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The Results of Our Recent Parish Survey

Dear Parishioners,

As part of St. Isidore's ongoing commitment to develop stewardship as a way of life, we recently conducted a comprehensive parish survey. The survey gave all our parishioners an opportunity to express their views regarding worship, parish life, religious education, outreach, and stewardship.

Thanks to your response, our survey was a success! The parish office received 510 completed surveys (433 English/77 Spanish). This is a 15-percent response rate, which is better than the national average of 10 percent. I thank you for your honesty, as well as the time and commitment you made to complete the survey and help our parish become better and spiritually stronger.

The results of the survey are included in this newsletter, and I hope these results will give you a clearer vision of how the parish as a whole responded to each specific question. Because of space constraints, some questions and responses were omitted in the printed newsletter. But the full results are available on the parish website and in the



email version of the newsletter. We also asked you to respond to a few open-ended questions. We could not include each open-ended question response, but they have been read, reviewed and grouped together based on likeness so that we could determine the top responses for each open-ended question.

As your pastor, I am confident that the information we have gathered through the survey will help guide our parish leadership as we continue to develop stewardship at St. Isidore Catholic Church. In the coming year, I hope we all can work together to meet the needs of our parish community and make parish life more rewarding for us all.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Avram Brown
Pastor

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2020 English Parish Survey Percentage Report

Only one response per question was given unless otherwise indicated.

Liturgy

Which Mass at St. Isidore do you most frequently attend?

- 26% Saturday, 5:00 p.m. English
- 3% Saturday, 7:00 p.m. Spanish
- 45% Sunday, 9:00 a.m. English
- 7% Sunday, 11:00 a.m. Spanish
- 4% Sunday, 1:00 p.m. Spanish
- 15% Sunday, 5:00 p.m. English

How often do you attend Mass at St. Isidore?

- 50% Every weekend
- 26% Every weekend and some weekdays
- 1% Every weekend and every weekday
- 17% Occasional weekends (once or twice a month)
- 1% Seasonally (Christmas, Easter, etc.)
- 5% I no longer attend Mass

I consider myself a member of...

- 91% St. Isidore, Yuba City
- 2% St. Joseph, Marysville
- 1% Our Lady of Guadalupe, Live Oak
- 6% Another church



Please indicate how well the following liturgical ministers enhance your prayer and worship.

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Needs Improvement
Fr. Avram Brown	64%	29%	4%	3%
Fr. Manuel Campos	30%	34%	19%	7%
Dcn. Eldon Vignery	33%	48%	12%	18%
Dcn. Ruben Rojo	36%	47%	12%	7%
Dcn. Brad Bell	51%	42%	5%	2%
Greeters	38%	40%	12%	9%
Ushers	39%	45%	9%	7%
Altar Servers	46%	46%	6%	2%
Lectors	39%	52%	8%	1%
Cantors	40%	46%	9%	3%
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	41%	46%	10%	4%

The music at the Mass I attend enhances my prayer and worship.

- 41% Strongly agree
- 36% Agree
- 16% Neutral
- 4% Disagree
- 3% Strongly Disagree

Do you have any suggestions to help enhance our Sunday liturgies?

- Music Suggestions (47 Responses)
- Liturgical Minister Suggestions (20 Responses)
- Sound System Improvements (12 Responses)

Adult Faith Formation

Have you attended an Adult Faith Formation program at St. Isidore in the last three years?

- 24% Yes
- 76% No

If you have attended an Adult Faith Formation program at St. Isidore in the last three years, was it a good experience?

- 66% Yes
- 34% No

If you haven't attended an Adult Faith Formation program at St. Isidore in the last three years, would you consider attending one in the future?

