

2026 Parish Survey Results

Thank you to all of those who completed the St. Gregory's parish survey in January. We received 95 responses via online and on paper. The 25% response rate of registered households is a healthy response rate.

On the backside of this insert, you will find pie charts that summarize the responses to the survey questions. There were questions that allowed survey takers to provide comments about what they like or don't like about St. Gregory's. We appreciated receiving those comments. And, while it is not possible to respond to each of those comments, we will certainly make changes where possible.

Broadly speaking, the survey results were generally positive for St. Gregory's. 76% of parishioners said that they are either very satisfied or satisfied with the parish. Some of the comments specifically mentioned satisfaction with the community, the small size of the parish, and the music.

As to be expected in any survey, there were concerns in the comments. One of the major concerns was the lack of an earlier Sunday Mass time. Prior to the modification to the Sunday Mass schedule (which went into effect in January 2024), I mentioned in a bulletin article that it was no longer feasible to keep to the 9:30 a.m. Mass time. Sunday Mass was moved to 10:30 a.m. so that 1 priest could cover the three Masses between St. Gregory's and Sacred Heart, as sometimes there is only 1 priest available. Although St. Gregory's does not have an early Sunday Mass, there are many parishioners who occasionally make the 15-minute drive from North Branch to Sacred Heart for their 8:30 a.m. Mass.

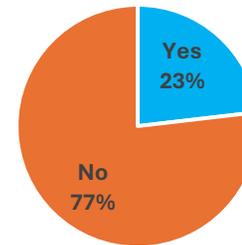
There were two other concerns that had some frequency in the comments. One was related to lack of parishioner involvement. The other was a desire for the parish to be more welcoming and to provide more activities, especially in the evening. I will give some space to both criticisms in future bulletin articles.

-Fr. Matt

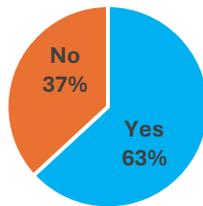
Q1. How long have you been a parishioner?



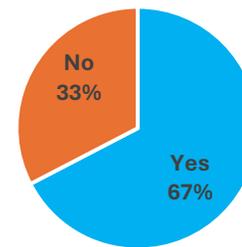
Q2. Do you have children enrolled in our Faith Formation programs?



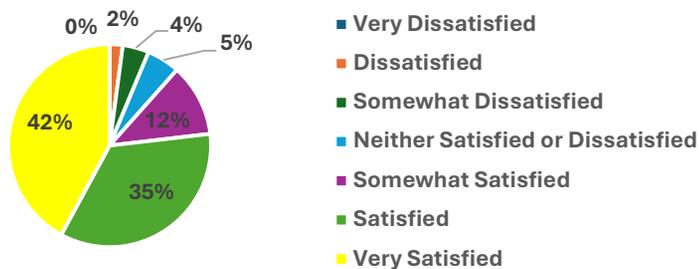
Q3. Besides Sunday Mass, are you personally active in some type of parish group?



Q4. Do you volunteer in some capacity at St. Gregory's?



Q5. How satisfied are you with your overall experience as a member of St. Gregory's?



Q7. How well is St. Gregory's meeting the needs of it's parishioners?

