

## DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX SURVEY RESULTS

Discover what makes the people of Ascension parish unique in our journey of faith.



### ASCENSION AT A GLANCE

**1,963**

Total number of surveys completed, representing 24% of registered parishioners ages 18+

**8,210**

number of registered adults at Ascension (aged 18+) as of July 2022

**40%**

of surveys were completed by men

**60%**

of surveys were completed by women

**4%**

of completed surveys were people aged 25 and under.

**20%**

of completed surveys were people aged 26-45

**34%**

of completed surveys were people aged 46-65

**42%**

of completed surveys were people aged 66+



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This week, we are sharing data from the All Things New Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey that so many of you participated in earlier this year. Our parish team has been reviewing our data in comparison to archdiocesan averages and data from other large suburban parishes around the country. The team also completed an extensive feedback form to offer both context around our DMI results and input about our parish structure and ministries to the archdiocese to help keep the process moving forward.

In the following pages, you will see highlights of some of our strengths and areas for growth, similar in format to how the archdiocese recently shared its data on the All Things New web site and in the St. Louis Review. Remember that this data is just one of many inputs being used to examine the current landscape and determine the best plan moving forward. This data has given us the opportunity to have prayerful and thoughtful discussions about Ascension's strengths and areas for growth. Our survey results reflected many strong points, however, we also have some opportunities for improvement, particularly when it comes to sharing our faith.

One of our next steps is to gather your feedback on top priorities for evangelization and social outreach in our area. This feedback will be shared with the archdiocese and will inform and guide the initiative and the subcommittees for evangelization, family, youth, and young adult ministries as well as the subcommittee for Catholic presence and social outreach. Please see the special ATN section of the bulletin for information on our brief, online survey for this purpose.

This fall, the All Things New team will offer each parish two in-person listening sessions. These sessions will be led by a trained local volunteer facilitator and will include a specific presentation for our planning area with proposed parish and school models. There will be an opportunity for attendees to provide feedback on session content as well as the ability to share online feedback through year end.

Thank you for your continued prayers for the success of the All Things New initiative. If you have questions about our DMI results, please contact Deacon Marino at [jjm7478@gmail.com](mailto:jjm7478@gmail.com).

# STRENGTHS

## Highest Percentage Strongly Agree or Agree

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

I believe the Eucharist is the Body and Blood of Christ.



I believe scripture is the Word of God.



I believe the Church is critical in relationship to God.



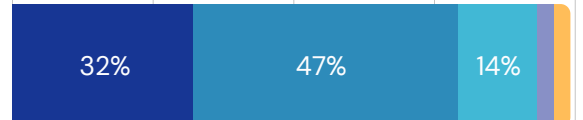
I would recommend my parish to a friend.



I would recommend my pastor to a friend.



My parish provides me with opportunities to serve those in need.



Information is widely available.



Support for children to grow as disciples.



Recommend Parish School



Recommend Parish School of Religion (PSR)



### DEMOGRAPHICS

**94%**

of people who completed the survey identify as Catholic

**92%**

of people who completed the survey identified as Caucasian

**82%**

of people who completed the survey are married

**71%**

of people who completed the survey do not have school age children

**55%**

of people who completed the survey sent (or are currently sending) all of their children to Catholic school

**88%**

of people who completed the survey identified Ascension as their primary place of worship

**53%**

of people who completed the survey have been registered parishioners at Ascension for over 20 years