62% Yes **38%** No

If you would like to attend an Adult Faith Formation program, in which areas would you be most likely to participate? **(Check all that apply)**

- 41%** Church Teachings
- 60%** Scriptures/Bible Study
- 24%** Ethics and Morality
- 25%** Marriage
- 29%** Small Faith Sharing Groups
- 52%** Practical Ways of Growing in Faith and Prayer
- 35%** Retreats
- 11%** Other

Children's Religious Education (Pre-K - 5)

The questions in the shaded area were only answered by those whose child/children are currently enrolled in our Children's Religious Education program.

How would you rate the quality of instruction that our students receive in our religious education program?

- 27%** Excellent
- 33%** Good
- 21%** Adequate
- 11%** Fair
- 8%** Poor

Do you feel that the instruction provided by our religious education program is in line with the teaching of the Catholic Church?

- 69%** Yes
- 5%** No
- 16%** Somewhat
- 10%** Unsure

What do you like most about our religious education program? **(Check all that apply)**

- 40%** Director, staff and catechists
- 32%** The families involved
- 65%** The children/families learn about their faith
- 13%** Meeting times
- 14%** Other

How do you think we can improve our religious education program? **(Check all that apply)**

- 58%** Get the parents more involved
- 11%** Change the time
- 43%** More training and support for the teachers
- 26%** Improve the curriculum
- 29%** Other

Junior High Youth Ministry

Do you have children in 6th through 8th grade living in your home?

17% Yes **83%** No

If you have children in 6th through 8th grade living in your home, would they attend youth ministry activities/programs at St. Isidore?

54% Yes **46%** No

High School Youth Ministry

Do you have children in 9th through 12th grade living in your home?

18% Yes **82%** No

If you have children in 9th through 12th grade living in your home, would they attend youth ministry activities/programs at St. Isidore?

40% Yes **60%** No

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St. Isidore Catholic School (TK - 8)

Having a Catholic school is a vital part of St. Isidore's mission as a parish.

- 59%** Strongly agree
- 23%** Agree
- 14%** Neutral
- 4%** Disagree
- 0%** Strongly disagree

Do you have children in Transitional Kindergarten through 8th grade living in your home?

- 27%** Yes
- 73%** No

If you have children in Transitional Kindergarten through 8th grade living in your home, where do they attend school?

- 35%** St. Isidore Catholic School
- 4%** Other Private School
- 50%** Public School
- 12%** Home School

If you currently have children in Kindergarten through 8th grade in your household and they do not attend St. Isidore Catholic School, what is the reason that they don't attend? **(Check all that apply)**

- 11%** Transportation is a problem
- 19%** More academic options at other school
- 5%** Catholic education is not a family priority
- 19%** Cost (I would rather put my money to use in other ways)
- 40%** Cost (I cannot afford to send my child[ren] to Catholic schools)
- 42%** Other

Are you aware that St. Isidore Catholic School has a tuition assistance program for those in need?

- 91%** Yes
- 9%** No

The questions in the shaded area were only answered by those who have children currently enrolled at St. Isidore Catholic School.

How would you rate the quality of EDUCATION that our students currently receive at St. Isidore Catholic School?

- 40%** Excellent
- 39%** Good
- 10%** Adequate
- 6%** Fair
- 4%** Poor

How receptive is the FACULTY to meeting your needs?

- 43%** Very receptive
- 23%** Somewhat receptive
- 25%** Neutral/no experience
- 4%** Unreceptive
- 5%** Very unreceptive

Do you feel that the children who attend our Catholic school are receiving good Catholic moral development?

- 76%** Yes
- 3%** No
- 11%** Somewhat
- 11%** Unsure

What do you like most about our Catholic school? **(Check all that apply)**

- 38%** Great teachers
- 53%** The daily emphasis on Christian life
- 77%** Catholic education
- 43%** Quality education
- 50%** Builds community
- 15%** Other

How do you think we can improve our Catholic school? **(Check all that apply)**

- 38%** Increase the communication with the parents
- 48%** Improve the curriculum
- 40%** More training for teachers
- 39%** Increase the emphasis on Catholic Faith
- 29%** Other

Parish Life

What is your perception of your role as a member of St. Isidore? **(Check all that apply)**

- 93%** To attend Mass
- 64%** Participate/volunteer in ministries and social activities
- 81%** Support the parish financially
- 70%** Share my faith with others
- 8%** Other

In your experience, how responsive is our PASTOR to your needs and requests?

