priority
- 13% Cost
- 33% Other

Outreach

Do you feel that St. Peter Catholic Church does a good job reaching out to the following groups:

	Yes	No	Unsure
Active Parishioners	87%	4%	9%
Inactive Parishioners	14%	17%	70%
New Parishioners	50%	8%	42%
Non-Catholic Spouses	16%	18%	66%
The Local Community	57%	7%	36%
The Poor	63%	5%	32%
Other Christian Churches	23%	11%	66%
Other Religions	15%	13%	73%

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

- 52% Increase communications about parish ministries
- 48% Encourage more parishioner participation
- 44% Be more welcoming
- 53% Get more involved in the community
- 10% Other

Parish Life

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

- 97% To attend Mass
- 74% Participate in ministries and volunteer
- 93% Support the parish financially
- 78% Share my faith with others
- 5% Other

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

- 66% Very responsive
- 16% Somewhat responsive
- 2% Unresponsive
- 1% Very unresponsive
- 15% Neutral

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

66% Very responsive **1%** Unresponsive
18% Somewhat responsive **0%** Very unresponsive
15% Neutral

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

(Check all that apply)

92% Bulletin **22%** Web site
14% Facebook **1%** Twitter
55% Email **42%** Newsletter
65% Announcements at Mass **12%** Texting

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
49% Highlights on various parishioners
53% Information on the finances of the parish
19% Diocesan-wide news
50% Articles of general Catholic interest
52% Explanations of specific Catholic teachings
6% Other

Do you use our parish's website?

50% Yes **50%** No

If not, why not?

- **No Computer/Internet (28 responses)**

Stewardship

What is your perception of stewardship (time, talent, and treasure) when it is discussed?

66% Accept it as a core Gospel value and carry it out in my life
0% Don't really understand what it means
27% Think it's important, but find it hard to implement
1% Feel it's not applicable in my life
5% Feel that it's just another way to discuss fundraising

Stewardship of Time

How often does your family share a meal?

69% Daily
24% Several days a week
4% Once a week
4% Less than once a week

Do you say grace before meals?

78% Yes **22%** No

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

50% Yes **50%** 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?

71% Daily
20% Weekly
3% Monthly
2% Every few months
0% Yearly
4% Never

If you have children, do you discuss religious vocations within your family?

40% Yes **60%** No

Stewardship of Talent

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

21% 0 **25%** 1
22% 2 **14%** 3
17% 4 or more

Beyond participating in weekly Masses, how do you rate your involvement in St. Peter Parish?

11% Very involved
25% Moderately involved
37% Somewhat involved
21% Rarely involved
5% Never involved

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

- 1% Not interested in what the parish offers
- 20% Health issues
- 7% Usually unaware of opportunities within the parish
- 49% Not enough time due to family and work responsibilities
- 1% Transportation
- 18% Haven't yet made the effort to get involved
- 1% Lack of babysitting services
- 4% Don't know anyone

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

- 71% Satisfied with current level of involvement
- 29% 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)**

- 24% Weekday mornings
- 46% Weekday evenings
- 14% Saturday mornings
- 20% Saturday evenings
- 42% After the Mass I attend
- 24% Sunday evenings

Stewardship of Treasure

Each parishioner is responsible for supporting our parish financially.

- 65% Strongly agree 31% Agree
- 3% Neutral 1% Disagree
- 0% Strongly disagree

How often do you make financial contributions to St. Peter?

- 53% Every week
- 8% About every other week
- 7% About once a month
- 22% Monthly (for all the weeks in the month)
- 1% Never
- 9% Other

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

- 21% I base my contribution on a percentage of income.
- 58% I have chosen a certain dollar amount.
- 0% I base the amount on what I think the parish needs.
- 4% I base the amount on what I think is my fair share.
- 11% I give whatever I can afford that week.
- 5% I don't have a system that determines how much I give.
- 1% I don't financially support the parish.

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

- 2% 0% of my annual income
- 24% 1% - 2% of my annual income
- 27% 3% - 4% of my annual income
- 27% 5% - 6% of my annual income
- 9% 7% - 8% of my annual income
- 10% 9% - 10% of my annual income
- 2% 11% or more of my annual income

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.
- 42% We are easily able to pay our operating bills.
- 19% We barely generate enough revenue to pay our operating bills.
- 2% We are not generating enough revenue to pay our operating bills.
- 15% I am unaware of the state of our parish finances.

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MASS & RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses

Saturday: 5 p.m.,

Sunday: 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

Weekday Masses

Mon-Sat: 8:00 a.m., except for

Wednesdays during the school year: 8:30
a.m.

Reconciliation

Saturday: 7:30-7:50 a.m.,

3:30-4:30 p.m. or by appointment

Demographics

Gender

- 18% Male
- 53% Female
- 29% Husband and Wife
Completed Together

Marital Status (Check one)

- 4% Single
- 79% Married
- 12% Widowed
- 4% Divorced
- 1% Separated

What is your annual household income?

- 2% \$0 - \$9,999
- 13% \$10,000 - \$29,999
- 21% \$30,000 - \$49,999
- 21% \$50,000 - \$74,999
- 16% \$75,000 - \$99,999
- 21% \$100,000 - \$199,999
- 6% \$200,000 and above

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

- 1% 18 - 29
- 10% 30 - 39
- 14% 40 - 49
- 19% 50 - 59
- 26% 60 - 69
- 34% 70+

How long have you been a registered parishioner at St. Peter?

- 2% 0 - 1 year
- 8% 2 - 5 years
- 14% 5 - 10 years
- 18% 10 - 20 years
- 58% More than 20 years

General Information

The things I like best about St. Peter
Catholic Church are...

- Clergy (76 responses)
- Parishioners (40 responses)
- Parish Community/Family (29
responses)

I wish St. Peter would...

- Be More Welcoming (22
responses)
- Improve/Adjust Ministries (16
responses)
- Improve/Change Liturgy (14
responses)