



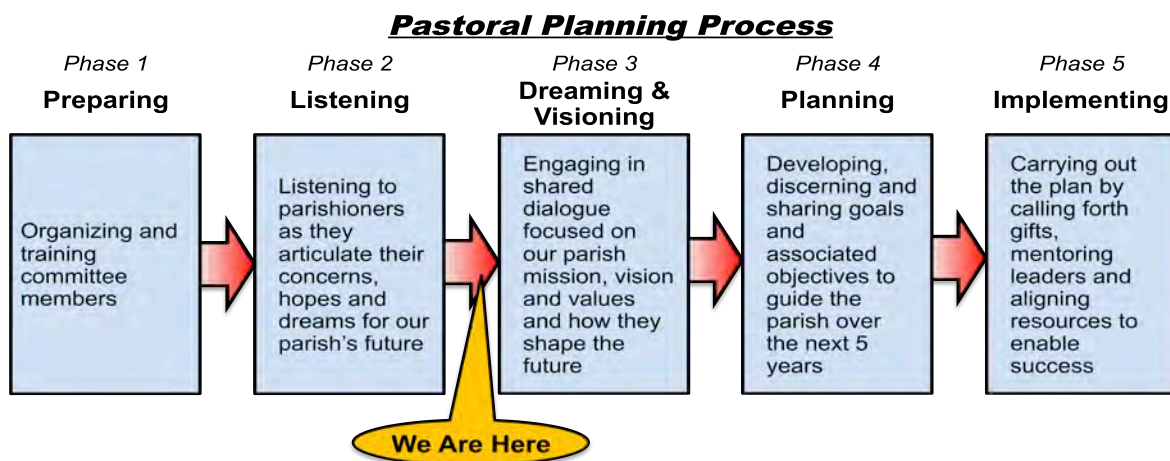
Saint Andrew Parish Parish Survey Detail Results



May 2013

Dear Friends,

As part of the process to develop our Pastoral Plan for the next five years, a survey of our parishioners was conducted during December through February. All parishioners were invited to participate and provide input on their parish experiences and on parish priorities for the next five years. We are grateful to the large number who responded and provided a valuable input into the planning process. We are now concluding the *Listening* phase of the planning process and entering the *Dreaming & Visioning* phase.



This report provides the detail parish survey numeric data, observations and conclusions reached from the survey responses. A summary of the survey results is available on the parish website using the following path from the home page: *About Saint Andrew -> Pastoral Planning -> Other Documents -> May 2013 - Parish Survey Summary Report.*

The survey was divided into three sections. The main portion of the survey was contained in the first two sections. The first section of the survey invited parishioners to tell us about their experience as a parishioner. This section included 31 questions, many of the providing an opportunity for narrative responses. The second section of the survey focused on priorities for the next five years. Parishioners were invited to respond to statements on 14 potential areas for future focus. Respondents provided their views on the relative importance of each of these potential focus areas. The final (third) section requested demographic data to assist in analysis of the responses.

Parish leadership is reviewing all of the data and feedback that you provided. The results will be one of the inputs used to shape a new vision for our parish, serve as a good starting point for some honest self-evaluation and become part of the foundation of our plan for the next five years.

We wish to thank all who participated in the survey. We hope you will take some time to review the results. And we hope that doing so will make you want to become even more involved in the life of our wonderful parish.

We would also like to thank the members of the Parish Survey group that organized and conducted the survey: David Fulkerson, Linda Guminski, Kathy Henson, Bob Rearden and Darcy Sety.

