

Church of the Ascension Survey Results

Characteristics of Those Responding

<u>Age</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Parishioner Tenure</u>	
17-35	12%	1-5 years	10%
36-45	16%	6-10 years	17%
46-50	18%	11-20 years	17%
51-59	18%	20 + years	56%
60-69	19%		
70+	17%		
Personally Attended Ascension School (Ever)			13%
Children Ever Attended			70%
Children In School Now			24%

Overall Satisfaction

<u>2008</u>		<u>1994</u>
67%	are Extremely/Very Satisfied	67%
27%	are Somewhat Satisfied	27%
6%	Are Not Too/Not At All Satisfied	6%

2008: 288 responses which is 26% of parish
1994: 484 responses which is 54% of parish

How often survey respondents attend Mass

Attend Every Weekend	62%
Usually Attend	22%
Attend Less Often	16%

38% of those attending have
children in school at Ascension

Which Mass times they attend

26%	Attend Saturday Mass
21%	Attend 8:30am Sunday Mass
37%	Attend 10:30am Sunday Mass

Percent extremely/very satisfied by age group

<u>Ages</u>	<u>Years in Parish</u>
17 - 45	10 or less
46 - 59	11 - 19
60+	20+
62%	72%
58%	54%
84%	67%

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<u>Dimensions of Parish Life</u>		
<u>% of Respondents</u>	<u>Extremely/Very Satisfied</u>	
	2008	1994
Building and Grounds	79%	59%
Ascension School	77%	85%
Financial Management	70%	77%
Volunteers	70%	
Athletics	67%	
Liturgy & Worship	67%	69%
Social Concern & Outreach	65%	71%
Pastoral Staff/Admin.	65%	76%
Community Enrichment	51%	60%
Life Long Learning	46%	59%
Social Interaction	44%	

Overall is
67% in '08

Percent of Responses indicating which area should get additional resources in the future

Ascension School	52%
Community Enrichment	45%
Social Interaction	44%
Life Long learning	38%
Building and grounds	20%
Social Concern & Outreach	20%
Planning & Management	19%
Financial Resource Administration	18%
Liturgy & Worship	17%
Athletics	0%

Reasons why parishioners attend church at Ascension (in order by biggest influence)

1. It's my parish
2. Interaction with other parishioners
3. Quality of music
4. Content of homilies
5. Scheduled mass times

Reasons that discourage attendance at Ascension (in order by biggest influence)

1. Duration of homilies
2. Duration of service
3. Content of homilies
4. Prompt starting times
5. Quantity of music

Top Priority by Category

Ascension School: Keep tuition at a reasonable level.

Community Enrichment: Programs and activities for teenagers.

Liturgy & Worship: Develop strategies to increase attendance & involvement in parish liturgies.

Learning & Outreach: Programs to attract parishioners back to Church.
Parish Admin. & Finance: Develop ways to help needy parishioners.

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There were 183 individual comments. The percentage of comments & suggestions by category of those responding were:

<u>Homilies</u>		<u>Liturgy Music</u>	
Homilies too long	19	Less music/quiet mass	13
Content should focus on		Music is good	9
daily challenges/problems	12	More music	5
Fr. Gary's homilies are good	8	Music in general	3
Other comments on homilies	4		
<u>Social Outreach</u>		<u>Liturgy Time</u>	
All age groups	12	Mass schedules	10
Young adults	11	Liturgy on time	8
50 to 64 yrs	3	Liturgy too long	2
Youth group	2		
Children	1		
<u>School</u>		<u>Other Categories</u>	
Connection to the		Administration	10
broadier parish	7	Lifelong learning	8
Teachers	4	Parish other	7
Bullying	3	Pastor general	6
Principal	3	Social concerns	5
		Archdiocese guidelines	5
		Physical plant	3