

What is the Disciple Maker Index?

The Disciple Maker Index (DMI) is a survey tool that has been developed with the input from a broad range of Catholic pastoral and lay leaders. The DMI specifically provides insight into spiritual growth for a parish, with a focus on:

- Attitude and beliefs
- Relationship and satisfaction
- Participation
- Demographic

St. David DMI results are based on the survey responses received from 395 of our parishioners. This represents about 20% of our registered members (which is a great result for a survey!). We are especially thrilled that we had responses across ALL age groupings.

Well done and thank you!

SAINT DAVID CHURCH

Next Generation Parish

Message from Fr. Windle

I would like to thank all of you who took part in the *Disciple Maker Index* earlier this year. This survey was an early step in the *Next Generation Parish* initiative of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The survey helped us to take account of our current parish community as we plan for future generations. Presented here is a summary of our parish results. I want to thank the Envisioning Team who have been working hard these past few months summarizing our results and identifying areas of growth for the parish.

The Disciple Maker Index results aid us in discerning areas of growth for St. David Parish. Through these opportunities, we will continue to cultivate St. David as a place of praise & worship, a place of hope, and a community of faith for the next 100 years. We appreciate your continued prayers and look forward to sharing more information over the coming months.

Our Envisioning Team has been meeting and working together since September, reviewing the survey data and other inputs. What will come from this process will be our Parish Vision Statement, our Parish Values Statement, and our Parish Priorities for the next phase of the Next Generation Parish Experience. To stay up to date on our progress, please feel free to check our webpage regularly www.stdavidparish.org/next-gen.

What have we learned so far?

Our DMI Survey results have provided insight into the strengths of St. David as a parish as well as areas of opportunity for growth. We realize that some of the data points that we share may seem intimidating. However, we also recognize that we each are on our own journey in our relationship with God – we are not always on the same path nor the same timetable.

What is important is that we recognize our unified goal of growing closer to God.

GROWING OUR FAITH
Many of us want to grow spiritually
and continue to practice the
Catholic faith. We also see a great
opportunity to better understand
our Catholic faith and expand its
role in our daily lives.

would like to grow more in our faith

35% have never been to confession

35% practice Catholic devotions, such as praying the Rosary and novenas

67% believe the Eucharist is the Body and Blood of Christ

83% pray weekly as an individual

35% pray weekly with someone else

SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE
Diving deeper in our faith provides
an opportunity to grow a stronger
relationship with Christ and share
the experience with others.

have never invited someone to Mass

believe St. David provides opportunities to serve those in need

Our Core Beliefs put into practice \rightarrow will allow us to cultivate our faith and grow our confidence to exercise our leadership \rightarrow helping others to grow in their own spiritual experience.