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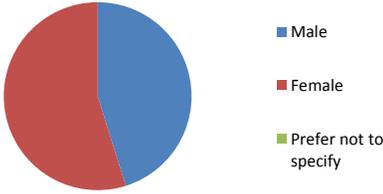
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Demographics

Number of responses 35

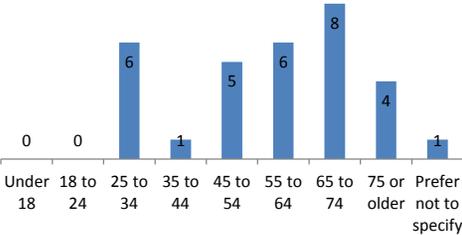
What is your gender?

Male	14	45%
Female	17	55%
Prefer not to specify	0	0%



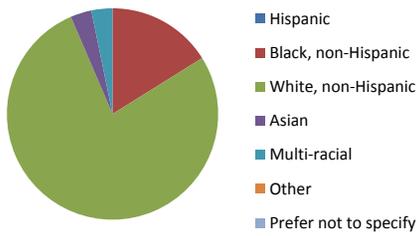
What is your age?

Under 18	0	0%
18 to 24	0	0%
25 to 34	6	19%
35 to 44	1	3%
45 to 54	5	16%
55 to 64	6	19%
65 to 74	8	26%
75 or older	4	13%
Prefer not to specify	1	3%



What describes your racial/ethnic background?

Hispanic	0	0%
Black, non-Hispanic	5	16%
White, non-Hispanic	24	77%
Asian	1	3%
Multi-racial	1	3%
Other	0	0%
Prefer not to specify	0	0%





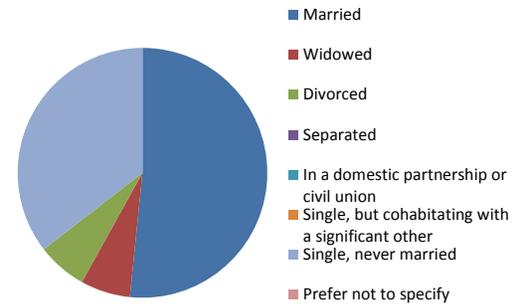
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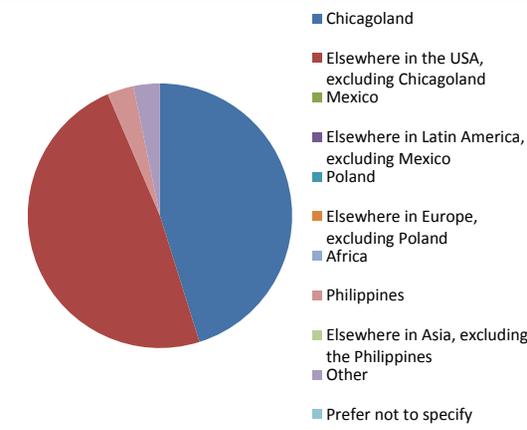
What is your current marital status?

Married	16	52%
Widowed	2	6%
Divorced	2	6%
Separated	0	0%
In a domestic partnership or civil union	0	0%
Single, but cohabitating with a significant other	0	0%
Single, never married	11	35%
Prefer not to specify	0	0%



Where were you born?

Chicagoland	14	45%
Elsewhere in the USA, excluding Chicagoland	15	48%
Mexico	0	0%
Elsewhere in Latin America, excluding Mexico	0	0%
Poland	0	0%
Elsewhere in Europe, excluding Poland	0	0%
Africa	0	0%
Philippines	1	3%
Elsewhere in Asia, excluding the Philippines	0	0%
Other	1	3%
Prefer not to specify	0	0%





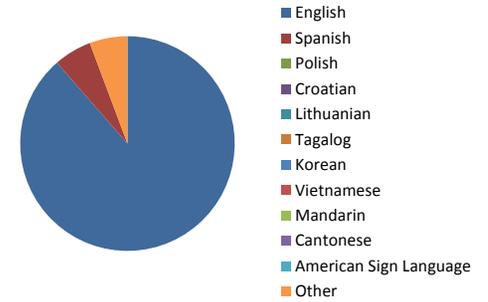
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Which languages are used in your home?