Saint Andrew Parish
Pastoral Planning Committee



A BRIEF SUMMARY OF RESULTS

Your Saint Andrew Experience

- **THINGS YOU LIKE.** The most frequently mentioned things parishioners like about the parish are the friars, the people and the sense of community. Many parishioners described feeling “at home” in Saint Andrew Parish.
- **YOU ARE ENTHUSIASTIC.** Parishioners who responded where almost universal (more than 85% agreeing) in their enthusiasm about their Saint Andrew Faith experience and its influence in leading them to a more spiritual life. The survey revealed those who are more involved in parish life (i.e., more connected) tend to feel more positive about their Saint Andrew experience.
- **YOU ARE INVOLVED.** Over two-thirds of respondents indicated some degree of involvement in parish life beyond Mass attendance. Many expressed a desire for more involvement, but indicated work and family time pressures limit their ability to be more involved. Scheduling has significant impact on the appeal of activities. While a variety of faith formation opportunities are offered, respondents felt their scheduling needs to be improved. Several noted limited opportunities are available specifically for our singles.
- **COMMUNITY PRESENCE.** The Social Ministry Food Pantry and Saint Andrew School were frequently cited as the most visible signs of parish presence in the larger community of Fort Worth. Some felt the parish should be more active in the community.
- **THE CHALLENGE OF BEING BIG.** A number of respondents commented about the challenge of establishing relationships with other parishioners in a large parish like ours. Many relationships between parishioners are formed through involvement in parish ministries or through Saint Andrew School. However, respondents felt the parish could do more to welcome or involve all parishioners in the wider parish community.
- **COMMUNICATION PREFERENCES.** The majority of respondents prefer communication through the bulletin or by email. Telephone calls and the parish website were the least preferred methods of communications. Difficulty in navigation and out-of-date information were cited as website deficiencies. A number of suggestions for

improving the website were offered. Use of social media (e.g., Facebook, Twitter, texting) for communicating with parishioners was also suggested.

- **WHEN AT MASS.** While most indicated the environment within the church was conducive to prayer and active participation in the liturgy, noise before and after Mass detracted from their prayer and participation. Several also commented the church facility is dark and needs improvement to provide a more uplifting worship environment.
- **INTERACTION WITH THE PRIESTS.** Parishioners desire more opportunities for interaction with the priests, especially after Mass.
- **MORE OPPORTUNITIES.** Several mentioned a desire for more retreats and a ministry fair.
- **SPANISH MASS.** Several indicated a desire for Mass to be available in Spanish for Hispanic parishioners.
- **FACILITIES.** A number of suggestions for facilities improvements were offered.

The Next Five Years

Based on responses, the following were identified as the top priorities for the next five years:

- Investing in youth to achieve growth in their involvement in parish life,
- Providing liturgy and music that inspire active Mass participation,
- Promoting a sense of community through activities that increase parishioner involvement, and
- Promoting social service assistance to those in need.



PARISH SURVEY DETAIL RESPONSES

Section 1 - Your Saint Andrew Experience

Question 1: Are you enthusiastic about your faith experience at Saint Andrew Parish?

Number of Responses	Yes	No
322	86.4% (279)	13.6% (44)

- The responses were generally positive with 86% indicating they are enthusiastic about their faith experience.
- Those who are more involved in parish life (i.e., more connected) tend to be more positive.
- Contributors to the positive response are our priests, the diversity of opportunities to become involved in parish life and Saint Andrew School.
- Some have difficulty in connecting with other parishioners.

Question 2: How many of your fellow parishioners do you feel you know well?

Number of Responses	More than 20	11-20	6-10	5 or less
324	48.0% (159)	16.6% (55)	17.2% (57)	18.1% (60)

- Almost half indicated they know 20 or more parishioners well.
- Generally connections between parishioners are made outside of Mass.
- Many relationships between parishioners are formed through involvement in parish ministries or through Saint Andrew School.
- "If you only occupy a pew, you won't get to know many parishioners."

Question 3: Has your experience at Saint Andrew Parish led to a more spiritual life?

Number of Responses	Yes	No
322	86.1% (278)	13.9% (45)

- Over 86% indicated their Saint Andrew experience has led to a more spiritual life.
- Those indicating an increase in spiritual life generally indicated they were involved in some parish activity or ministry in addition to regular mass attendance.
- Contributors to the positive experience are the priests and involvement in ministries.
- "It's hard to be an active Catholic when you aren't socially close to other active Catholics."

Question 4: What are some possible ways your relationships with others in the parish community of Saint Andrew could be encouraged and sustained?

189 responses

- Relationships could be encouraged and sustained through additional parish social opportunities and family events that build community, through small faith groups and through retreats.

Question 5: How do you think your experience at Saint Andrew could be carried over to the larger parish community?

122 responses

- There was a great deal of uncertainty in the responses. The objective of the question may be unclear to respondents.



Question 6: In your experience, do you feel the parish reaches out to welcome or involve parishioners in the wider parish community?

