

St. Matthew Catholic Church

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Catholic Leadership Institute – Disciple Maker Index Summary October 2025

Survey completed March/April 2025
Estimated weekend Mass attendance 8200
1,843 parishioners over 18 years of age (22% of the estimated attendance)
completed the survey

Demographics

- 57% of the individuals surveyed have been parishioners 11+ years.
- 80% of the individuals surveyed are married.
- 87% of the individuals surveyed are equally divided in age between 36 and 75.
- 93% of the individuals surveyed identified St. Matthew as their primary place of worship.
- 51% of the individuals surveyed that have school age children send their children to Catholic school.
- 99% of the individuals surveyed speak English.

Strengths

- 89% of the individuals surveyed believe the Eucharist is the body/blood of Christ.
- 90% of the individuals surveyed believe that Scripture is the word of God.
- 70% of the individuals surveyed believe that the Church is critical in a relationship with God.
- 80% of the individuals surveyed attend Mass weekly.

Opportunities

- 55% of the individuals surveyed have confidence in the teachings of the Church.
- 66% of the individuals surveyed feel they are adequately informed on becoming a disciple.
- 66% of the individuals surveyed feel the preaching is informative.

Sunday Experience and Spiritual Practices

- 81% of the individuals surveyed find the parish welcoming.
- 40% of the individuals surveyed are experiencing spiritual growth while 33% would like to grow more.
- 26% of the individuals surveyed receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation while 44% received the Sacrament once or twice a year.

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Benchmarks

- While 89% of the individuals surveyed believe the Eucharist is the body/blood of Christ, the overall Diocese result is 93% with the national average is 89%.
- While 95% of the individuals surveyed believe Jesus died and rose from the dead for my salvation, the overall Diocese result is 96% with the national average is 93%.
- While 90% of the individuals surveyed believe that Scripture is the word of God, the overall Diocese result is 94% with the national average 90%.
- While 79% of the individuals surveyed believe they have adequate support in helping their children grow in faith, the overall Diocese result is 83% with the national average is 72%.
- While 66% of the individuals surveyed believe the preaching connects the faith to everyday life, the overall Diocese result is 79% with the national average of 79%.
- While 67% of the individuals surveyed believe the Sunday Mass is vibrant and engaging, the overall Diocese result is 78% with the national average of 77%.

“Take-Aways”

- Continue to reinforce the true presence of Jesus in the Eucharist through family Eucharistic Adoration, 40-Hour Devotion, preaching, etc.
- Strengthen the Sunday Experience through welcoming, vibrant music and preaching that relates to the time in which we live.
- Strengthen the spirituality of individuals and families through invitational programming.
- Support children with opportunities to experience the history of Catholic culture – why we do what we do.
- Provide facilities to accommodate opportunities for spiritual and community growth.

(Individual data was not available for analysis to determine if differences were statistically significantly.)

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