English	31	89%
Spanish	2	6%
Polish	0	0%
Croatian	0	0%
Lithuanian	0	0%
Tagalog	0	0%
Korean	0	0%
Vietnamese	0	0%
Mandarin	0	0%
Cantonese	0	0%
American Sign Language	0	0%
Other	2	6%



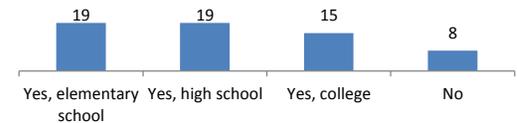
In which zip code do you reside?

Top 10 zip code responses

60616	15	50%
60525	3	10%
60609	3	10%
60661	2	7%
60402	1	3%
60608	1	3%
60626	1	3%
60645	1	3%
60305	1	3%
60615	1	3%
60610	1	3%

Did you attend Catholic school?

Yes, elementary school	19	54%
Yes, high school	19	54%
Yes, college	15	43%
No	8	23%



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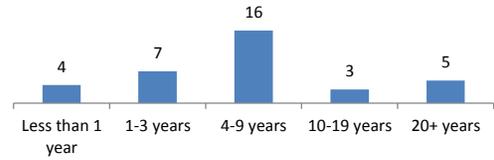
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Engagement

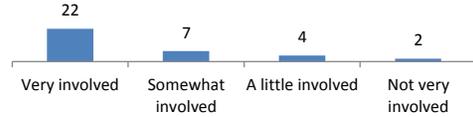
How long have you been attending this parish?

Less than 1 year	4	11%
1-3 years	7	20%
4-9 years	16	46%
10-19 years	3	9%
20+ years	5	14%



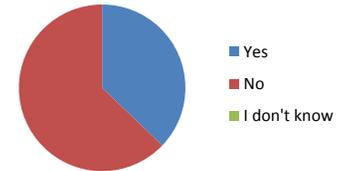
How involved are you at this parish?

Very involved	22	63%
Somewhat involved	7	20%
A little involved	4	11%
Not very involved	2	6%



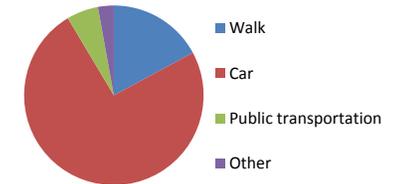
Is this parish the closest parish to where you live or where you come from when you attend Mass on Sunday?

Yes	13	37%
No	22	63%
I don't know	0	0%



What method of transportation do you usually take when you go to Mass at the parish?

Walk	6	17%
Car	26	74%
Public transportation	2	6%
Other	1	3%





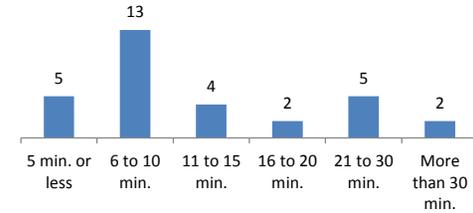
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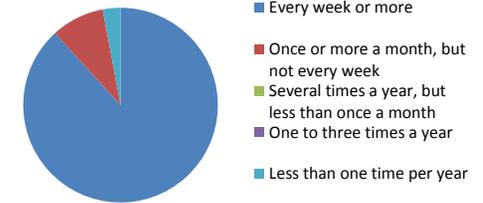
How long does it take you to drive to the parish when you go to Mass?

5 min. or less	5	16%
6 to 10 min.	13	42%
11 to 15 min.	4	13%
16 to 20 min.	2	6%
21 to 30 min.	5	16%
More than 30 min.	2	6%



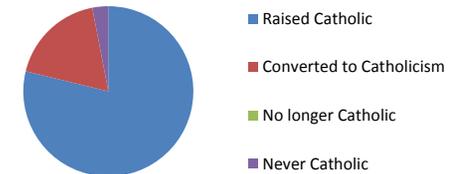
How frequently do you attend Mass (at any Catholic church)?

Every week or more	30	88%
Once or more a month, but not every week	3	9%
Several times a year, but less than once a month	0	0%
One to three times a year	0	0%
Less than one time per year	1	3%



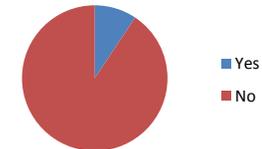
Which of the following best describes your experience with the Catholic faith?

Raised Catholic	26	79%
Converted to Catholicism	6	18%
No longer Catholic	0	0%
Never Catholic	1	3%



Do you sometimes attend religious services at non-Catholic place(s) of worship?

Yes	3	9%
No	29	91%





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If you were to move to a new city and needed to choose a parish, how important would the following be in a parish?