Number of Responses	Goes out of its way to welcome	About the right amount	Makes an effort, but could do more	Not very much
311	5.8% (18)	34.1% (106)	39.9% (124)	20.3% (63)

- Over 60% felt the parish did not do very much or could do more to welcome and involve parishioners into the wider parish community.
- The sense of welcoming could be improved through personal tailored outreach.

Question 7: Are you involved in parish life currently?

Number of Responses	Very involved	Some involvement	Informed, but little involvement	No involvement
323	21.1% (68)	45.5% (147)	27.9% (90)	5.6% (18)

- Over 66% of parishioners have some degree of involvement in parish life.
- Many expressed a desire for more involvement, but work and family time pressures limit their ability to be more involved.

Question 8: Have you been invited to participate in a ministry (e.g., greeter, usher, lector, Extraordinary Minister of Communion, cantor, Holiday Outreach, Food Pantry, SAS library helper, M.O.M.S, Vacation Bible School, Happy Hearts Seniors, others...)?

Number of Responses	Yes	No
312	67.3% (210)	32.7% (102)

- Over 67% of parishioners indicate they have been invited to participate in a ministry.
- The majority of those not personally invited to participate in a ministry were still aware through the bulletin or other parish communications.
- Some became involved in a ministry on their own initiative without a specific invitation.

Question 9: How involved would you like to be in parish life?

Number of Responses	Very involved	Some involvement	Informed, but little involvement	No involvement
313	27.5% (86)	59.4% (186)	11.8% (37)	1.3% (4)

- There is a general desire to be involved in parish life.
- Some feel outside factors (e.g., work, family, health) limit increased involvement in parish life.



Question 10: Does the parish effectively communicate information about the various ministries and activities?

Number of Responses	Yes	No
306	70.3% (215)	29.7% (91)

- Over 70% believe the parish effectively communicates information about various ministries and activities.
- The bulletin is viewed as comprehensive and useful.
- The website needs improvement. It is difficult to navigate and information is often out-dated.
- Some respondents are unaware of opportunities available, regardless of the manner presented

Question 11: What parish activities and ministries have you attended or participated in and what got you involved in these activities?

241 responses

- Participation in numerous ministries and activities was noted.
- Reasons for becoming involved included personal invitation, spiritual growth and personal interest.

Question 12: If you do not attend activities in the parish, what could be done to make these activities more appealing to you?

102 responses

- Timing and scheduling have significant influence on activity appeal.

Question 13: Are you presently active in service within the larger community or in civic organizations? If so, in what service or volunteer activities do you participate?

185 responses

- Involvement in over 60 community and civic organizations was reported. Many volunteer for multiple organizations.

Question 14: What types of activities would you attend if they were held in the parish? (We are open to all suggestions.)

119 responses

- Most interest was expressed for faith related education and retreat events and social events.

Question 15: Are you willing to volunteer at parish activities or events?

Number of Responses	Yes	No
292	87.0% (254)	13.0% (38)

- While 87% indicated a willingness to volunteer at parish activities or events, this is probably a soft number.



Question 16: What is the best method to keep you informed of Parish events? (Please rank the methods below from 1 to 7 with 1 being your most preferred method.)

317 responses

Method	1st Preference	2nd Preference	3rd Preference	4th Preference	5th Preference	6th Preference	7th Preference
Bulletin	50.0% (159)	28.6% (91)	10.7% (34)	6.3% (20)	2.5% (8)	0.9% (3)	0.9% (3)
Email	33.0% (105)	23.0% (73)	13.8% (44)	14.2% (45)	9.7% (31)	5.0% (16)	1.3% (4)
Projection Screen	3.5% (11)	19.2% (61)	35.5% (113)	17.9% (57)	11.0% (35)	5.3% (17)	7.5% (24)
US Mail	0.6% (2)	3.8% (12)	11.3% (36)	19.2% (61)	18.9% (60)	30.5% (97)	15.7% (50)
Pulpit Announcement	8.2% (26)	14.8% (47)	18.2% (58)	24.8% (79)	28.0% (89)	5.3% (17)	0.6% (2)
Phone	1.9% (6)	1.6% (5)	4.1% (13)	4.1% (14)	13.5% (43)	33.3% (106)	41.2% (131)
Web Site	2.8% (8)	9.1% (29)	6.3% (20)	13.2% (42)	16.4% (52)	19.5% (62)	32.7% (104)

- The majority prefers the bulletin and email communications. Telephone calls and the website were the least preferred methods of communications.
- It is unclear whether respondents were thinking of “automated calls” or “personal calls” when they answered this question. The comments throughout the survey indicate a preference for “personal invitation” to participate in many parish activities.