- 54%** Very responsive
- 21%** Somewhat responsive
- 21%** Neutral
- 1%** Unresponsive
- 2%** Very unresponsive

In your experience, how responsive is the PARISH OFFICE STAFF to your needs and requests?

- 56%** Very responsive
- 24%** Somewhat responsive
- 16%** Neutral
- 2%** Unresponsive
- 2%** Very unresponsive

What methods of communication work best for you and your family to receive parish information?

(Check all that apply)

- 73%** Bulletin
- 41%** Website
- 32%** Facebook
- 19%** Newsletter
- 52%** Email
- 18%** Parish Mailings
- 60%** Announcements
- 35%** MyParish App at Mass

In what medium would you prefer to receive a parish monthly newsletter:

- 34%** Print (current medium used to deliver newsletter)
- 66%** Online (via email or some other form of electronic delivery)

What information do you want included in a monthly newsletter? **(Check all that apply)**

- 83%** Articles about parish groups and activities
- 85%** Comments from our pastor
- 40%** Highlights on various parishioners
- 56%** Information on the finances of the parish
- 48%** Diocesan-wide news
- 62%** Articles of general Catholic interest
- 63%** Explanations of specific Catholic teachings
- 12%** Other

Do you use our parish's website?

- 82%** Yes
- 18%** No

Outreach

Do you feel that St. Isidore does a good job reaching out to the following groups:

	Yes	No	Unsure
Active Parishioners	62%	18%	20%
Inactive Parishioners	9%	29%	62%
New Parishioners	25%	22%	53%
Shut-in Parishioners	20%	11%	68%
Non-Catholic Spouses	10%	22%	68%
The Local Community	38%	18%	44%
The Poor	70%	4%	26%
Other Christian Churches	25%	10%	65%
Other Religions	14%	10%	77%

What more can we do as a parish to reach out to those in need? **(Check all that apply)**

- 59%** Increase communications about parish ministries
- 63%** Encourage more parishioner participation
- 53%** Be more welcoming
- 57%** Get more involved in the community
- 11%** Other

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Stewardship

What is your perception of Stewardship (Time, Talent, and Treasure) when it is discussed?

- 56%** Accept it as a core Gospel value and carry it out in my life
- 17%** Don't really understand what it means
- 22%** Think it's important, but find it hard to implement
- 2%** Feel it's not applicable in my life
- 5%** Feel that it's just another way to discuss fundraising

Stewardship of Time

How often does your family share a meal?

- 70%** Daily
- 18%** Several days a week
- 6%** Once a week
- 6%** Less than once a week

Do you say grace before meals?

- 73%** Yes
- 27%** No

If you have children at home, do you pray with them on a daily basis (in addition to grace before meals)?

- 62%** Yes
- 39%** No

If you are married, do you pray with your spouse on a daily basis (in addition to grace before meals)?

- 38%** Yes
- 63%** No

In addition to Sunday Mass and grace before meals, how often do you set aside time for personal prayer?

- 81%** Daily
- 13%** Weekly
- 1%** Monthly
- 2%** Every few months
- 0%** Yearly
- 3%** Never

If you have children, do you discuss vocations (Religious Life, Single Life, Married Life) within your family?

- 77%** Yes
- 23%** No

Stewardship of Talent

In how many parish ministries, committees, programs or events are you actively involved?

- 38%** 0
- 28%** 1
- 16%** 2
- 7%** 3
- 10%** 4 or more

Beyond participating in weekly Masses, how do you rate your involvement in St. Isidore?

- 12%** Very involved
- 24%** Moderately involved
- 24%** Somewhat involved
- 28%** Rarely involved
- 12%** Never involved

What single reason (if any) has most prevented you from more participation in parish ministries?

