



Parish Pastoral Council Survey #1

Last Fall, our Pastoral Council conducted a survey of our parish.

Thank you for your honest participation and feedback. In the survey a number of issues were raised that indicate a lack of awareness of some of the things already happening at SPX. Here's a brief list of some things that you might not know about SPX!

Did You Know....

In addition to the bulletin that is emailed to over 780 people each week, we provide paper copies of the bulletin each week at the Info Desk and on the bookcase by the side entrance. The paper copy also includes hardcopies of any flyer or documents attached to the email version. Right now we print 65 copies each week, and there are always copies remaining by the next weekend.

To increase our financial transparency, going forward we will provide more regular financial updates via the bulletin monthly.

In response to concerns about the availability of Mass for those with irregular schedules or other special needs, we have posted a PDF on our website that has listings of local Mass times as well as Masses with sign language interpretation and availability for viewing Mass online when needed.

Eucharistic Ministers use hand sanitizer in their pews before serving at each Mass. We also offer hand sanitizer on tables in the entranceway during cold / flu season as well as at the Info Desk and in Ministry Prep year round.

Remember that there is additional parking around back of the church as well as to the side of the Faith Center and middle school – there's always room for more!

Are you interested in becoming a member of SPX? The best way to do that is to join us for a New Parishioner Welcome event. At the Welcome event, you will get to meet Fr. Mike, our staff and some parishioners, have some light lunch, and hear firsthand what we have to offer you in your faith journey. We will also encourage you to begin praying about opportunities for you to get involved at SPX. Events are held most months on Sunday afternoons in the Faith Center. You can sign-up at <http://bit.ly/spxnewmember>

Our Parish Book of Prayer, a binder where you can write your prayer requests, is available in the entranceway each weekend. You can write the names of people to pray for, needs you have, or any other prayer request in this binder which is then carried to the sanctuary by an altar server for each Mass, and is silently prayed for in the Prayers of the Faithful during Mass.

Our desire as a parish is to provide pastoral care and support to those suffering from illness of any kind, particularly for those approaching the end of life. There are specific ways that we can support you during time of illness, such as:

- The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick
- Home or hospital visits
- Helping Hands Ministry – assistance with travel to the doctor, food for the family, etc.

If you are in need of these services, please contact the Rectory Office at 301-262-2141 ext. 10.

A note on confidentiality: Each of us approaches illness in a unique way. Some are very open with the details of their struggles; others are very private, preferring to not let others know that something is going on. Should you choose to disclose your health condition to a member of our staff, your confidentiality will be respected. It is only shared with the pastor if you give permission to do so. Likewise the pastor will respect your privacy and not share your information without permission. Please do not hesitate to contact us for support.

There are so many ways to serve here at SPX, but we heard that some people aren't sure exactly how to get involved. Here are some ways:

- Visit **spxbowie.org/ministry** to see the opportunities available
- Visit the Info Desk before or after any weekend Mass to leave your name, contact information, and what ministry / mission you'd like to get involved in so that we can follow-up with you
- Contact Suzanne Fanning, our Weekend Coordinator
 - ❖ before or after any weekend Mass
 - ❖ via email: liturgy@spxbowie.org

And to help – here's what she looks like!

