



Reflecting On Our Faith Journey

Dear Parishioner,

As Catholics, we are called to holiness, community, mission, ministry, and to a mature Christian faith. As St. James Catholic Cathedral members, you are invited to reflect on our parish life to determine how our worship, formation, and outreach activities can most effectively meet this call. Please prayerfully address the following questions and return in the enclosed envelope by **April 11, 2008**.

God Bless,

Fr. John McCormick, Rector

If you would like a copy of this survey in Spanish, please call the Cathedral office or visit the Cathedral website.

Liturgy/Worship

Please share how much you agree with the following:

	Agree Completely		Disagree Completely	
I would like to grow in my understanding of the Mass and how it can help me to experience God's presence more deeply in the Word, the Eucharist and the Community.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A variety of prayer forms are offered that support my spiritual needs.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The church environment is conducive to reflection and spirituality.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The music enhances the liturgy.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I feel welcomed at Mass by the liturgical ministers and fellow parishioners.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I am able to clearly hear/understand the lectors, readers and priests in order to fully participate in the liturgy.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The homilies inspire me to live a Christ-centered life.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The liturgy brings the community together.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The liturgy is relevant for my children.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments on Liturgy/Word:

Faith Formation – Children/Youth

The following questions are to gather general impressions of the programs, as more detailed surveys are conducted annually by St. James Cathedral.

Please share how much you agree with the following descriptions:

Elementary Religious Ed.:

	Agree Completely		Disagree Completely	
Engages my child	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Family friendly	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quality teaching	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Safe environment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Middle School Religious Ed.:

	Agree Completely		Disagree Completely	
Engages my child	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Family friendly	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quality teaching	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Safe environment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Youth Ministry:

	Agree Completely		Disagree Completely	
Communicated adequately	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Diverse activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Meets frequently enough	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Socially engages my teen	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

St. James Cathedral School:

	Agree Completely		Disagree Completely	
Affordable	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Family friendly	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Inclusive	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Safe environment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Faith Formation – Children/Youth (continued)

Mom's Day Out:

	Agree Completely		Disagree Completely	
Affordable	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Family friendly	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Inclusive	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Safe environment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Faith Formation - Adults

Please rate the effectiveness of the following programs:

	Extremely Effective		Not At All Effective	
Adult Bible Studies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Into the Fields (mini-retreats)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parish Missions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adult Sessions for Sacramental Preparation of Children (1 st reconciliation and communion, confirmation)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Over the past year, did you attend any programs offered by Adult Spirituality? Yes No

If no, please indicate what kept you from attending:

Not aware of programs Timing conflicts with other activities
 Not interested in topics Too busy

Faith Formation - Sacraments

Over the past year, have you or one of your family members prepared for a sacrament at St. James Cathedral?

Yes No

If yes, please check all that apply:

Baptism Confirmation
 First Eucharist Marriage
 Reconciliation RCIA

Please share your experience regarding the sacramental preparation:

	Agree Completely		Disagree Completely	
The sacrament preparation provided an opportunity for spiritual growth.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The sacrament preparation deepened my understanding of my faith.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The communications were clear and timely.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The rules/guidelines were appropriate.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments on Faith Formation – Children/Adults/Sacraments:

Discipleship/Evangelization

Please share how much you agree with the following:

	Agree Completely		Disagree Completely	
I would like to learn more about committing quality time in daily prayer to deepen my relationship with the Lord.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I am interested in learning more about what it means to live as a committed disciple of Christ.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I would like to become more comfortable and confident in sharing my faith with others.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I feel invited to be active in the life of the parish.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Inquiries for volunteering/participation are responded to in a timely manner.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments on Discipleship/Evangelization:

Please continue on the back side.

