



April 26, 2019

Dear St. Mary parishioners,

Thank you for participating in the Parish Survey.

During the summer and fall of 2018 a survey was conducted in Saint Mary's Parish asking parishioners to answer a variety of questions about the services and programs offered at our parish. You may recall that the surveys were available to be picked up after Masses and it was emailed to everyone for whom we have an email address. We had an amazing response of completed surveys. We received responses from two hundred and seventy-five households. The purpose of the survey was to provide input to Father, the Pastoral Council and parish staff to aid in planning for the future and provide insights into how to better serve you and our fellow parishioners. Thank you to everyone that completed the survey, your responses are very valuable and greatly appreciated. Since February the Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Staff have been reviewing the information and will continue to study the results for assistance in planning and decision making. We, Father Kern and the Parish Staff, wanted to share some of the highlights of the findings of the survey with you.

The **full report** can be found on our parish website homepage at www.stmaryswinona.org

Highlights

1. Many reasons were given for joining Saint Mary's Parish but two of the largest reasons were Saint Mary's reputation as an active parish and a welcoming parish.
2. The survey results indicate that the means used to communicate with parishioners (Parish Bulletin, announcements at Mass, email, parish website, posters and social media) are indeed utilized by a high percentage of the parishioners.
3. The parish members are very active in our parish ministries such as liturgical, music, faith formation, service opportunities and volunteering in parish activities.

4. The survey results indicate a high percentage of respondents (in all age groups, males and females, those with children and those without children) feel positively “connected” to Saint Mary’s Parish.
5. The survey results indicate a high degree of satisfaction with the parish staff and the work they are doing.
6. When asked to rate their satisfaction with parish activities respondents rated the following as satisfied or very satisfied.

Youth Programs	76% satisfied or very satisfied
Youth Formation Programs	86% satisfied or very satisfied
Adult Faith Formation	85.7% satisfied or very satisfied
Fellowship Opportunities	95.6 % satisfied or very satisfied
Outreach to new parishioners	87% satisfied or very satisfied
Outreach to the sick or elderly	95% satisfied or very satisfied
Service Opportunities	93% satisfied or very satisfied

The survey results indicate that many good things are happening at Saint Mary’s Parish and we know there is always room to improve what we do and continue working together to keep our parish strong.

Sincerely,

Father Jason Kern, St. Mary’s Pastoral Council, Parish Staff, & Survey Committee members.



St. Mary's Parish Mission Statement

We are God's partially faithful, yet wonderfully gifted people.

Together we are called to heal, educate and connect all our brothers and sisters to our loving and forgiving God.

We believe that this call comes to us in Baptism, and is nourished through the Word, Eucharist, and works of mercy and caring.