**26%**

of people who completed the survey give \$1,000-\$2,499 annually to the parish

**59%**

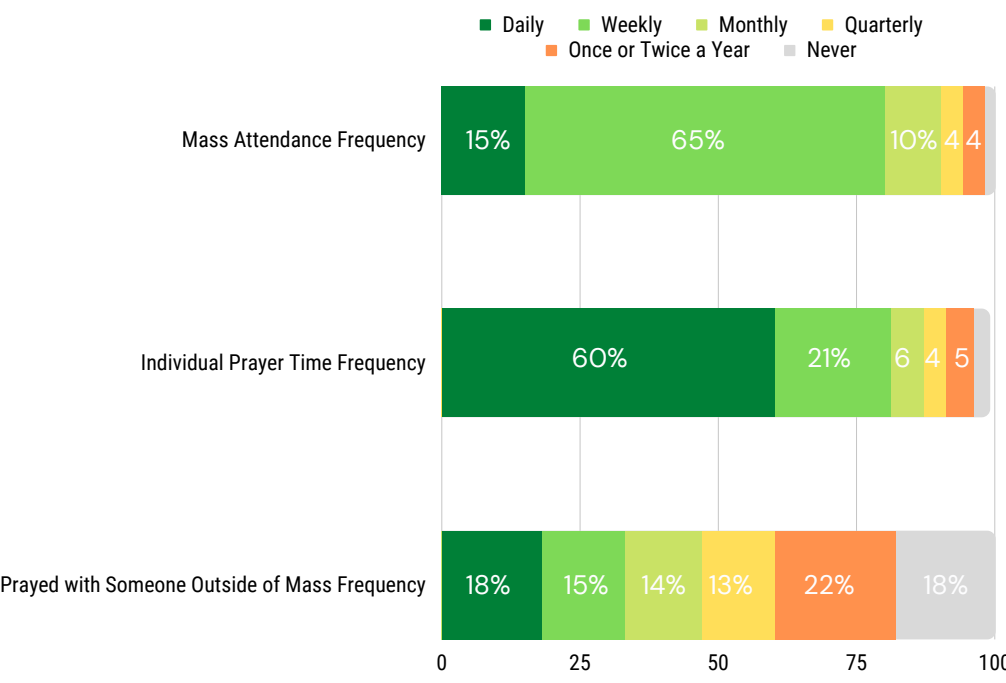
of people who completed the survey determine a total dollar amount to give to the parish each year

**7%**

of people who completed the survey do not support the parish financially at this time