Question 17: If there is another method of communication you would prefer, please list it below.

62 responses

- Many suggested use of text messaging and social media (i.e., Facebook, Twitter).



Question 18: Which Mass do you attend most often and why?

Number of Responses	Saturday 5:30 pm	Sunday 7:00 am	Sunday 8:30 am	Sunday 10:30 am	Sunday 12:30 pm	Sunday 5:00 pm
316	21.5% (68)	7.9% (25)	12.3% (39)	34.8% (110)	12.0% (38)	11.4% (36)

- Convenience and family schedule are the most frequently cited reasons in selecting a Mass. Also mentioned was involvement in the Mass through the Music and Liturgy Ministry (e.g., choir, Lector, Cantor, Extraordinary Minister of Communion, Usher, etc.).
- Several at the 5:00 pm Sunday Mass indicated the volume of the music is too loud, while others found it inspirational

Question 19: Is the atmosphere within the church conducive to prayer and active participation in the liturgy?

Number of Responses	Yes	No
306	87.9% (269)	12.1% (37)

- While over 87% indicated the atmosphere within the church was conducive to prayer and active participation in the liturgy, noise before and after Mass detracted from their prayer and participation.
- Comments on the projection screens were split between those who viewed them as positive and those who identified them as a distraction.

Question 20: Consistent with the readings and prayer guidance for a Sunday, what topics would you like to hear in the homily (mark in order of preference):

311 responses

Homily Content	1st Preference	2nd Preference	3rd Preference	4th Preference	5th Preference
Gospel in historical perspective of its times	21.5% (67)	32.2% (99)	13.5% (42)	16.4% (51)	16.4% (51)
Gospel related to current day events	55.6% (172)	25.1% (78)	10.9% (34)	6.4% (20)	1.9% (6)
Topics of Catholic doctrine	9.3% (29)	10.6% (33)	28.6% (89)	28.3% (88)	23.2% (71)
Current topics in the news as related to Catholic doctrine	7.4% (23)	24.1% (75)	23.8% (74)	28.3% (87)	16.4% (51)
Catholic social teachings	6.1% (19)	8.0% (25)	23.2% (71)	20.6% (64)	42.1% (131)

- The majority prefers that the homily relate the readings and prayer guidance for the Sunday to the events they face in their everyday lives.



Question 21: Are there other topics you would be interesting in hearing?

113 responses

- Responses were diverse with no underlying themes.

Question 22: Does the parish provide an adequate variety of faith formation opportunities for adults? (Examples: Scripture Study, retreats, Catholic belief and tradition resources provided, etc.)

Number of Responses	Yes	No
288	81.9% (236)	18.1% (52)

- A variety of faith formation opportunities are offered. However, scheduling of opportunities could be improved and limited opportunities are available for younger adults and singles.

Question 23: Do you feel connected to the parish community?

Number of Responses	Completely	Somewhat	Inadequately
321	35.8% (115)	52.6% (169)	11.5% (37)

- While most feel a connection to the parish community, those who do not feel adequately connected would like a closer connection.

Question 24: How comfortable do you feel in this parish community?

Number of Responses	Very	Moderately	Slightly	Not at all
320	53.4% (171)	30.6% (98)	13.8% (44)	2.2% (7)

- Most feel comfortable in the parish.
- "The more I got involved, the more comfortable I felt."
- There is some polarization, but not overt rejection.

Question 25: How strong is the sense of Christian community in this parish?

Number of Responses	Very strong	Moderately strong	Slightly strong	Not at all
313	31.3% (98)	52.7% (165)	14.7% (46)	1.3% (4)

- Over 80% characterized the parish sense of community as moderately strong or stronger.
- The sense of community is most visible among Saint Andrew School families.

Question 26: Do you experience our parish as a dynamic Christian presence in the larger community?

Number of Responses	Strongly agree	Moderately agree	Slightly agree	Not at all
306	21.8% (67)	46.9% (144)	23.8% (73)	7.5% (23)

- The Social Ministry Food Pantry and Saint Andrew School are the most frequently mentioned signs of parish presence in the larger community.