1= Not at all important; 5= Extremely important

Top 5 dimensions highlighted

<i>Dimension</i>	<i>% of respondents that rated the dimension "Very" or "Extremely" Important</i>
Accessibility	21%
Beautiful architecture and grounds	15%
Engaging homilies	74%
Family or friends attend	19%
Feeling of warmth and welcoming	85%
Focus on service to the poor or social justice	73%
High quality programs for people in my life stage or for my children	64%
Inspirational pastor	64%
Location	30%
Masses in my native language	56%
Mass times	27%
Opportunities to get involved in the parish	73%
Parish does a good job explaining Church teaching	59%
Parish encourages a personal relationship with Jesus Christ	61%
Parish has a high quality Catholic school	6%
Parish has a high quality religious ed program	38%
People like me attend the parish	33%
Prayerful liturgies	79%
Quality of music at Mass	74%



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Please think again about the parish you attend most frequently. Please circle from the above list the top 3 reasons for attending this parish

Dimension	# of times mentioned in top 3	
Accessibility	2	2%
Beautiful architecture and grounds	0	0%
Engaging homilies	11	11%
Family or friends attend	1	1%
Feeling of warmth and welcoming	22	22%
Focus on service to the poor or social justice	15	15%
High quality programs for people in my life stage or for my children	1	1%
Inspirational pastor	4	4%
Location	2	2%
Long standing ties to the parish	0	0%
Masses in my native language	0	0%
Mass times	4	4%
Opportunities to get involved in the parish	9	9%
Parish does a good job explaining Church teaching	1	1%
Parish encourages a personal relationship with Jesus Christ	2	2%
Parish has a high quality Catholic school	0	0%
Parish has a high quality religious ed program	0	0%
People like me attend the parish	4	4%
Prayerful liturgies	6	6%
Quality of music at Mass	15	15%
Not applicable	1	1%



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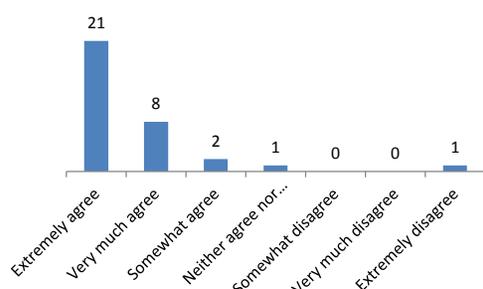
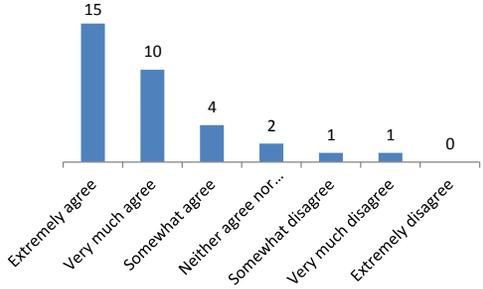
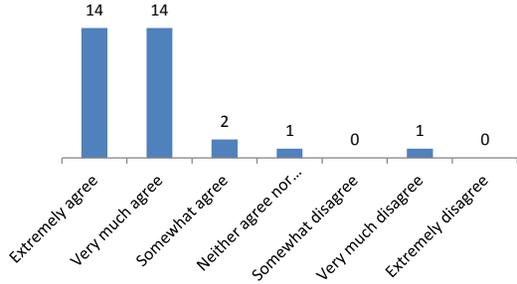
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Enthusiasm

To what extent do you agree with the following statements about the parish you attend most frequently?

Statement	Distribution of responses	
My parish inspires me to be a better Catholic and to share the joy of Christ with others	Extremely agree	14 44%
	Very much agree	14 44%
	Somewhat agree	2 6%
	Neither agree nor disagree	1 3%
	Somewhat disagree	0 0%
	Very much disagree	1 3%
	Extremely disagree	0 0%
	My parish is a role model other Catholic parishes should learn from	Extremely agree
Very much agree		10 30%
Somewhat agree		4 12%
Neither agree nor disagree		2 6%
Somewhat disagree		1 3%
Very much disagree		1 3%
Extremely disagree		0 0%
I would recommend my parish to others		Extremely agree
	Very much agree	8 24%
	Somewhat agree	2 6%
	Neither agree nor disagree	1 3%
	Somewhat disagree	0 0%
	Very much disagree	0 0%
	Extremely disagree	1 3%





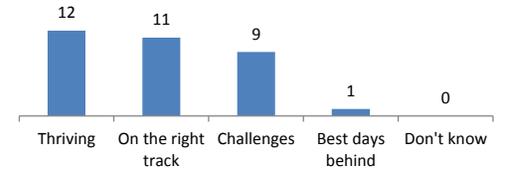
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Which one of the statements below best describes your opinion of this parish?