- 4%** Not interested in what the parish offers
- 15%** Health issues
- 16%** Usually unaware of opportunities within the parish
- 47%** Not enough time due to family and work responsibilities
- 1%** Transportation
- 14%** Haven't yet made the effort to get involved
- 3%** Lack of babysitting services

Are you satisfied with your PERSONAL level of involvement in parish ministries?

- 57%** Satisfied with my current level of involvement
- 43%** Would like to become more involved

Are you satisfied with your FAMILY'S level of involvement in parish ministries?

- 59%** Satisfied with current level of involvement
- 41%** Would like to become more involved

At what times would you most likely be able to attend parish functions? **(Check all that apply)**

- 29%** Saturday mornings **22%** Weekday mornings
- 33%** Saturday evenings **40%** Weekday evenings
- 43%** After the Sunday Mass I attend **18%** Weekday afternoons
- 20%** Sunday evenings

Stewardship of Treasure

Each parishioner is responsible for supporting our parish financially.

- 56%** Strongly agree **1%** Disagree
- 35%** Agree **0%** Strongly disagree
- 8%** Neutral

How often do you make financial contributions to St. Isidore?

- 52%** Every week
- 4%** Every other week
- 12%** Once a month
- 14%** Monthly (for all the weeks in the month)
- 0%** Never
- 18%** Other



My household's gross annual financial contribution to the parish offertory represents:

- 6%** 0% of my annual income
- 34%** 1% - 2% of my annual income
- 21%** 3% - 4% of my annual income
- 14%** 5% - 6% of my annual income
- 9%** 7% - 8% of my annual income
- 11%** 9% - 10% of my annual income
- 4%** 11% or more of my annual income

How do you determine the amount you contribute in the offertory collection?

- 17%** I give a certain dollar amount based on a percentage of my income.
- 44%** I have chosen a dollar amount in some other way.
- 1%** I base the amount on what I think the parish needs.
- 23%** I give whatever I can afford that week.
- 14%** I don't have a system to determine how much I give.
- 2%** I don't financially support the parish.

What is your perception of our parish's current financial position?

- 5%** We are easily able to pay our operating bills and put aside money in savings.
- 9%** We are easily able to pay our operating bills.
- 33%** We barely generate enough revenue to pay our operating bills.
- 31%** We are not generating enough revenue to pay our operating bills.
- 21%** I am unaware of the state of our parish finances.

Demographics

Gender

- 21%** Male **58%** Female
- 21%** Husband and Wife Completed Together

Marital Status **(Check one)**

- 10%** Single **8%** Divorced
- 71%** Married **1%** Separated
- 10%** Widowed

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MASS TIMES:

Saturday / sabado

5:00 p.m. *English*

7:00 p.m. *Español*

Sunday / domingo

9:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m. *English*

11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. *Español*

Weekdays / entre semana

Monday - Friday

12:15 p.m. *Bilingual*

Saturday

8:00 a.m. *Bilingual*

What is your annual household income?

2%	\$0 - \$9,999
11%	\$10,000 - \$29,999
19%	\$30,000 - \$49,999
21%	\$50,000 - \$74,999
16%	\$75,000 - \$99,999
23%	\$100,000 - \$199,999
8%	\$200,000 and above

Age (You may check more than one box if husband and wife completed the survey together)

4%	18-29	21%	50-59
11%	30-39	21%	60-69
21%	40-49	28%	70+

How long have you been a registered parishioner at St. Isidore?

7%	0-1 year	10%	6-10 years
6%	2-3 years	72%	More than 10 years
6%	4-5 years		

General Information

The things I like best about St. Isidore are...

- **Parish Families (56 Responses)**
- **Clergy (50 Responses)**
- **Mass (41 Responses)**

I wish St. Isidore would...

- **Ministry/Activity Suggestions (38 Responses)**
- **Mass Suggestions (31 Responses)**
- **Modify the Buildings (22 Responses)**