



St. Benedict Catholic Church, Falcon, Colorado

The Discovery Survey

SECTION I – Demographics of Survey Participant

surveys were given out to every registered parishioner 13 years old or older. 87 were completed and returned. Note: Not every question or item was responded to - the percentage listed are of the actual number of responses. The number of responses to each item is in **bold**.

- I. Of the **87** respondents - 33 were Male (37.9%), and 54 were Female (62.0%)
59 are Married (67.8%), and 17 are Single (19.5%)
- II. When asked about their religious affiliation, **85** respondents indicated -
62 Raised Catholic (73.8%) 18 Convert to Catholicism (21.4%) 4 Non-Catholic (4.7%)
- III. **85** respondents by age -
6 @ 13-15 (7.0%) 3 @ 16-18 (3.5%) 1 @ 19-24 (1.1%) 3 @ 25-34 (3.5%)
25 @ 35-44 (29.4%) 16 @ 45-54 (18.7%) 17 @ 55-65 (20.0%) 14 @ 66 and older (16.0%)
- IV. **85** respondents indicated Mass attendance -
0 @ Everyday 0 @ 2-times per week
76 @ Once a week (89.4%) 9 @ 1-3 times per month (10.5%)
0 @ Less than once a month 0 @ Christmas, Easter, and other Holy Days
- V. When asked about reading the Sunday bulletin every week, **84** respondents indicated -
63 Yes (75%) 7 No (8.3%) 14 Sometimes (16%)
- VI. **85** reported annual household income (**32 of the 53 Checked they were answering for their whole household**).
7 Less than \$25,000 (13.2%) 11 Between \$25,000 and \$49,999 (29.7%)
8 Between \$50,000 and \$74,999 (15.0%) 15 Between \$75,000 and \$99,999 (28.3%)
12 Greater than \$100,000 (22.6%)
- VI. When asked if they have children, **81** respondents indicated -
3 No (3.70%) 61 Yes (75.3%) 17 Does not apply to me (20.9%)

Of those with children, respondents indicated -
8 @ birth – 5 years
5 @ 6 – 12 years
0 @ 13 – 17 years
0 @ 18 – 25 that still live with you
- VII. When asked if they had grade school children, and if they would send them to a Catholic School associated with St. Benedict Parish, **74** respondents indicate -
23 Yes (31.0%) 10 No (13.5%) 41 Did not apply to them (55.4%)
- IX. To the question if they had access to a computer, **85** respondents indicated -
81 Yes (95.2%) 4 No (4.7%)
- X. Do you have access to the Internet? **87** respondents indicated - 81 Yes (93.1%) 6 No (6.8%)
- XI. When asked if they would like to receive parish information and or announcements via e-mail, **83** respondents indicated -
44 Yes (53.0%) 39 No (46.9%)

- XII. When asked how often they logged on to the Parish website, **77** respondents indicated -
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| 0 @ Everyday | 0 @ 2-6 times per week |
| 5 @ Once per week (6.0%) | 9 @ 1-3 times per month (10.8%) |
| 8 @ Less than once a month (9.63%) | 55 @ Rarely (66.2%) |

SECTION II

The following section of the survey attempts to ascertain perceptions of Saint Benedict Parish at PRESENT

1. The current 9:30 AM Sunday Mass serves my needs. **85**

1	Strongly disagree	1.17%
8	Somewhat disagree	9.0%
2	Uncertain	2.3%
30	Somewhat agree	35.2%
44	Strongly agree	51.0%
1	Does not apply	1.17%

Indications: The current Mass time serves the needs of the majority of the parishioners.

2. The celebration of Sunday Mass is prayerful and reverent. **85**

0	Strongly disagree	0%
3	Somewhat disagree	3.5%
7	Uncertain	8.2%
29	Somewhat agree	34.1%
45	Strongly agree	52.9%
1	Does not apply	1.17%

Indications: While over half find Sunday Mass prayerful and reverent, 34.1% believe there are some areas that need improvement.

3. There are ample opportunities for me to participate in the Sunday Mass. **85**

1	Strongly disagree	1.17%
2	Somewhat disagree	2.3%
6	Uncertain	7.0%
16	Somewhat agree	18.8%
58	Strongly agree	68.2%
2	Does not apply	2.3%

Indication: The majority of parishioners believe they have opportunities to participate in Mass.

4. The homilies present correct Church doctrines and teachings. **86**

0	Strongly disagree	0%
2	Somewhat disagree	2.3%
9	Uncertain	10.0%
17	Somewhat agree	19.0%
54	Strongly agree	62.7%
3	Does not apply	4.6%

Indications: Parishioners find the homilies at Mass to be helpful to their lives while being true to the teachings of the Church.