Pastoral Care/Outreach

Please share how much you agree with the following:

	Agree Completely		Disagree Completely	
The priests are available for support/guidance.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Our church reaches out financially to the community.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Our church reaches out to the community in service.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
We could do more to promote social justice in our community.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Our outreach ministries address the needs of all generations.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Have you or anyone in your family been served by or been involved in one of the Pastoral Care/Outreach Ministries? (e.g. Bereavement, Ministry to Sick, Care Team, St. Vincent de Paul, etc.)
 Yes No

If yes, which one(s): _____

Please share how much you agree with the following regarding the Pastoral Care/Outreach Ministries:

	Agree Completely		Disagree Completely	
Ministry was Christ-centered	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Volunteers were competent and caring	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Church was responsive to my needs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please share how much you agree with the following:

	Agree Completely		Disagree Completely	
My parish supports my married vocation with programs that nourish and enrich spouses and their relationships (e.g. Preparation, Marriage Encounter, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments on Pastoral Care/Outreach:

Stewardship

Please share how much you agree with the following:

	Agree Completely		Disagree Completely	
I want to learn more about the mission of St. James Cathedral parish and commit to it more fully.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I believe that I could gain a greater understanding of stewardship and become both more generous and more cheerful in my giving of time, talent and treasure.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The financial status of the parish is clearly communicated.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The staffing structure effectively supports the parish.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Are you a registered member of the parish? Yes No

If yes, what were the reasons why you initially chose to register with St. James Cathedral Parish? (Please check all that apply)

- Closest Catholic church
- For a particular sacrament
- Life of the church
- Priests and Associates
- To attend parish school
- To attend Religious Ed.

Do you regularly use offertory envelopes? Yes No

Comments on Stewardship:

Fellowship/Communications

How effective are the following forms of communications at informing you of St. James Cathedral Activities:

	Extremely Effective		Not At All Effective	
Annual Report	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bulletin	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Website	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Fellowship/Communications (continued)

Please share how much you agree with the following:

	Agree Completely		Disagree Completely	
Social Ministries at St. James Cathedral Parish (e.g. Prime Timers, Knights of Columbus, etc.) encourage participation and membership.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
It is easy to become involved in a Social Ministry at St. James Cathedral.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I feel welcomed when I attend Social Ministry events.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social Ministries at St. James Cathedral bring the community closer together.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Events and activities are affordable.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments on Fellowship/Communications:

These last questions will help us to look at the needs of different groups of people.

Gender: Male Female

Age: 18-21 22-29 30-39 40-49
 50-59 60-69 70-79 80+

Marital Status:

- Single
- Divorced now single
- Divorced now married
- Married
- Separated
- Widowed

Age of Children living at home:

- 0 to 5
- 6 to 11
- 12 to 17
- 18+
- None

	Yes	No
Children Attend St. James Cathedral School	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Children Attend Religious Ed.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Ethnicity:

- African American
- Asian
- Caucasian
- Hispanic
- Native American
- Other _____

How long have you attended St. James Cathedral?

- Less than 1 year
- 1 to 5 years
- 6 to 10 years
- 11 to 20 years
- More than 20 years

Approximately, how often do you attend Mass at St. James Cathedral?

- Daily
- More than once a week
- Weekly
- Two to three times a month
- Once a month
- Several times a year

Do you ever attend Mass at other Catholic churches in the area? Yes No

If yes, how often:

- Daily
- More than once a week
- Two to three times a month
- Once a month

Do you ever attend another church in the area that is not Catholic? Yes No

If yes, how often:

- Weekly or more often
- Two to three times a month
- Once a month
- Several times a year

INVOLVEMENT:

Some of us are called to be actively involved in St. James Cathedral parish. However, all of us are called to be involved as St. James Cathedral parish—ministering, serving and witnessing in our homes, neighborhoods and communities (e.g. coaching a basketball team, being involved in a civic club, helping an elderly neighbor).

Please share any and all ways that you are active and involved either within St. James Cathedral or taking St. James Cathedral beyond our walls to live out your call to discipleship in your world.

Thank you for your response!