The parish is thriving and continuing to grow as a vibrant community	12	36%
The parish is on the right track, but is not quite vibrant yet	11	33%
The parish is facing some challenges, despite our best efforts	9	27%
The parish's best days are behind it	1	3%
Don't know	0	0%



Discipleship

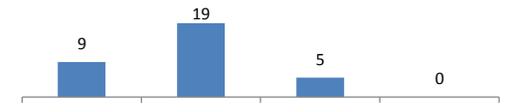
If you are feeling disengaged from the Catholic Church, what would it take for you to engage more deeply?

Top 3 dimensions highlighted

Dimension	# of times mentioned in top 3	
I do not feel disengaged from the Catholic Church	25	56%
If there were more opportunities for spiritual growth and reflection for people in my life stage	2	4%
If I got more out of Mass	1	2%
If my faith life were stronger overall	2	4%
If the Church was more relevant to my life	1	2%
If my struggles about what I believe were resolved	1	2%
If the parish was more welcoming and had a stronger sense of community	3	7%
If my disagreements with Church teachings on specific issues were resolved	4	9%
Not sure	0	0%
Other	6	13%

Which one of the following best describes how you relate to Jesus Christ?

Jesus Christ is at the center of all I do	9	27%
I have a relationship with Jesus Christ and am growing as a disciple	19	58%





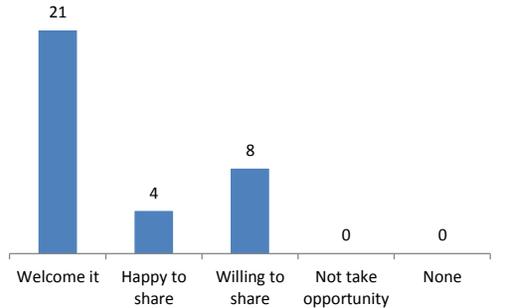
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I feel close to Jesus Christ at times	5 15%
I feel distant from Jesus Christ	0 0%

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At the center	Relationship & growing	Close at times	I feel distant

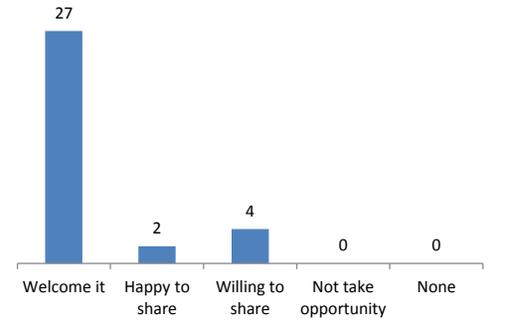
If you were in a situation with non-Catholics in which speaking about God, Jesus Christ, or your personal faith seemed appropriate, you would:

Welcome the opportunity - I am very comfortable sharing my faith with others and listening to their faith stories as well	21	64%
Be happy to share my faith with others but would not feel comfortable in a lengthy discussion or debate	4	12%
Be willing to share my faith with others but only if asked about it	8	24%
Not take the opportunity because I do not feel like I know enough about my faith and/or because I am uncomfortable discussing my faith with others	0	0%
None of the above	0	0%



If you were in a situation with other Catholics in which speaking about God, Jesus Christ, or your personal faith seemed appropriate, you would:

Welcome the opportunity - I am very comfortable sharing my faith with others and listening to their faith stories as well	27	82%
Be happy to share my faith with others but would not feel comfortable in a lengthy discussion or debate	2	6%
Be willing to share my faith with others but only if asked about it	4	12%
Not take the opportunity because I do not feel like I know enough about my faith and/or because I am uncomfortable discussing my faith with others	0	0%
None of the above	0	0%





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Challenges

How much do you agree or disagree that each of the items below are challenges for the Archdiocese of Chicago?

1= Extremely disagree; 7= Extremely agree

<i>Dimension</i>	<i>% of respondents that responded "Very much" or "Extremely" agree</i>
Availability of priests	70%
Quality of pastoral leadership	47%
Finances	72%
Ability to maintain Church facilities	61%
Overall vitality of parishes	67%
Sexual abuse crisis	48%

How much do you agree or disagree that each of the items below are challenges for the parish you attend most frequently?

