

Parish Vitality Survey



Since the early 1980s, pastoral research has identified some key indicators of parish vitality. Below are a series of statements related to these indicators. Please indicate how descriptive these statements are of our parish.

**Not at All
Descriptive**

**Very
Descriptive**

Liturgy

1.	Our parishioners participate fully in the celebration of the liturgy.	1	2	3	4	5
2.	The liturgies at our parish are prayerful, reverent, and spiritually moving.	1	2	3	4	5
3.	The music at our liturgies inspires prayer and worship of God.	1	2	3	4	5
4.	The preaching connects scripture to daily life and inspires Christian living.	1	2	3	4	5

Evangelization

5.	Our parish reaches out to non-practicing Catholics and the Unchurched.	1	2	3	4	5
6.	Our parish plays an active and visible role in the life of our community.	1	2	3	4	5
7.	Our parish reaches out to diverse populations.	1	2	3	4	5

Education

8.	Our parish supports a local Catholic Grade School and High School.	1	2	3	4	5
9.	A quality K-12 Religious Education Program is provided for children not enrolled in a Catholic School.	1	2	3	4	5
10.	There is an active Youth Ministry program in the parish.	1	2	3	4	5
11.	Our parish emphasizes the building and renewal of adult faith in all its efforts.	1	2	3	4	5
12.	Parishioners experience spiritual growth through involvement in small faith-sharing communities and /or parish based pastoral movements or programs.	1	2	3	4	5

Social Concerns and Outreach

13.	Our parish is a supportive community where people care for one another.	1	2	3	4	5
14.	Our parish engages in outreach to the poor.	1	2	3	4	5
15.	Our parish has made appropriate accommodations so that persons with disabilities can fully participate in the Liturgy and parish programs.	1	2	3	4	5

Welcoming

16.	New members are personally contacted and welcomed to our parish by parishioners or staff.	1	2	3	4	5
17.	Parishioners appreciate and encourage the multicultural diversity of parishioners and staff.	1	2	3	4	5

Responding to the Needs of People

18.	Our parish attends to the special needs and situations of families (e.g. single parents, separated and divorced, inter-church marriages, etc.	1	2	3	4	5
19.	Our parish attends to the needs of the sick, homebound and bereaved.	1	2	3	4	5
20.	Our parish attends to the needs of the imprisoned.	1	2	3	4	5

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Parishioner Involvement

21.	Our parish offers a wide variety of opportunities for parishioners to become involved in parish life and ministry.	1	2	3	4	5
22.	Parishioners are personally invited to engage in parish leadership and ministry.	1	2	3	4	5
23.	Parishioners are eager to become involved in parish leadership and ministry.	1	2	3	4	5
24.	Parishioners receive training for leadership and ministry.	1	2	3	4	5
25.	Youth and adults are actively involved in the life of our parish.	1	2	3	4	5
26.	Events and programs at our parish are well attended.	1	2	3	4	5

Communications

27.	Parish leaders regularly consult parishioners regarding their hopes and concerns.	1	2	3	4	5
28.	Our parish has a clear sense of mission and purpose.	1	2	3	4	5
29.	Parish leadership consults parishioners in decisions that affect the life of the parish.	1	2	3	4	5
30.	Our parish effectively communicates information about parish ministries, activities, and events.					

Pastoral Leadership

31.	Our pastor and his pastoral staff work together as a team, where members are empowered to use their gifts to advance the mission of the church.	1	2	3	4	5
32.	Members of all councils committees collaborate with each other and the pastor.	1	2	3	4	5
33.	Our parish recruits and retains high quality pastoral staff.	1	2	3	4	5
34.	Our pastor and pastoral staff are energized and enthusiastic about their ministry.	1	2	3	4	5
35.	Our parish invests in the ongoing training and formation of the pastor and pastoral staff.	1	2	3	4	5

Prayer and Spirituality

36.	Our parish is spiritually vital and alive.	1	2	3	4	5
37.	Our parishioners are spiritually prepared to live the gospel in their daily lives.	1	2	3	4	5
38.	Our parish provides a variety of prayer experiences and popular devotions.	1	2	3	4	5

Fiscal Health

39.	Our parish income is adequate to meet operating expenses.	1	2	3	4	5
40.	Our parish is generous when it comes to special collections and needs beyond the parish.	1	2	3	4	5
41.	Our parish regularly meets its Bishop's Annual Appeal goal.	1	2	3	4	5
42.	Our parish is current on our Diocesan and school assessments.	1	2	3	4	5