5. The homilies are relevant to my life and help me live the faith. **86**

1	Strongly disagree	1.1%
2	Somewhat disagree	2.3%
11	Uncertain	12.7%
31	Somewhat agree	36.0%
38	Strongly agree	41.8%
2	Does not apply	3.4%

6. All of the ministers carry out their tasks in a proper fashion. **86**

2	Strongly disagree	2.3%
3	Somewhat disagree	3.4%
9	Uncertain	10.0%
29	Somewhat agree	33.7%

43	Strongly agree	50.0%
0	Does not apply	0%

Indications: While the majority of parishioners generally believe the various liturgical ministers perform their roles in a proper fashion, 25 to 30% believe there are some areas needing improvement.

There was some difference in opinion for specific ministries.

Concerning the music ministry, there was a slightly greater level of uncertainty, while a full 71% agreed that the celebration of Mass was enhanced in an inviting way by this ministry.

7. The altar servers carry out their tasks in a proper fashion. **86**

1	Strongly disagree	1.17%
3	Somewhat disagree	3.4%
4	Uncertain	4.6%
27	Somewhat agree	31.3%
50	Strongly agree	58.6%
1	Does not apply	1.17%

8. The Proclaimers of the word carry out their tasks in an effective manner. **84**

1	Strongly disagree	1.19%
2	Somewhat disagree	2.3%
6	Uncertain	7.1%
23	Somewhat agree	27.3%
52	Strongly agree	61.9%
0	Does not apply	0%

9. The music ministry contributes to the celebration of the Mass in an inviting way. **83**

4	Strongly disagree	4.8%
6	Somewhat disagree	7.6%
12	Uncertain	14.4%
21	Somewhat agree	25.3%
38	Strongly agree	45.7%
0	Does not apply	2.4%

10. The current 9:00 AM Sunday Confession time serves my needs well. **81**

6	Strongly disagree	6.1%
7	Somewhat disagree	9.8%
21	Uncertain	25.9%
19	Somewhat agree	23.4%
17	Strongly agree	20.9%
11	Does not apply	13.5%

Indications: Fewer were in agreement with this issue and more marked “does not apply” & “uncertain”. 44.4% agreed. This issue calls for more attention.

11. The Sunday liturgy is the heart of parish life. **86**

2	Strongly disagree	2.3%
3	Somewhat disagree	3.4%
8	Uncertain	9.3%
35	Somewhat agree	40.6%
37	Strongly agree	43.0%
1	Does not apply	1.17%

Indication: A strong sense that our Eucharistic celebration together is important to parish life.

12. We are kept informed of the financial support received by the parish from the weekly offertory. **82**

3	Strongly disagree	3.6%
2	Somewhat disagree	2.4%
9	Uncertain	10.9%
29	Somewhat agree	35.3%
34	Strongly agree	41.4%
5	Does not apply	1.17%

Indications: Parishioners feel they are being informed about Offertory contributions. (These are posted in the Sunday Bulletin.)

13. I am kept informed of the financial obligations of the parish. **84**

6	Strongly disagree	7.1%
13	Somewhat disagree	15.4%
20	Uncertain	23.8%
16	Somewhat agree	19.5%
20	Strongly agree	23.8%

Indications: Parishioners do not feel they are being as well informed about the financial obligation facing the parish. (This survey was conducted prior to the October, 2007, Stewardship Report to the Parish – indicating its importance.)

9 Does not apply 10.7%

14. Our household gives a specific amount in the offertory each Sunday, rather than a percentage of our income. **83**

4 Strongly disagree 4.8%
3 Somewhat disagree 4.8%
4 Uncertain 6.0%
15 Somewhat agree 18.0%
46 Strongly agree 55.4%
9 Does not apply 10.8%

Indications: Most households give a dollar amount in the Offertory, rather than tithing a percentage of their income.

15. The current rented facilities are good for worship services. **86**

3 Strongly disagree 3.4%
14 Somewhat disagree 16.2%
18 Uncertain 20.9%
28 Somewhat agree 32.5%
21 Strongly agree 24.4%
2 Does not apply 2.3%

Indications: While the majority find the current rented space acceptable, another 40.5% either disagreed or were uncertain.

16. The current rented facilities are made into an adequate environment for worship by the altar placement and decorations used. **87**

1 Strongly disagree 1.1%
2 Somewhat disagree 2.2%
10 Uncertain 11.4%
43 Somewhat agree 49.4%
28 Strongly agree 32.1%
3 Does not apply 3.4%

Indications: The current liturgical environment efforts are moderately adequate without being objectionable.