1= Extremely disagree; 7= Extremely agree

<i>Dimension</i>	<i>% of respondents that responded "Very much" or "Extremely" agree</i>
Availability of priests	13%
Quality of pastoral leadership	13%
Finances	53%
Ability to maintain Church facilities	72%
Overall vitality of the parish	19%

How important are each of the following in renewing Church life?

1= Not at all important; 5= Extremely important

<i>Dimension</i>	<i>% of respondents that rated the dimension "Very" or "Extremely" Important</i>
Being more welcoming	97%
Better helping people address the specific challenges they have with faith	90%
Better homilies	81%
Better music	70%
Helping parishes evangelize their community	79%



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Helping people better understand Church teaching	73%	
Helping people develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ	77%	
Increasing vocations to the priesthood	65%	
Increasing other religious vocations (e.g., deacons, sisters, lay ecclesial ministers)	70%	
More actively engaging youth and teens	94%	
More actively involving lay leaders in parish life	97%	
Providing stronger programs for learning about the Catholic faith	81%	
Removing administrative burdens from pastors	52%	
Sound financial management	80%	
Stronger pastoral leadership	87%	
Stronger religious ed and formation for children	80%	



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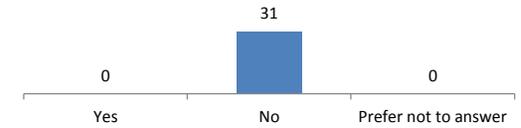
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Catholic Schools & Religious Ed

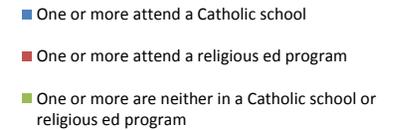
Are you the parent or guardian of a child in first through eighth grades?

Yes	0	0%
No	31	100%
Prefer not to answer	0	0%



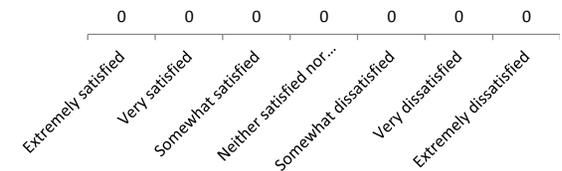
For any children in first through eighth grades, please check all that apply

One or more attend a Catholic school	0	#DIV/0!
One or more attend a religious ed program	0	#DIV/0!
One or more are neither in a Catholic school or religious ed program	0	#DIV/0!



If you have a child in Catholic school, how satisfied are you overall with the Catholic school?

Extremely satisfied	0	#DIV/0!
Very satisfied	0	#DIV/0!
Somewhat satisfied	0	#DIV/0!
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	0	#DIV/0!
Somewhat dissatisfied	0	#DIV/0!
Very dissatisfied	0	#DIV/0!
Extremely dissatisfied	0	#DIV/0!
Not applicable	0	





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If you have a child in Catholic school, please check all that apply

He/she/they attend(s) the Catholic school at my parish	0	#DIV/0!
He/she/they attend(s) the Catholic school sponsored by my parish but not located at my parish	0	#DIV/0!
He/she/they attend(s) another Catholic school (e.g., a Catholic school at another parish or not affiliated with a parish)	0	#DIV/0!
Not applicable	0	



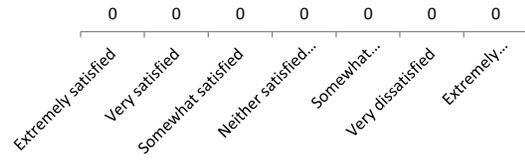
If you have a child in Catholic school, please check all that apply

I/we chose our parish because of the quality of its Catholic school	0	#DIV/0!
We left our original parish in order to join the parish where our children attend Catholic school	0	#DIV/0!
None of the above	0	#DIV/0!
Not applicable	0	



If you have a child in religious education, how satisfied are you overall with the religious education program?

Extremely satisfied	0	#DIV/0!
Very satisfied	0	#DIV/0!
Somewhat satisfied	0	#DIV/0!
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	0	#DIV/0!
Somewhat dissatisfied	0	#DIV/0!
Very dissatisfied	0	#DIV/0!
Extremely dissatisfied	0	#DIV/0!
Not applicable	0	



For any children in first through eighth grades not in a Catholic school, how seriously did you consider choosing a Catholic school for him/her/them when making your decision about school?

I considered it very seriously	0	#DIV/0!
I considered it somewhat seriously	0	#DIV/0!
I considered it a little bit	0	#DIV/0!
I did not consider it very seriously	0	#DIV/0!
Not applicable	0	

