

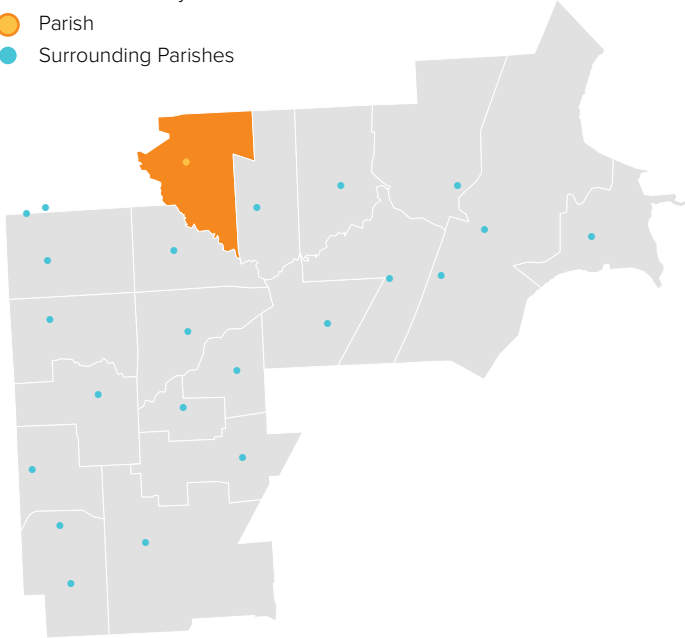
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Parish Profile and Survey Results

KEY

- Parish Boundary
- Parish
- Surrounding Parishes



TOTAL SURVEY RESPONSES

Parish ID	Name	responses
588	St. Matthias	49

PARISH LOCATION AND BOUNDARY - WITHIN VICARIATE

PARISH CATHOLIC POPULATION FACTS

	2000	2013	% Change
Total Registered Households	1,797	1,090	-39.3%
Total Registered Individuals	5,391	3,052	-43.4%
% of HH in Parish Boundary		68%	
% of HH Outside Parish Boundary		32%	

KEY U.S. CENSUS FACTS

	2000	2010	% Change
Total Households	7,237	7,264	0.4%
Total Population	19,977	20,627	3.3%
Median Household Income	\$60,792	\$65,917	8.4%
Median Age	33.6	30.7	-8.4%

PARISH FINANCIAL STATS

	2009	2013	% Change
Total Operating Income	\$535,412	\$526,726	-1.6%
Total Operating Expenses	\$481,472	\$436,425	-9.4%
LDP Debt	\$-	\$-	0.0%
AOD & MCC	N/A	\$651	N/A
Outstanding payables			
Total Savings	\$50,768	\$154,779	204.9%

PARISH SACRAMENTAL STATS (5 YR. TREND)

	2009	2013	% Change
Baptisms	20	20	0.0%
First Communion	28	31	10.7%
Confirmations	35	27	-22.9%
Total Marriages	4	2	-50.0%
Funerals	32	0	-100.0%

