



## PULSE OF THE PARISH SURVEY SUMMARY

JANUARY 2022, TWO YEARS INTO THE COVID PANDEMIC

CONDUCTED BY THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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“Thank you to all who took the time to respond to the parish survey.”

We had a statistically valid response rate of 30% and are pleased to share the results with you.

### **DEMOGRAPHICS**

- 42% of respondents were age 70 or older, 40% were age 51-70, 16% were age 31-50, and 2% were age 18-30.
- 78% of respondents indicated that they attend weekly mass.
- 65% of respondents have attended Saint Mary for 11 or more years, 35% have attended for 1-10 years.

### **MISSION, VALUE, IMPACT, AND INVOLVEMENT**

The survey asked parishioners to rate Saint Mary in the following areas, using a scale of 1 (lowest) to 5 (highest):

- 1) Effectiveness in living the mission statement – averaged 4.43
- 2) Effectiveness in fulfillment of what parishioners’ value – averaged 4.55

The survey asked parishioners to rate their own experience at Saint Mary in the following areas, using a scale of 1 (lowest) to 5 (highest):

- 1) Impact of ministries in parishioners’ lives – averaged 4.21
- 2) Parishioners’ involvement in parish life – averaged 3.57

### **ACHIEVEMENTS, ATTENDANCE, AND GROWTH**

The survey asked parishioners:

What they saw as Saint Mary’s greatest achievement over the past 10 years.

- Respondents overwhelmingly agreed it was the Jubilee Garden. The top achievements according to the survey were in the areas of stability and growth as demonstrated by: Jubilee Garden, Community Outreach, Stewardship, Leadership, and Solar Energy.

To identify the top reasons that they attend Saint Mary.

- The sense of community topped the list, followed by Father Richard, quality of homily, quality of music, and inclusivity.

What they see as Saint Mary’s greatest area for growth.

- Increased engagement of youth, young adults, and young families in parish life and ministry topped the list. Another common response was how Covid-19 will impact the future of parish life and ministry.