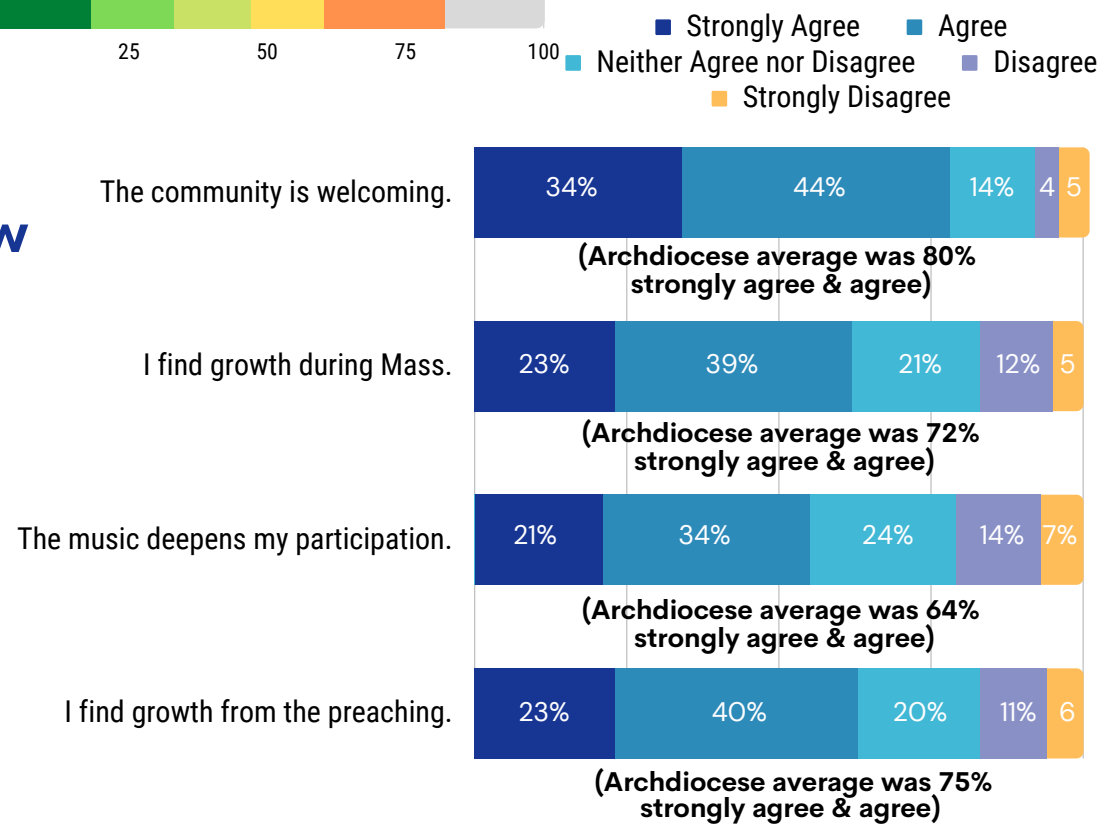


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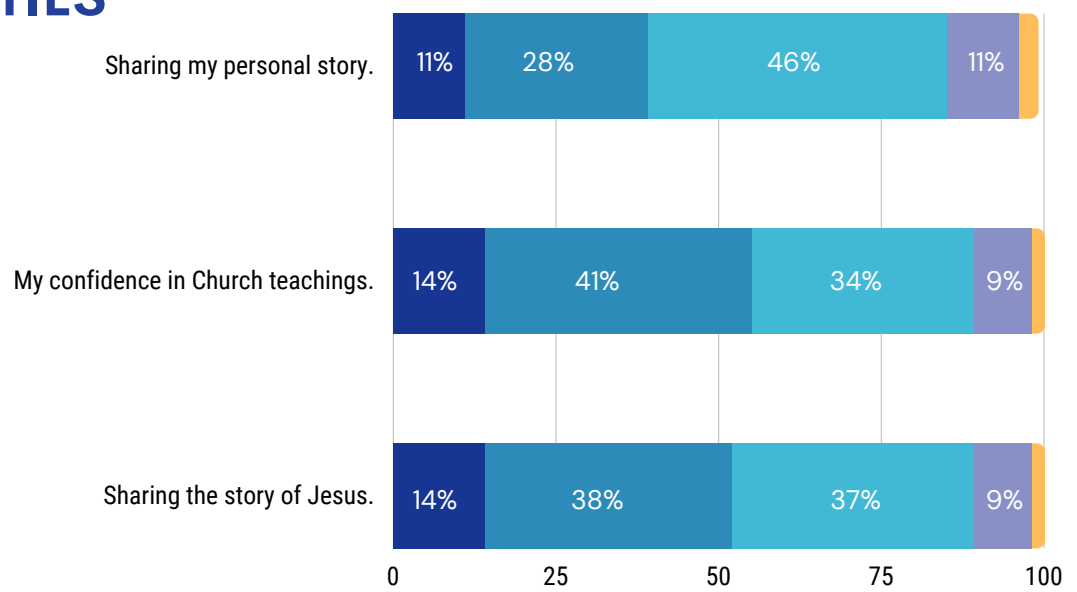
**Highest Percentage Monthly or More Often**