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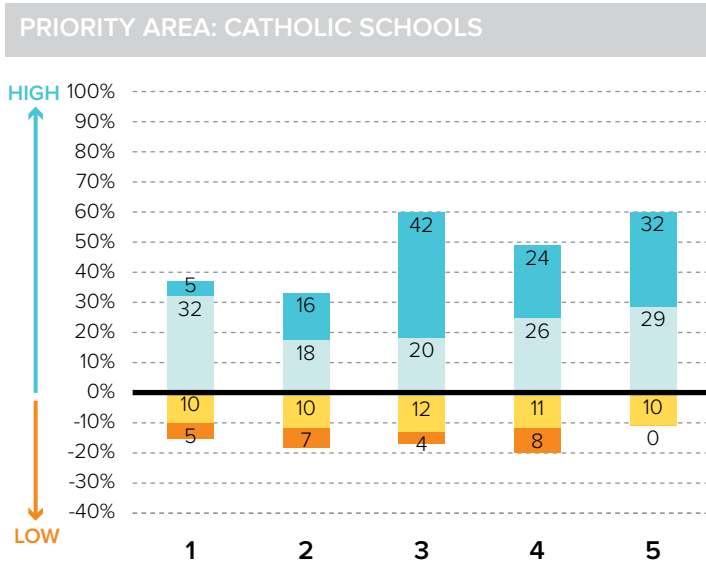
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 % Good
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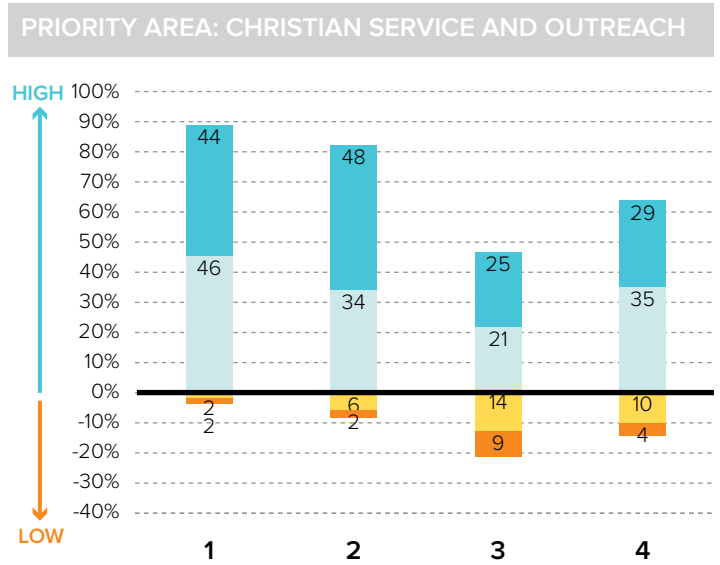
Survey Results Part I: Mission Priorities

The following graphs show how parishioners rated each of the objectives associated with a mission priority area. The graphs are split between positive values for high ratings (“good” or “excellent”) and negative values for lower ratings (“fair” or “poor”). “Don’t know” responses are not shown in the graphs at right to more easily show the split between high and low ratings.

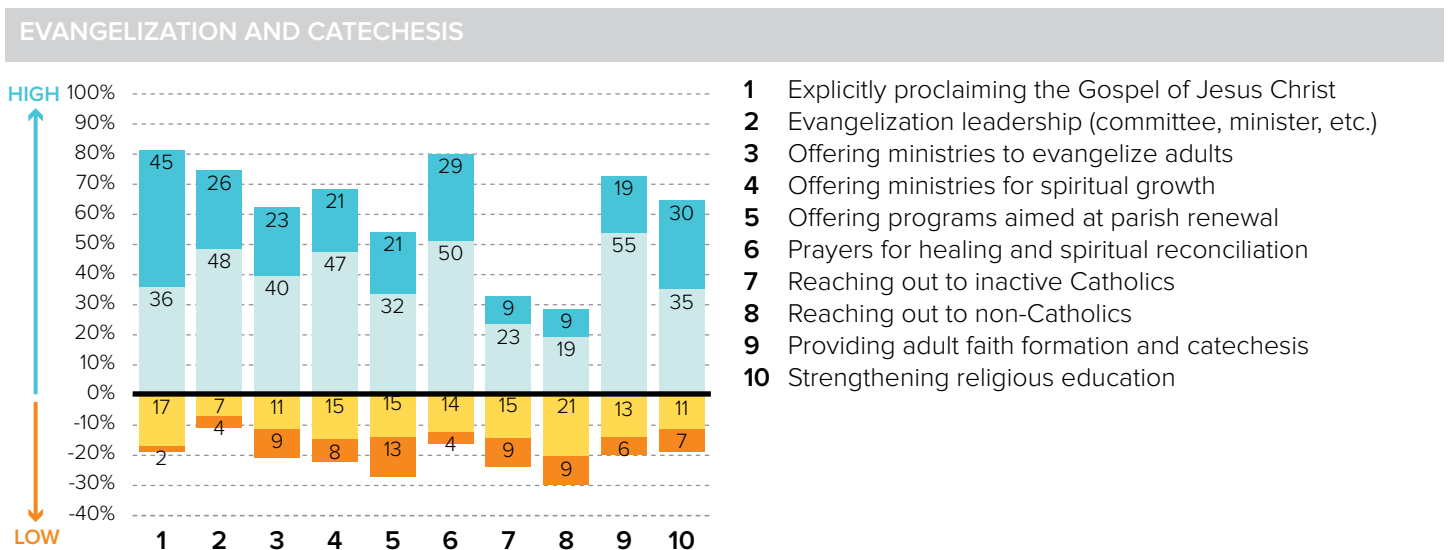
To the best of your ability, please evaluate how well your parish is doing in each of these areas.