Question 27: What are some of the tangible signs of Christian community you experience in our parish? Please check all that apply.

Number of Responses	Shared beliefs and values	Desire to help others	Sense of belonging	Many parishioners know me	Parishioner needs are met	Respect for others and their cultural heritage
305	85.6% (261)	80.3% (245)	55.4% (169)	33.1% (101)	32.5% (99)	50.5% (154)

- Most feel shared beliefs and a desire to help others are the strongest signs of Christian community they experience in the parish.

Question 28: How proud are you to be a member of this parish?

Number of Responses	Extremely proud being a member	Pleased being a member	Ambivalent about being a member	Embarrassed being a member
315	44.4% (140)	45.7% (144)	9.8% (31)	0.0% (0)

- Over 90% are either pleased or extremely proud of being members of the parish.

Question 29: What do you like most about this parish?

218 responses

- Most frequently mentioned are the friars, the people and the sense of community.

Question 30: What changes would most improve this parish?

167 responses

- A diverse set of responses.
- More social opportunities that would foster a sense of community.

Question 31: Overall, how satisfied are you with your experience in this parish?

Number of Responses	Extremely proud being a member	Pleased being a member	Ambivalent about being a member	Embarrassed being a member
315	54.6% (172)	35.6% (112)	8.9% (28)	1.0% (3)

- Over 90% are moderately satisfied or very satisfied with their parish experience.

Section 2 - The Next Five Years

Question 32: How promising is the future of our parish?

Number of Responses	Very	Moderately	Slightly	Not at all
304	65.1% (198)	29.6% (90)	4.9% (15)	0.3% (1)

- Most feel the parish has a moderately to very promising future.



A synthesis of the responses to Questions 33-46 follows Question 46.

Question #	Question	Number of Responses	Extremely Important	Very Important	Important	Slightly Important	Unimportant
33	Provide liturgy and music that inspire active participation in the Mass and encourage encounter with God.	309	59.2% (183)	28.5% (88)	10.7% (33)	1.0% (3)	0.6% (2)
34	Promote community through activities that increase involvement and participation.	306	49.7% (152)	36.3% (111)	12.7% (39)	1.3% (4)	0.0% (0)
35	Promote community through activities that welcome all to our parish.	303	45.9% (139)	37.3% (113)	13.9% (42)	3.0% (9)	0.0% (0)
36	Promote community through activities that engage new members in parish life and foster / promote family life.	306	52.6% (161)	35.9% (110)	10.5% (32)	1.0% (3)	0.0% (0)
37	Provide access to Catholic parochial school education through support of Saint Andrew School.	305	45.6% (139)	29.2% (89)	18.0% (55)	5.9% (18)	1.3% (4)
38	Promote spiritual growth through activities such as retreats, non-retreat encounters, workshops, and small communities for learning and conversion.	307	34.2% (105)	35.8% (110)	26.1% (80)	3.3% (10)	0.7% (2)
39	Provide social service to assist those in need through activities such as outreach to the poor; providing food, clothing and other assistance to those in need; and visiting the sick, shut-in and imprisoned.	307	50.5% (155)	34.5% (106)	13.4% (41)	1.6% (5)	0.0% (0)
40	Pursue social action through activities that promote respect for human life and dignity of the person, assure availability of affordable housing, assure availability of health care, and address other problems and issues facing us in our community.	300	35.0% (105)	33.7% (101)	24.0% (72)	7.0% (21)	0.3% (1)
41	Recognize the cultural diversity within our parish by placing emphasis on activities that promote integration of all parishioners into community life.	301	28.6% (86)	32.6% (98)	28.2% (85)	8.6% (26)	2.0% (6)
42	Improve communication with parishioners regarding activities and services.	303	38.7% (117)	37.1% (112)	20.2% (61)	3.6% (11)	0.3% (1)
43	Invest in youth to achieve growth in teen Mass attendance, attendance at religious education offerings, consideration of religious vocations, and participation in liturgical ministries.	303	62.7% (190)	26.7% (81)	9.2% (28)	1.3% (4)	0.0% (0)
44	Provide pastoral care for people with special needs (e.g., divorced, separated, single parents, disabled, shut-in), families who have experienced death and those in need of spiritual counseling.	306	45.8% (140)	38.2% (117)	14.7% (45)	1.0% (3)	0.3% (1)
45	Extend outreach to non-practicing Catholics so that they become active in parish life and to inquirers to aid them in becoming Catholic.	309	30.1% (93)	32.4% (100)	29.4% (91)	6.5% (20)	1.6% (5)
46	Offer religious formation opportunities for adults and children to help them grow in their understanding of our faith.	307	47.2% (145)	31.9% (98)	19.2% (59)	1.6% (5)	0.0% (0)



