

Catholic Leadership Institute – Disciple Maker Index Survey

Combined Results from IHM and St. Joseph Churches in Spring 2024

210 Total Surveys taken (IHM and St. Joseph)

DEMOGRAPHICS

Who are the respondents?

- 99% are Catholic.
- 31% are male; 69% are female.
- 52% are married; 13% are single; 8% are divorced; 26% are widowed.
- 72% are 66 or older; 16% are 56-65 years old; 6% are 46-55 years old; 4% are 36-45 years old; 2% are 26-35 years old.
- 95% are Caucasian (The remaining 5% are Asian-American, Native American or Other.)
- 91% do not have school age children
- 89% have been members for 11 or more years.
- 70% have incomes under \$150,000
- 97% report regular financial giving to the parish

In the next four categories, the responses are listed from strongest agreement to weakest agreement.

SECTION A

I personally believe...

1. Jesus died and rose from the dead for my salvation – 97% Agree or Strongly Agree
2. The Eucharist really is the body and blood of Jesus Christ – 94% Agree or Strongly Agree
3. Scripture is the word of God – 91% Agree or Strongly Agree
4. In Jesus' moral teachings for my life as taught by the Church – 87% Agree or Strongly Agree
5. The Church is critical to my relationship with God – 84% Agree or Strongly Agree
6. In the teaching authority of the Church – 81% Agree or Strongly Agree

SECTION B

My parish helps me connect with the local Catholic community by...

1. Making information about the parish easy for me to find (via bulletin, web, email) – 97% Agree or Strongly Agree
2. Providing me with opportunities to serve those in need – 87% Agree or Strongly Agree
3. Making me feel welcomed and accepted – 82% Agree or Strongly Agree
4. Providing transparent information to me about the finances of the parish – 82% Agree or Strongly Agree
5. Providing a community to support me and/or my family in times of need – 70% Agree or Strongly Agree
6. Following up with me when I express interest in becoming more involved – 56% Agree or Strongly Agree
7. Involving me in decisions that affect the future of the parish – 55% Agree or Strongly Agree

SECTION C

My parish helps me grow spiritually by...

1. Preaching and homilies that connect my faith with my everyday life – 81% Agree or Strongly Agree
2. Offering vibrant and engaging Sunday Masses – 81% Agree or Strongly Agree
3. Offering music that deepens my desire to participate more fully in the Sunday liturgy – 76% Agree or Strongly Agree
4. Forming me as a disciple of Jesus Christ – 75% Agree or Strongly Agree
5. Preparing me/my family for the sacraments (Confirmation, Marriage, Baptism) – 72% Agree or Strongly Agree
6. Helping me develop a personal prayer life that connects me with God – 62% Agree or Strongly Agree
7. Teaching me to read and pray with the Bible – 53% Agree or Strongly Agree
8. Providing retreats, workshops, and other resources to help me figure out my life's purpose – 50% Agree or Strongly Agree
9. Connecting me with a small faith-sharing group – 47% Agree or Strongly Agree

SECTION D

My parish equips me to have conversations about my faith with family and friends by...

1. Exhibiting care to members of our community (not necessarily Catholics) – 92% Agree or Strongly Agree
2. Helping me recognize how God is working in my life – 83 % Agree or Strongly Agree
3. Teaching me how to share the story of Jesus – 62% Agree or Strongly Agree
4. Growing my confidence in the Church's teachings so I can answer other's questions – 60% Agree or Strongly Agree
5. Providing high-quality events and other opportunities to which I can invite people – 49% Agree or Strongly Agree
6. Teaching me how to share my personal witness story – 44% Agree or Strongly Agree

SECTION E

Participation

1. I attend Mass monthly (7%) weekly (82%) daily (7%)
2. I have individual prayer time with God weekly (16%) daily (74%)
3. I participate in a Bible study or prayer group monthly (7%) weekly (16%) daily (4%)
4. I participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation once or twice a year (52%) quarterly (9%) monthly (6%)
5. I participate in pastoral counseling or spiritual direction once or twice a year (13%) quarterly (2%) monthly (1%) weekly (2%)
6. I participate in classes/workshops about the Catholic faith once or twice a year (18%) quarterly (2%) monthly (4%) weekly (4%)
7. I participate in parish social events once or twice a year (44%) quarterly (23%) monthly (20%)
8. I participate in a retreat once or twice a year (16%)
9. I participate in Eucharistic adoration once or twice a year (26%) quarterly (4%) monthly (7%) weekly (21%) daily (2%)
10. I practice a Catholic devotion (e.g. pray the rosary, novenas, special feast days) once or twice a year (27%) quarterly (13%) monthly (8%) weekly (14%) daily (21%)