- 1 Ensuring a Catholic education is financially viable
- 2 Keeping tuition affordable to all Catholics
- 3 Maintaining a Catholic identity
- 4 Using technology effectively
- 5 Ensuring academic success and Catholic formation



- 1 Christian service projects for the parish community
- 2 Christian service projects for youth and young adults
- 3 Building interfaith relationships
- 4 Collaborating with other community organizations



- 1 Explicitly proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ
- 2 Evangelization leadership (committee, minister, etc.)
- 3 Offering ministries to evangelize adults
- 4 Offering ministries for spiritual growth
- 5 Offering programs aimed at parish renewal
- 6 Prayers for healing and spiritual reconciliation
- 7 Reaching out to inactive Catholics
- 8 Reaching out to non-Catholics
- 9 Providing adult faith formation and catechesis
- 10 Strengthening religious education

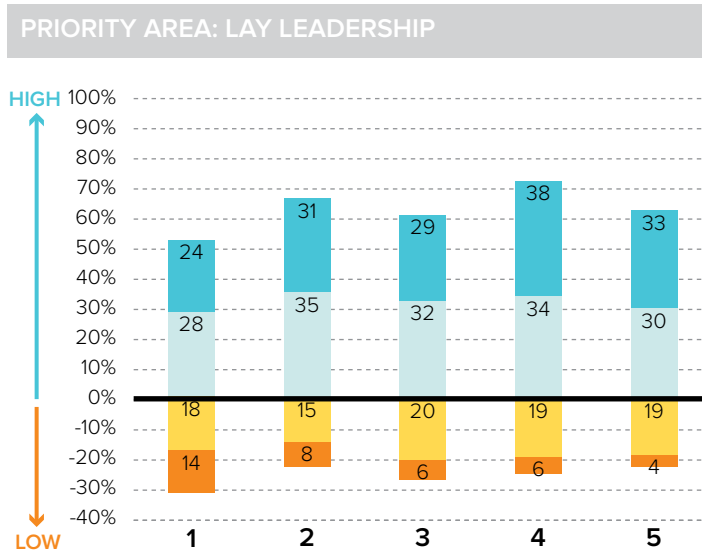
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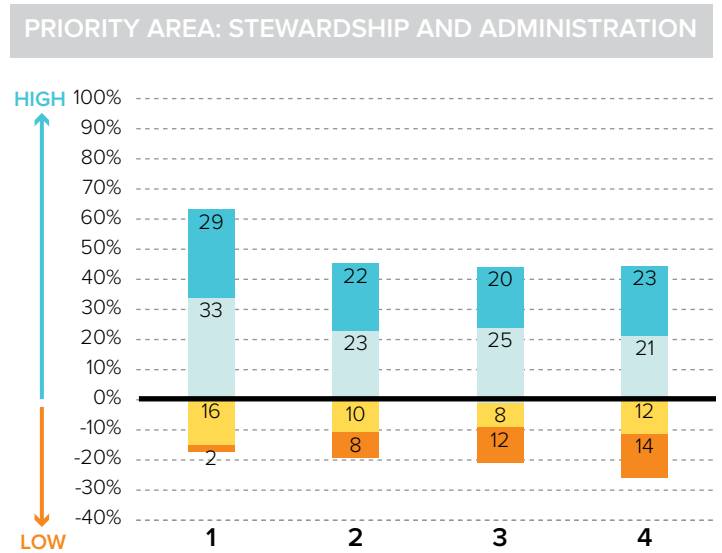
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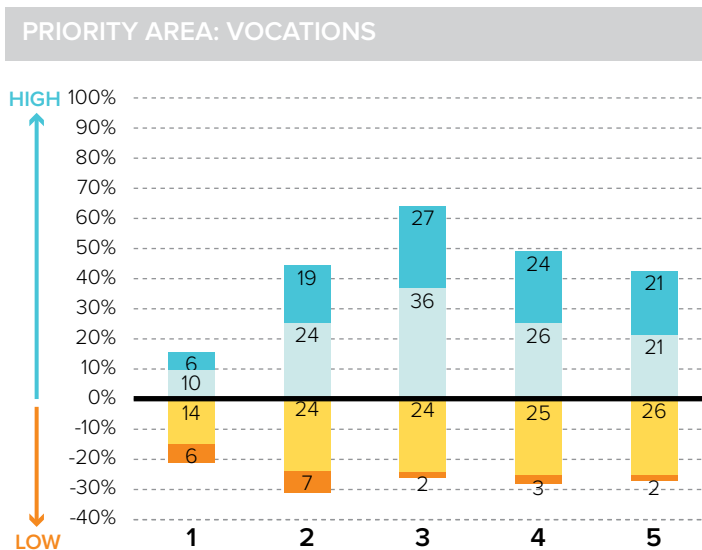
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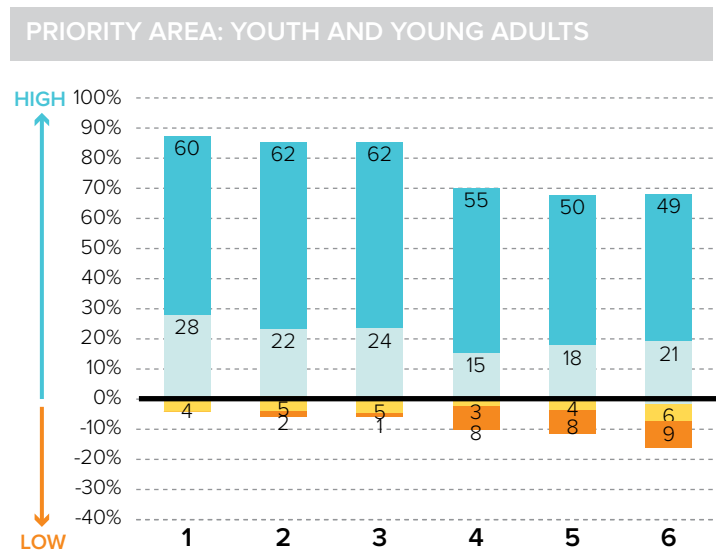
- 1 Training parishioners to identify their spiritual gifts
- 2 Increasing opportunities for lay involvement
- 3 Training and ministry for lay leaders
- 4 Encouraging parishioners to volunteer
- 5 Providing training opportunities for volunteers



- 1 Communicating stewardship as a way of life
- 2 Forming an active Stewardship Commission
- 3 Supporting an active Finance Council
- 4 Financial transparency/accountability



- 1 Forming a vocations committee
- 2 Promoting vocations to priesthood/religious life
- 3 Promoting prayer for vocations
- 4 Inviting young people to consider Church vocations
- 5 Teaching vocation awareness



- 1 Providing regular meetings for teens
- 2 Providing special events for teens (e.g. retreats)
- 3 Engaging youth in parish life and liturgies
- 4 Providing regular meetings for young adults
- 5 Hosting special events for young adults
- 6 Engaging young adults in parish ministries and outreaches

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Survey Results Part II: Faith and Parish Life

YEARS AT CURRENT PARISH

How many years have you attended Mass at your current parish?

	Count	%
Less than 1 year	0	0.0%
1-5 years	3	15.0%
6-10 years	0	0.0%
11-20 years	5	25.0%
21-30 years	4	20.0%
31+ years	8	40.0%
Total	20	100.0%

MASS ATTENDANCE

How often do you attend Mass?