Parishioners indicated the top parish priorities for the next five years are (based on responses to questions 33-46):

- Invest in youth to achieve growth in their involvement in parish life.
- Provide liturgy and music that inspire active Mass participation and encourage encounter with God.
- Promote a sense of community through activities that increase parishioner involvement.
- Provide social service assistance to those in need.

Section 3 - Please Tell Us About Yourself

Question 47: What is your gender?

Number of Responses	Female	Male
302	69.2% (209)	30.8% (93)

Question 48: What is your age group?

307 responses

Age Range	Response
Under 21	0.3% (1)
21-25	2.3% (7)
26-30	3.3% (10)
31-35	3.6% (11)
36-40	10.1% (31)
41-45	15.3% (47)
46-50	13.0% (40)
51-55	11.7% (36)
56-60	6.8% (21)
61-65	9.4% (29)
66-70	8.1% (25)
71-75	6.8% (21)
76-80	2.9% (9)
81-85	4.2% (13)
Over 85	2.0% (6)
No comment	0.0% (0)

Question 49: What is the primary language spoken in your home?

Number of Responses	English	Spanish	Vietnamese	Filipino	French	Hindi
302	99.3% (300)	0.7% (2)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)

- The survey was offered in English and Spanish in both paper forms and on-line. There were 337 responses to the English version. There were no responses to the Spanish version.



Question 50: Are you currently a registered member of Saint Andrew Parish?

Number of Responses	Yes	No
309	97.7% (302)	2.3% (7)

Question 51: Approximately how many years have you attended Saint Andrew?

Number of Responses	0-5	6-10	11-15	More than 15
304	18.8% (57)	15.8% (48)	17.1% (52)	48.4% (147)

Question 52: What is your 5-digit Zip code?

298 responses

Zip Code	Number of respondents	% of respondents
76008	2	0.7%
76009	1	0.3%
76013	1	0.3%
76028	3	1.0%
76036	3	1.0%
76054	1	0.3%
76058	1	0.3%
76085	1	0.3%
76087	2	0.7%
76102	1	0.3%
76103	1	0.3%
76104	1	0.3%
76107	11	3.7%
76108	4	1.3%

Zip Code	Number of respondents	% of respondents
76109	77	25.8%
76110	18	6.0%
76116	13	4.4%
76120	1	0.3%
76123	31	10.4%
76126	7	2.3%
76131	2	0.7%
76132	37	12.4%
76133	62	20.8%
76134	11	3.7%
76164	1	0.3%
76179	3	1.0%
76244	2	0.7%
Other	0	0.0%

Question 53: Please add any other comments, observations or suggestions that you would like to include.

77 responses

- No consistent theme in a diverse set of responses.

Question 54: If you wish to discuss your responses with a member of the Pastoral Planning Committee or if you wish more information on how to participate in a particular parish activity, please provide your name and contact information (phone number or email address preferred). Alternately, you can email pastoralplanning@standrewcc.org and a committee member will contact you.

Thirty respondents provided their names and contact information.



GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

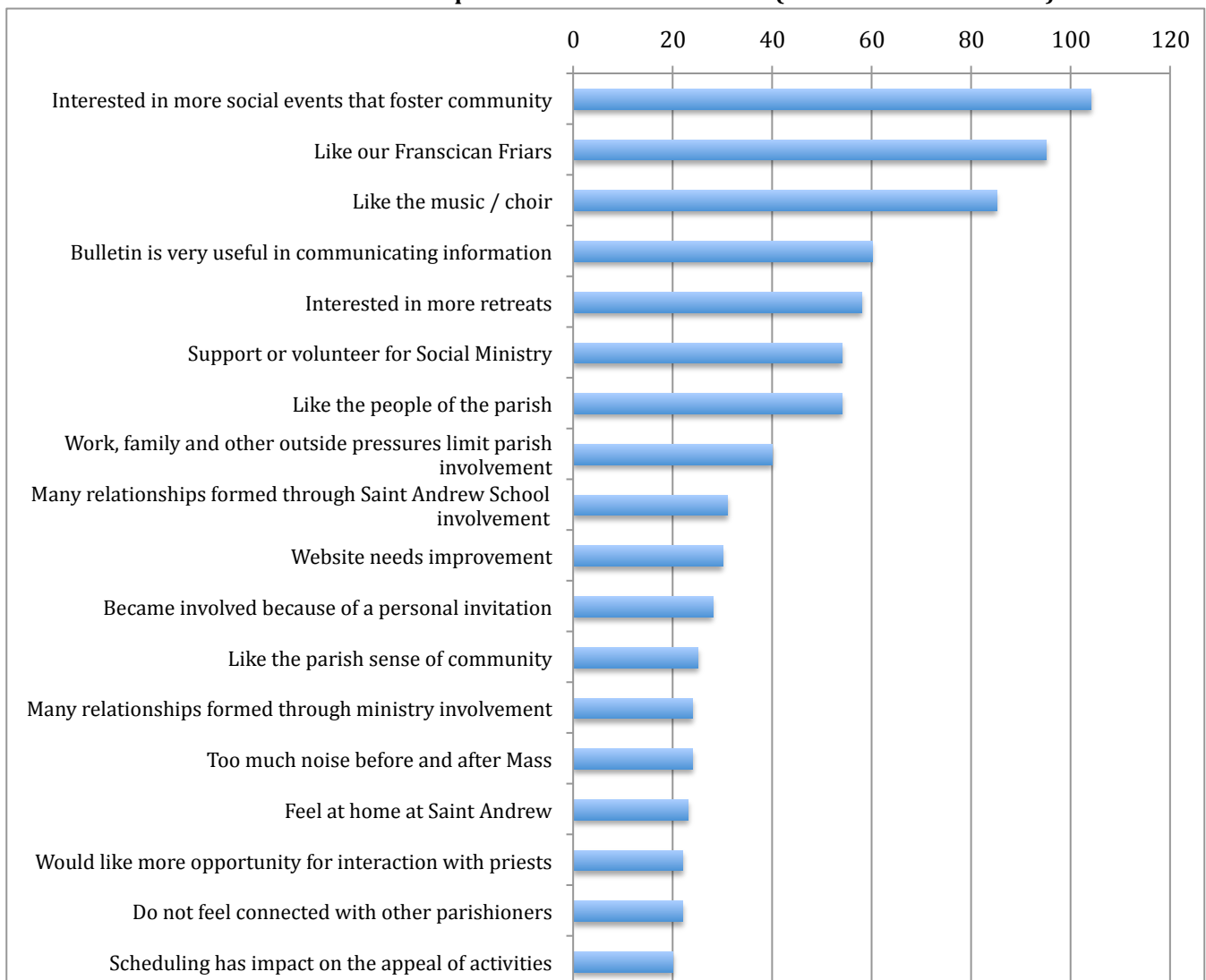
The following observations are based on responses across multiple questions.

- Many parishioners describe feeling “at home” at Saint Andrew Parish.
- Parishioners desire more opportunity for interaction with the priests.
- While several mentioned the desire for a Spanish Mass, a few did not favor the introduction of Spanish language into the parish.
- Several mentioned a desire for more retreats.
- Several mentioned a desire for a ministry fair.
- Several commented the church facility is dark and needs improvement to provide a more uplifting environment.
- Several mentioned concerns regarding RCIA instructional content¹.

YOUR COMMENTS

Parishioner comments were wide-ranging. The table below ranks the most frequent parishioner comments by number of occurrences for comments that occurred 20 or more times.

Rank Order of the Most Frequent Parishioner Comments (20 or more occurrences)





SOME SELECTED COMMENTS

Due to the numerous comments received (literally over 140 pages of comments), it was not possible to include all of them here. However, all comments will be valued in discerning our pastoral plan. We have selected the following comments as representative of their overall spirit of your feedback.

We feel very fortunate to be a part of the St. Andrew's faith community.

I enjoy starting my week off at Mass, seeing my church family, and hearing about God's word...

We have wonderful priests that relate very well to the people, in their sermons and personally. Our music is great, as are our liturgies. I feel very blessed to belong to St. Andrew.

