



## **Stewardship and Development**

# **PARISH SURVEY**

A parish survey should be designed and distributed to every parish household. The survey inquires about parishioners' opinions regarding parish services and ministries.

The survey will serve to communicate to every parishioner that each is an important person in the parish and their opinion is valuable. It will also identify the needs of the parishioners and whether the parish ministries are meeting those needs.

# Sample Parish Survey

The purpose of this survey is to evaluate the effectiveness of our parish ministries in providing for the spiritual, educational and social needs of the parishioners.

Family Name:	Phone:
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1. Please indicate the number of people in your household (check box and fill in the number in the space provided):

<input type="checkbox"/> A single man:	<input type="checkbox"/> A married woman:	<input type="checkbox"/> Number of pre-schoolers:
<input type="checkbox"/> A single woman:	<input type="checkbox"/> Number of high school students:	<input type="checkbox"/> Number of infants and toddlers:
<input type="checkbox"/> A married man:	<input type="checkbox"/> Number of grade school students:	TOTAL:

2. Age brackets of each are (indicate number in each age bracket):

0 to 5 years:	18 to 25 years:	50 to 50 years:
6 to 13 years:	26 to 39 years:	60 years and over:
14 to 18 years:	40 to 49 years:	

3. Is your family registered in the parish?  Yes  No

4. If no, are you registered in another Chicago parish?  No If yes, parish name:

5. If yes to question 3, how long have you been a member of this parish?

<input type="checkbox"/> 0-2 years	<input type="checkbox"/> 6-10 years	<input type="checkbox"/> Over 20 years
<input type="checkbox"/> 3-5 years	<input type="checkbox"/> 11-20 years	

6. Please rate each of the following aspects of the way mass is celebrated.

	Excellent				Poor
<b>Hospitality</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 1

Suggested ways to improve:

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	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
<b>Ushers</b>					

Suggested ways to improve:

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	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
<b>Lectors</b>					

Suggested ways to improve:

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**Music**                      Excellent                      □ 5                      □ 4                      □ 3                      □ 2                      Poor                      □ 1

Suggested ways to improve:  
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**Homilies**                      □ 5                      □ 4                      □ 3                      □ 2                      □ 1

Suggested ways to improve:  
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**Offertory**                      □ 5                      □ 4                      □ 3                      □ 2                      □ 1

Suggested ways to improve:  
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**Prayerful Atmosphere**                      □ 5                      □ 4                      □ 3                      □ 2                      □ 1  
 (before/after mass)

Suggested ways to improve:  
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**Church Appearance**                      □ 5                      □ 4                      □ 3                      □ 2                      □ 1

Suggested ways to improve:  
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**Sound System**                      □ 5                      □ 4                      □ 3                      □ 2                      □ 1

Suggested ways to improve:  
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7. Which of the following are, or would be, most helpful to your prayer life? Check all that apply.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Parish Mission Week (weeklong parish renewal) | <input type="checkbox"/> Spiritual Formation | <input type="checkbox"/> Rosary |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration               | <input type="checkbox"/> Bible Study         | <input type="checkbox"/> Mass   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Education                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer Group        | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |

8. Please rate how well you believe this parish is serving the needs of the following groups of parishioners. If any of these areas do not apply to you, or you cannot assess them adequately, please check "NA."

<b>Preschool Children</b>	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	Poor <input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> NA
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Suggested ways to improve:

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<b>School Children (K-8)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> NA
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Suggested ways to improve:

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<b>High School Students (9-12)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> NA
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Suggested ways to improve:

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<b>Single Adults</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> NA
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Suggested ways to improve:

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<b>Young Married Couples (no children)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> NA
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Suggested ways to improve:

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<b>Families</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> NA
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Suggested ways to improve:

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<b>Single-Parent Families</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> NA
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Suggested ways to improve:

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**Age 50 and over**      Excellent      Poor  
 5       4       3       2       1       NA

Suggested ways to improve:

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**Senior Citizens (retired)**     5       4       3       2       1       NA

Suggested ways to improve:

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**Persons with Disabilities**     5       4       3       2       1       NA

Suggested ways to improve:

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**Non-Catholic Spouses**     5       4       3       2       1       NA

Suggested ways to improve:

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9. If you were provided training, would you be willing to volunteer for something that you may be qualified for, yet in which you do not have much experience (e.g., lector, usher, religious education instructor)?  
 Yes     No

10. Which of the following best describes how you really feel about tithing (percentage of giving) of treasure?

- I follow the biblical concept of tithing by giving the "first fruits." 10 percent of my gross income (8 percent to the parish and 2 percent to other charities).
- Follow the biblical concept of tithing by giving the "first fruits." 10 percent of my gross income (5 percent to the parish and 5 percent to other charities).
- For me, tithing means giving a percentage of my gross income, but not 10 percent.
- I take care of my personal bills and then give to the parish from what is leftover.
- I make an occasional donation, but I do not give a percentage of my income.
- I do not believe in giving money to the Church or charity.
- Other:

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11. If you do not believe in the biblical concept of tithing, why not? Check as many as apply.

- Giving money to the parish does not result in any direct benefit to my family or me.
- The money given to the parish is not spent well.
- There are too many other things my money goes for. If I were to give a percentage of my gross income, I would not be able to support my current lifestyle.
- Too much of the money contributed does not stay in this parish.
- This parish is relatively well off. I prefer to give to more needy causes.
- Other:

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12. What is your perception of our current parish financial status?

- We are generating enough revenue to pay our operating bills, including facility upkeep, and to put money aside in savings to meet future parish needs.
- We are generating the revenue to pay our operating bills, including facility upkeep, but do not put money aside for future parish needs.
- We are generating barely enough revenue to pay our operating bills.
- We are having difficulty paying our operating bills.

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13. How are you informed about the parish finances? Check all that apply.

- Weekly bulletin
- Conversations with other parishioners
- Annual financial report
- Not at all
- Other:

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14. How would you describe your knowledge of Catholic doctrine and issues pertaining to the Catholic faith?

- Knowledgeable
- Knowledgeable, but some additional education would be helpful.
- Somewhat knowledgeable, but there are definitely issues that I need to learn more about.
- Not very knowledgeable.

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15. Have you or would attend adult education or bible study sessions?  Yes  No If no, why?

- I was not aware of them
- I do not have time
- None of the topics have been of interest to me. I would attend session(s) on the following topic(s):
- They are held at times that do not fit into my schedule. The best time for me to attend is:
- I am not interested in attending adult education sessions.
- Other:

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16. What do you like best about this parish?

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17. What would you like to see added or changed to improve this parish?

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18. How has the growth of the parish (or lack thereof) affected your own family?

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19. We do not send our child(ren) to the parish school or Catholic high school because:

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20. How do you and your child(ren) feel you are included in parish life?

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21. What should be done to improve the parish school?

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22. What improvements do you think we need to make to our Religious Education Programs?

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- Strength of religious curriculum                       Atmosphere conducive to learning  
 Discipline                       Other:
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**Please complete this section only if you have children attending diocesan Catholic schools.**

23. What is your most important reason for enrolling your child(ren) in the Catholic schools?

<b>Elementary</b>	<b>High School</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Safe Environment	<input type="checkbox"/> Safe Environment
<input type="checkbox"/> Academics	<input type="checkbox"/> Academics
<input type="checkbox"/> Religious Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious Education
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:

24. What importance do you think your child's school places on religious instruction and activities?

	High Priority				Low
<b>Elementary</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
<b>High School</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 1

25. Realizing that religious and academic education are of primary concern, please rank the following additional areas according to the importance you think they should have at the elementary or high school level.

<b>Elementary</b>	High Importance				Low
Sports/Physical Education	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
Health and Substance Abuse Prevention	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
Music and Art	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
Computers and Technology	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
Sports/Physical Education	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
Foreign Language	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
Special Education Services	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
<b>High School</b>	High Importance				Low
Sports/Physical Education	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
Health and Substance Abuse Prevention	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
Music and Art	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
Computers and Technology	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
Sports/Physical Education	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
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**Thank you for completing this survey. This information will help the parish set priorities and goals for the future. Results of this parish survey will be available as soon as possible.**