REASONS TO MISS MASS

If you do not attend Mass regularly on Sundays, how much does each of the following explain why? % "somewhat" or "very"

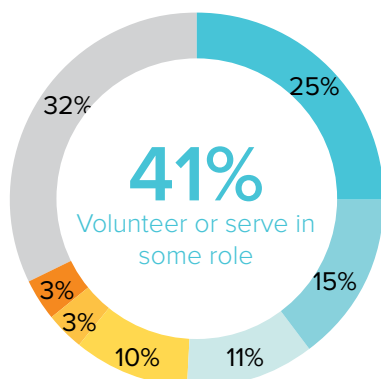
Masses are boring/irrelevant to me	46.7%
Health problems or a disability	21.4%
The parish is not welcoming	20.0%
The pastor is not welcoming	13.3%
Demands of work, school, or sports	9.1%
Family concerns and needs	7.1%
Clusters, mergers, and closures of parishes	6.7%
Lack of children's ministries	0.0%
Divorce or marriage outside of Church	0.0%

REGISTRATION

Are you a registered member at your current parish?



INVOLVEMENT IN THE PARISH



Do you serve, or have you ever served in any of the following roles in your parish?

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- Volunteer (e.g. catechist, Vacation Bible School)
- Liturgical ministries (e.g. usher, Eucharistic Minister, lector)
- Music ministries (e.g. choir, musician, director)
- Member of a parish council, commission, or committee
- Parish staff (e.g. youth minister, business manager, DRE)
- Parish support staff (e.g. secretary, maintenance)
- None of the above

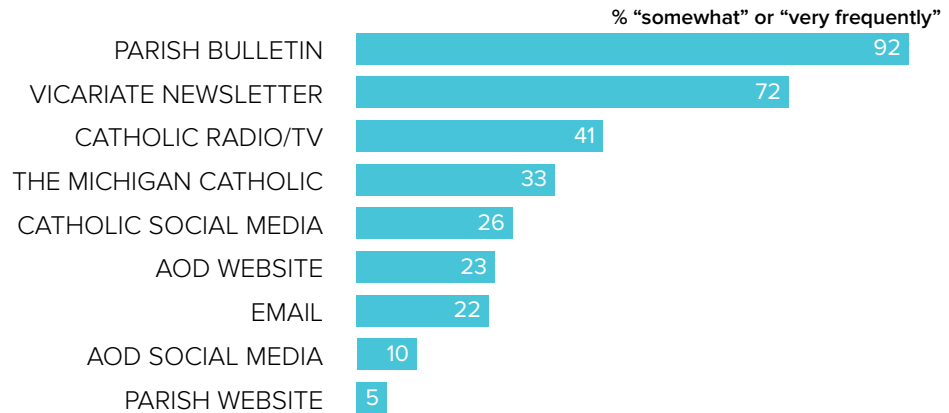
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Survey Results Part II: Faith and Parish Life

COMMUNICATION METHODS

How often do you rely on the following for information about your parish, the Archdiocese, or the Catholic Church?



PARISH CHARACTERISTICS

How important to you are these characteristics in a parish?

	% "very important"		% "very important"
Quality worship service	85.0%	Contemporary music	25.0%
Daily and weekend Mass schedules	78.9%	Catholic school	24.2%
Parish embraces Church teachings and values	71.4%	Small group ministries (e.g. Bible Study)	23.5%
Devotions (rosary, adoration, etc.)	42.4%	Service activities	21.9%
Traditional music	37.1%	Mass in language(s) other than English	.0%
Children's ministries (for all age groups)	35.3%		
Opportunities for penance/confession	31.4%		
Parish social groups/gatherings	29.4%		

PASTOR CHARACTERISTICS

How important to you are these characteristics in a pastor?