## How I Personally View the Sunday Mass

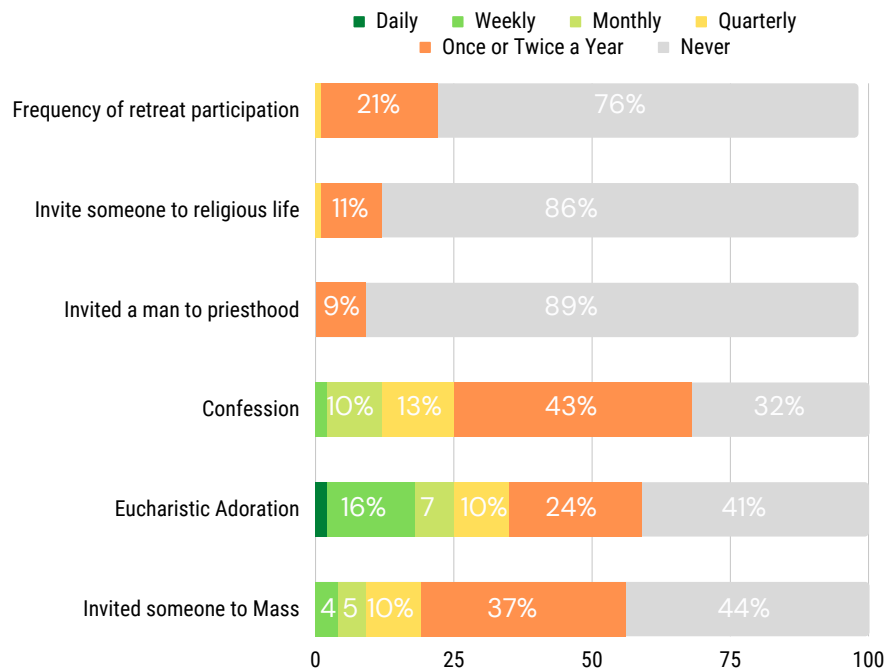


## OPPORTUNITIES

With respect to the areas in which survey respondents felt they needed the most support from their parishes, the most significant were:



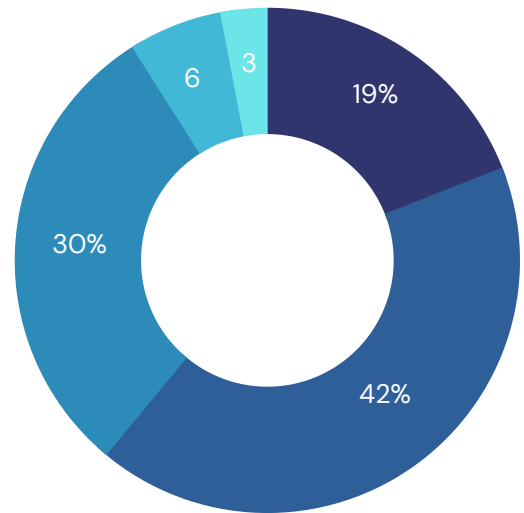
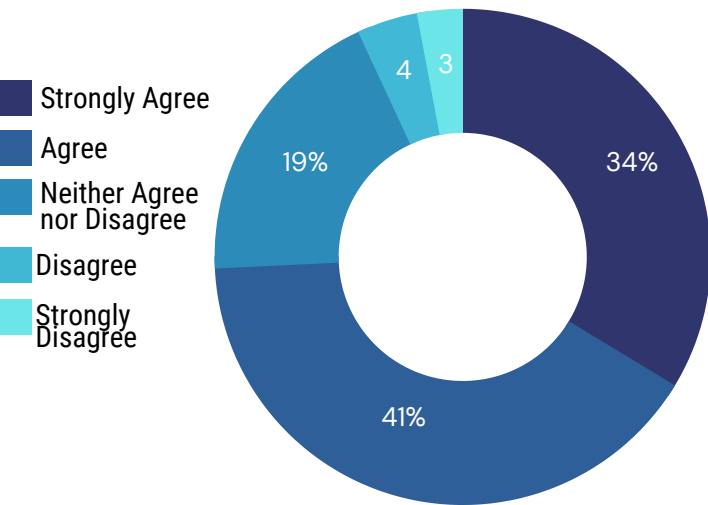
# Lowest Percentage Monthly or More Often



## FOSTERING SPIRITUAL GROWTH

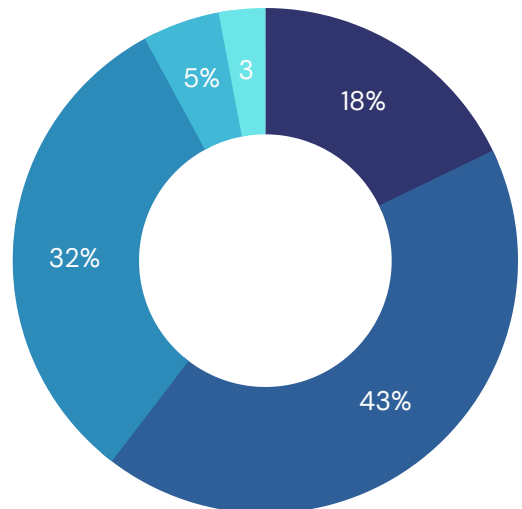
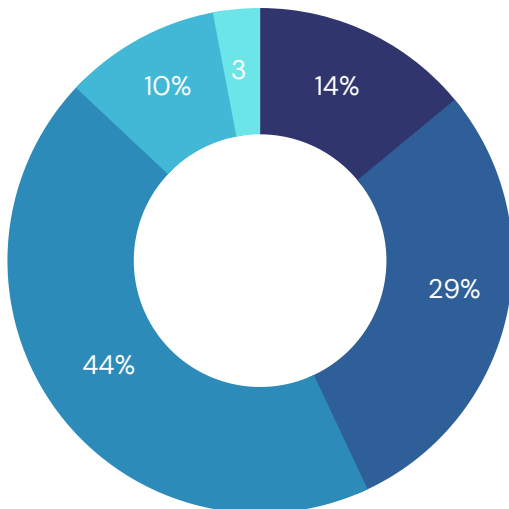
My parish helps me grow spiritually as a Catholic.

