



# HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH

August 24, 2025

My Dear Parishioners,

Christ is in our midst! What a wonderful parish this is; what faithful and devoted parishioners we have. This past Lent, our parish participated in the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) Survey administered by the Catholic Leadership Institute (CLI). The purpose of the survey was to provide us with a snapshot of our parish family regarding our faith. I am grateful to the 259 parishioners who took the time to participate in the 95-question survey, and I am pleased to share the findings.

Earlier this summer, we assembled a team that started the process of looking at our results and we have been guided by the leadership at CLI. We've completed our own deep dive into the statistics and although encouraged by the many positive responses, we take very seriously the opportunities for growth and improvement.

Overall, the results show a welcoming, faithful community of parishioners who believe in the teachings of the church, the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist, and in scripture as the word of God. Those who completed the survey report regular attendance at Mass and in receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Our opportunities include discipleship formation, evangelization, attendance at retreats and classes, and a focus on vocations. Music is also another opportunity. While we understand the appreciation of music is subjective, the goal of music at Mass is to enhance and support the liturgy, and to help open our hearts to the Liturgy of the Word and Eucharist. For many, our music is achieving that goal, but a slight majority of respondents didn't agree that we offer music that deepens their desire to participate more fully in the Sunday liturgy. We'll continue to explore that issue.

Where we found changes that could be made immediately, we did. For example, 22% of respondents had attended spiritual direction within the last year, which is less than the national and archdiocesan averages. So we recently published an article about spiritual direction (what it is and how you can access it) in our bulletin, and placed that information on our website. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit and in collaboration with our Pastoral Council, we will continue to work to improve our parish and to help all of our parishioners continue to be disciples of Christ and become disciple makers.

We also recognize that the majority of adults in our parish did not participate in the survey – it was 95 questions and did take a commitment of concentrated time. We are working with our Pastoral Council to find ways to continue this journey and conversation with the entire parish.

Our key results are reported on the other side of this letter. Thank you again for your active participation in our parish. May the worship of Christ our God in thought, word and deed be always central in our hearts and minds.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Holy Family of Nazareth, pray for us.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Miguel Grave de Peralta, Pastor



# Strengths

## Top 3 by Highest Percentage Strongly Agree

### Belief:

Eucharist is the Body/Blood of Christ



### Belief:

Scripture is the Word of God



### Belief:

The Church is critical in your relationship with God



### Legend

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neither Agree nor Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree
- I Do Not Know

## Top 3 by Highest Percentage Monthly or More Often

### Frequency:

Mass Attendance



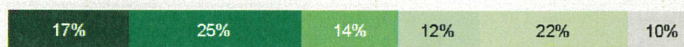
### Frequency:

Individual prayer time



### Frequency:

Prayed with someone



### Legend

- Daily
- Weekly
- Monthly
- Quarterly
- Once or Twice a Year
- Never

## Top 3 by Lowest Percentage Strongly Agree

### Growth Via:

Music deepens participation



### Conversations:

Confidence in teachings



### Growth Via:

Forming as a Disciple



### Legend

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neither Agree nor Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

## Top 3 by Lowest Percentage Monthly or More Often

### Frequency:

Retreats in the Past Year



### Frequency:

Invited a Man to the Priesthood in the Past Year



### Frequency:

Invited another to religious life in the Past Year



### Legend

- Daily
- Weekly
- Monthly
- Quarterly
- Once or Twice a Year
- Never

# Opportunities