	% "very important"
Manages parish resources effectively	82.4%
Engaging preaching style	79.4%
Welcoming spirit	77.8%
Ability to connect scripture to the present	77.1%
Communicates parish priorities	71.9%
Invites people into a personal relationship w/ Jesus	69.7%
Values input from laity	67.6%
Challenges people to live a life of discipleship	63.6%

CHALLENGES FACING THE CHURCH

How would you rate the following as challenges facing the Catholic Church in Southeast Michigan today?

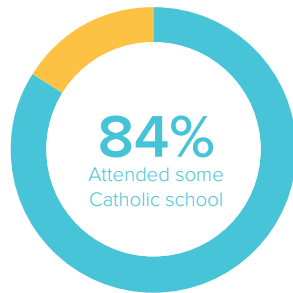
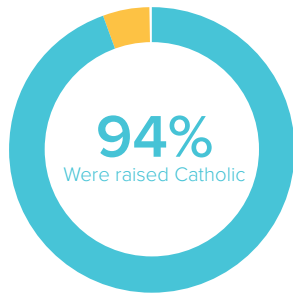
	% "serious challenge"
TOP 5 RESPONSES	
Shortage of priests/decline in vocations	90.0%
Church funds/financial management	77.1%
Lack of participation in the sacraments	68.6%
Clustering, merging, and closing of parishes	66.7%
Engaging teens and young adults in parish life	64.7%

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Survey Results Part III: Demographics

CATHOLIC BACKGROUND AND EDUCATION



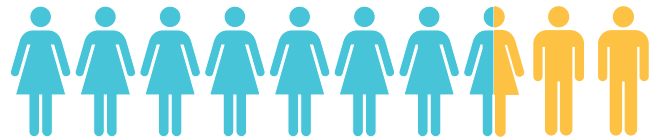
KEY

- Raised Catholic
- Converted to Catholicism
- Not Catholic

KEY

- Attended Catholic school
- Did not attend Catholic school

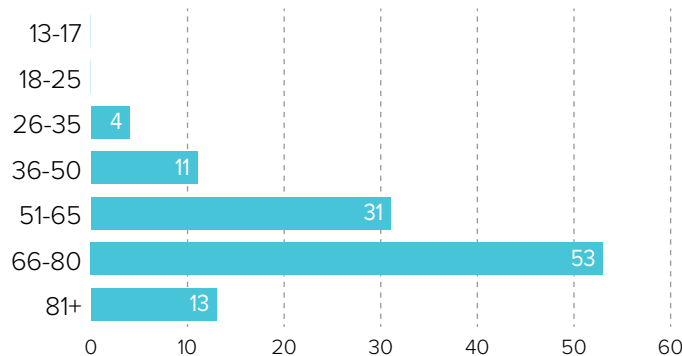
GENDER



75% WOMEN

25% MEN

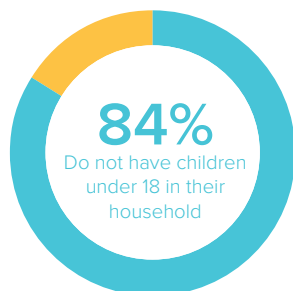
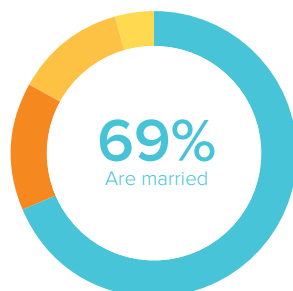
AGE



RACIAL OR ETHNIC BACKGROUND

	Count	%
White	36	100.0%
Black	0	0.0%
Hispanic	0	0.0%
Asian	0	0.0%
Native American	0	0.0%
Other	0	0.0%
Total	36	100.0%

MARITAL STATUS AND CHILDREN IN HOUSEHOLD



KEY

- Married or remarried
- Single, never married
- Divorced or separated
- Widowed

KEY

- Do not have children
- Have children

ESTIMATED HOUSEHOLD INCOME

	Count	%
\$19,000 or less	2	7.1%
\$20,000-39,999	11	39.3%
\$40,000-59,999	5	17.9%
\$60,000-79,999	4	14.3%
\$80,000-99,999	2	7.1%
\$100,000 +	4	14.3%
Total	93	100.0%