My parish helps me develop a personal prayer life.



My parish helps connect me with a small faith-sharing group.

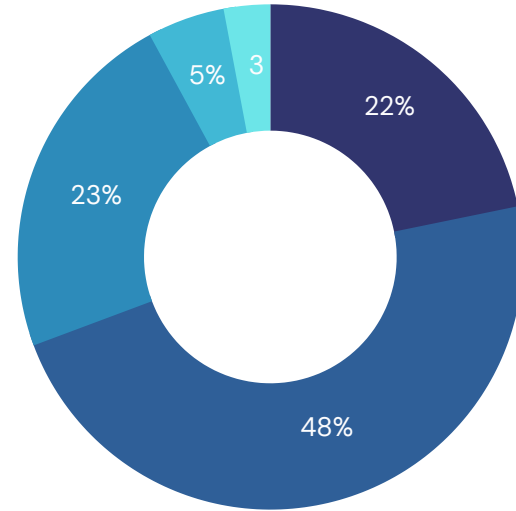
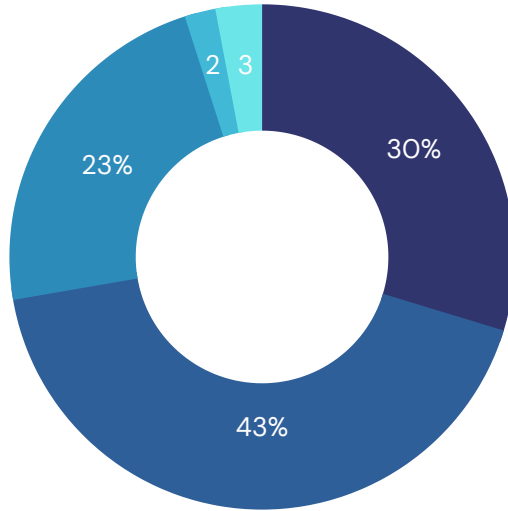
My parish provides retreats, workshops and other resources.



My parish prepares me/my family for the sacraments.

My parish helps me recognize how God is working in my life.

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



**\*Please remember, these results only represent those that completed the survey, not everyone who is registered at Ascension**

## WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS?

Based on what you have heard so far about our parish and Archdiocesan DMI results, as well as some of the demographic, financial and sacramental data regarding our parish, please respond to the following two questions:

1. What do you think is the top priority for evangelization in our parish that should be invested in moving forward? (Select one.)

- A. Children’s ministry (elementary through high school)
- B. Family ministry / marriage ministry
- C. Young adult / adult ministry
- D. Senior living ministry
- E. Other: please specify \_\_\_\_\_

2. What do you think is the top priority for our parish to provide outreach in our community? (Select one.)

- A. Outreach to the local Chesterfield community (e.g., St. Vincent DePaul)
- B. Outreach to other parishes (e.g., Reach-Out: St. Alphonsus Rock Church and St. Vincent DePaul Church)
- C. Outreach in partnership with groups/organizations to feed the homeless and the poor (e.g., Saint Louis area food bank, Missionaries of Charity soup kitchen, etc.)
- D. Outreach in partnership with other faith denominations or community organizations (e.g., Jubilee Missionary Church clinic for drug addicts, Rebuilding together, etc.)
- E. Other: please specify \_\_\_\_\_

3. Additional comments?

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