



ST. JAMES THE LESS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Spring DMI Results

As you are all aware we are working with the Diocese of Columbus on the Real Presence Real Future project. As part of this project, last spring our parish had the opportunity to participate in the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) Survey. 230 adults in our parish –or about 21% percent of parishioners –took the time to give their feedback, about spiritual growth and overall parish effectiveness. The national participation average is between 7 – 10%, so this puts St. James the Less above the national average.

The results from the Diocese were handed to you weeks ago, and now we are presenting to you the St. James the Less results of the survey.

When reading the results, please consider that due to the Covid 19 restrictions some of our programs were terminated and the results of the survey might have somehow been affected. Nevertheless, the results of our survey are still valuable for our Pastoral Planning process and will be of major help as we walk the way of developing our own Pastoral Plan.



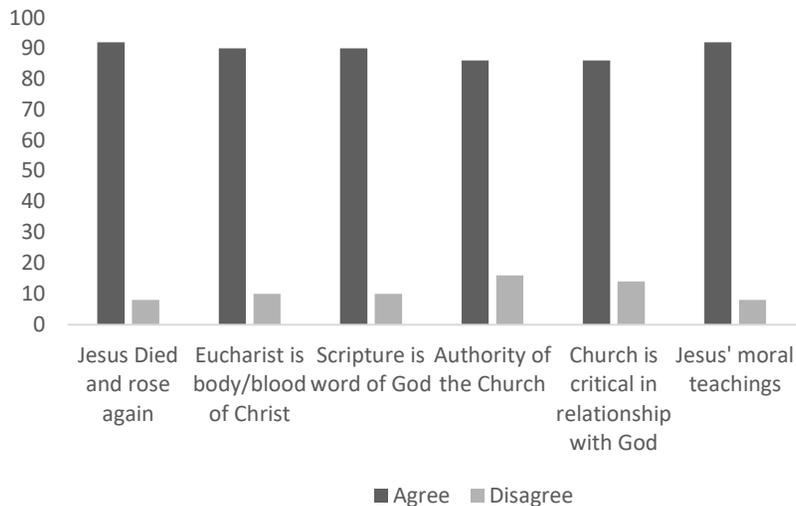
Real Presence Real Future

OUR STRENGTHS

(Personal beliefs, Parish and parishioners connection)

The community expresses a strong belief in Catholic doctrine. On average, 90% of those surveyed responded that they firmly believe in real presence of Christ in the Eucharist, the Bible is the Word of God, Christ died and rose again.

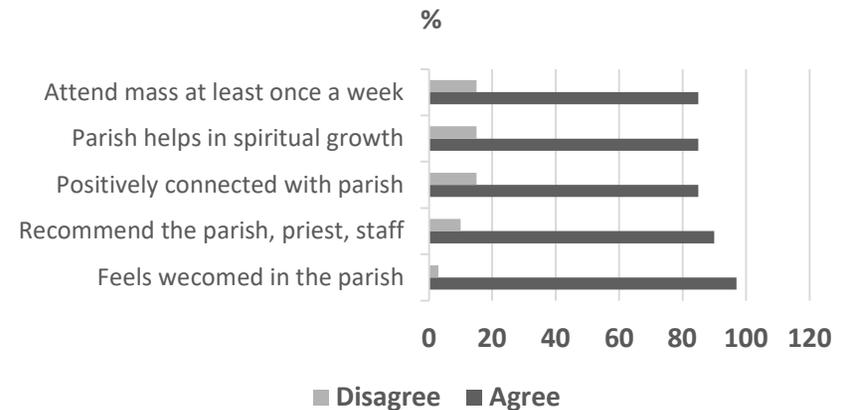
Personal Beliefs



The survey shows that parish and parishioner have a good connection.

- 87% of those surveyed attend Mass at least once a week.
- 97% feels welcomed in the parish.
- 90% would recommend the parish, priest and the staff.
- 87% of the parishioners feel positively connected to the parish, because they offer opportunities for service, good communication, and support in times of need.
- 85% agrees that the parish helps them in their spiritual growth, through the Mass, preaching and sacramental preparation.

Parish and parishioners' connection



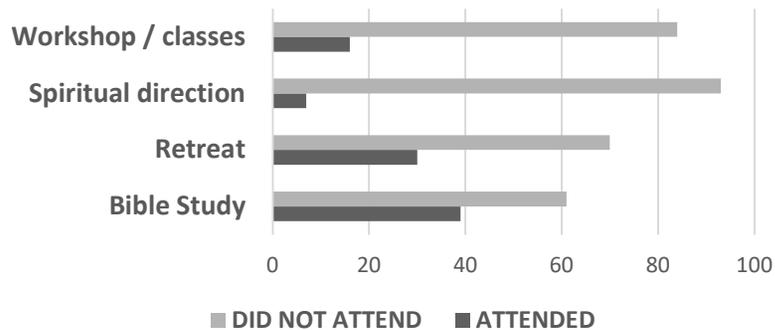
OUR CHALLENGES

(Community Spiritual Growth, Missionary Disciples)

- The spiritual growth of the community has been affected by the restrictions of the pandemic.
- Even when a biblical study and retreat were done for the Anglo community, attendance was lower than expected, due to Covid 19.
- The Parish needs to increase the challenges of spiritual formation, through Bible studies, retreats, workshops and spiritual direction, in the short term, especially for Hispanics.

Community Spiritual Growth

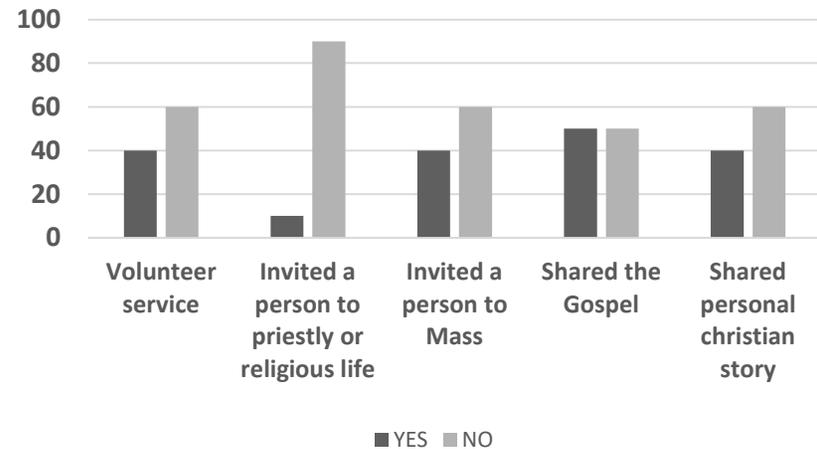
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- Our community must improve the commitment that every baptized strives to become a missionary disciple. The number of people who responded positively to these questions is very low, as it can be seen in the graph.

Missionary Disciples' Commitment

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ST. JAMES THE LESS SCHOOL

What's Next?

The DMI (Disciple Maker Index) shows us many lessons and possible ways to develop our pastoral work together.

Under the pastoral care of the Congregation of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood, and your participation and commitment, we could continue to be a vibrant community willing to live the Gospel of Christ and attract others to be part of our Church, just as the first disciples did.

We thank all the people who have participated, but the work has just begun. We are ready to keep going on and will be asking you as parishioners to register for one session in the fall to discuss our own parish's results and give us your feedback. The date will be announced as soon as we receive the information. Many thanks.

Father Tony.