I like especially like the music and the people.

I just feel warm and comfortable walking through the door. St. Andrews is my Lord's house and I'm proud of it.

We are excited about the ministry opportunities and the inclusion of youth.

I love the various opportunities to express my passion, be it through the parish retreats, Bible Study, lectures, adoration, etc.

It's a vibrant parish with many opportunities to learn about and expand our faith.

We have a wonderful faith family through the school that we have loved being involved with at parish functions as well.

There is a real sense of belonging to a family here.

Regardless of the Mass I attend, I feel welcome and part of the community.

It was very comfortable as a single person, then as a married couple, and now as a family with a 5 year old.

I feel very anonymous and not very welcomed.

Sometimes I feel awkward in certain groups because I am unfamiliar with some people.

As a young adult, I find the young adult group to be a fairly closed group...

Most of the folks we know are through the school.

Being active in the church and school put us in contact with a lot of people.

I think that you get out of your experience what you put in. If you only occupy a pew, you won't get to know many parishioners.

I am actively involved, so I know a lot of the parishioners.

My contact with the friars has definitely increased my faith.

We LOVE the Franciscan Friars.

The examples set by so many good people in the parish, and by our Franciscan friars has challenged me to develop a deeper spiritual life.

I cannot convey how much the more social aspects of the parish, especially the parents of young children's group have helped.

Attending Mass regularly and volunteering for ministries and parish activities reinforces the faith experience.

I like the supplemental devotional booklets handed out during certain times of the year. It really helps add to my spiritual journey.

I have seen God acting through many parishioners and this makes me want to be closer to God.

I am a young adult and do not have children. Therefore, I am not connected through the school. It is difficult for people in my age group to meet others to build relationships.

I would love more social opportunities.

My husband and I are young and don't have children. Because we are a family of two I feel we are a bit isolated from the family/school aspects of the faith community.

I love breakfast Sunday's and the Lenten fish fries primarily you are forced to sit with people you may not know - it is casual and feels welcoming.

The parish does not reach out. It is up to the parishioner to make the effort to be included or welcomed in.

Continue to reach out to the Spanish speaking community especially by adding a Mass in Spanish.

Sending info is good but the personal touch usually is better for most people.

I have not been personally invited (*to participate in a ministry*), but there have been opportunities listed in the bulletin.

I became involved by responding to bulletin announcements or by calling the Parish Office seeking out information.

Invited? I looked for what interested me and joined that Ministry.

I would like to be more involved.



It is hard to juggle working full time, two children and a household. I would like to be more involved in church activities; but I just can't add anymore to my plate at this time.

Time, effort, and physical ability dictate how involved I can be.

At the present moment it is my lack of time keeping me from being more active.

I get most to all of my information from the bulletins.

I think the bulletin and the slides before Mass are very good at informing parishioners.

There is limited and often out-dated info on the parish website.

Web site does not function well. Is difficult to navigate.

Texts are a great way to communicate and often receive the fastest response.

Most involvement comes from a personal invitation.

I need activities with childcare available, where I could include my daughter...

My interest to learn more is what got me involved.

Need short Bible studies- it's hard to commit for an entire semester or year.

I enjoy scripture study and retreats.

We are in need of an ACTS retreat; they have been proven to build a great momentum and sustained excitement that is based on faith rather than just good things happening in a parish.

Art and environment always tasteful. Wish we had better gathering space.

I do find the contemporary music a little loud.

I could wish we had a larger vestibule so people could talk there after Mass, but there isn't one.

Too much loud conversation among the congregation prior to Mass.

I would appreciate a quiet time before Mass when there is no music practice so one could pray in quiet.

The church is dark and dreary.

More light in the sanctuary; more comfortable pews; less austere sanctuary.

I like the homily to be put in a day-to-day perspective; easier to understand and relay to people.

I feel connected to the active parish community, but our parish is too large to feel connected to the wider parish community.

Many school families are seen communicating well. Those of us who have no ties to the school or who come from public schools feel left out if we are not actively involved in parish life.

I do not hear St Andrew being spoken of in the greater community like I do other denominations for their work of community outreach.

I think Social Ministry and the school are our best community ambassadors right now.

Don't make the church so cold during Mass!

Need to speak clearly and loudly enough that everyone can understand what is being said. Some people can't hear as well as others.