17. The current rented facilities are excellent for religious education classrooms. **86**

2 Strongly disagree 2.3%
4 Somewhat disagree 4.6%
17 Uncertain 19.7%
24 Somewhat agree 31.3%
30 Strongly agree 34.8%
9 Does not apply 10.4%

Indications: While rated well by those with direct knowledge of the Religious Ed. Program, a significant number are not certain or program issues do not affect them.

18. The current rented parish house is excellent for gatherings related to parish business. **84**

1 Strongly disagree 1.1%
3 Somewhat disagree 3.5%
14 Uncertain 16.6%
28 Somewhat agree 33.3%
29 Strongly agree 34.5%
9 Does not apply 10.7%

Indications: 18 to 21

While the number of those agreeing strongly or only somewhat were very close when it came to the Parish House, the level of “uncertainty” and “does not apply” seems to indicate a lack of experience of the rented property and its functions.

19. The current rented parish house is well maintained. **84**

1 Strongly disagree 1.1%
2 Somewhat disagree 2.3%
17 Uncertain 20.2%
33 Somewhat agree 39.2%
23 Strongly agree 27.3%
8 Does not apply 9.5%

20. The current rented parish house is well fitted with office equipment. **85**

1 Strongly disagree 1.1%
0 Somewhat disagree 0%
21 Uncertain 24.7%
28 Somewhat agree 32.9%
22 Strongly agree 25.8%

13 Does not apply 15.2%

21. The current rented parish house serves well to provide the parish Eucharistic Chapel. **84**

2 Strongly disagree 2.3%
6 Somewhat disagree 7.1%
15 Uncertain 17.8%
21 Somewhat agree 25.0%
30 Strongly agree 35.7%
10 Does not apply 11.9%

22. The Parish Director is readily available at the parish house during normal business hours. **80**

1 Strongly disagree 1.2%
5 Somewhat disagree 6.2%
14 Uncertain 17.5%
20 Somewhat agree 25.0%
25 Strongly agree 31.2%
15 Does not apply 18.7%

Indications: While the majority think the Parish Director is readily available, slightly more than 1/3 indicate uncertainty or that this does not apply to their experience.

23. The children's religious education program is outstanding. **83**

2 Strongly disagree 2.4%
3 Somewhat disagree 3.6%
14 Uncertain 16.8%
18 Somewhat agree 21.6%
22 Strongly agree 26.5%
24 Does not apply 28.9%

Indications: 23 to 28

It should be noted that on average 29.8% of the respondents indicated that the Religious Education issues did not apply to them. Another 13.6% were uncertain about these issues.

Of the remainder, approval of the program is evident – especially in sacramental preparation. There is some concern evident about the instructional needs of the parish.

24. The children's religious education meets the instructional needs of our parish. **86**

3 Strongly disagree 3.4%
9 Somewhat disagree 10.4%
14 Uncertain 16.2%
3 Somewhat agree 3.4%
33 Strongly agree 38.3%
24 Does not apply 27.9%

25. The children's religious education teachers are well prepared for their classroom responsibilities. **83**

0 Strongly disagree 0%
2 Somewhat disagree 2.4%
9 Uncertain 10.8%
24 Somewhat agree 28.9%
21 Strongly agree 25.3%
27 Does not apply 32.5%

26. The children are well instructed in religious education classes for the Sacraments. **83**

0 Strongly disagree 0%
1 Somewhat disagree 1.2%
9 Uncertain 10.8%
19 Somewhat agree 22.8%
29 Strongly agree 34.9%
25 Does not apply 30.1%

27. The youth activities are well planned. **80**

2 Strongly disagree 2.5%
4 Somewhat disagree 5.0%
12 Uncertain 15.0%
25 Somewhat agree 31.2%

Indications: The majority agreed with this statement.

14	Strongly agree	17.5%
23	Does not apply	28.7%

28. The youth are active in our parish community. **83**

0	Strongly disagree	0%
2	Somewhat disagree	2.3%
15	Uncertain	18.0%
30	Somewhat agree	36.1%
23	Strongly agree	27.1%
13	Does not apply	15.6%

Indications: Of those responding: youth involvement is present.
Almost 1/3 were uncertain/does not apply: raising a question about the visibility of these programs.

29. The parish has sufficient on-going adult faith formation. **79**

1	Strongly disagree	1.2%
7	Somewhat disagree	8.8%
23	Uncertain	29.1%
27	Somewhat agree	34.1%
12	Strongly agree	15.1%
9	Does not apply	11.3%

Indications: With 40% “uncertain”/“does not apply”: this topic needs attention to determine parishioner needs and desires.

30. An important part of being in the Church is practicing one’s faith at home, school and work. **86**

1	Strongly disagree	1.1%
2	Somewhat disagree	2.3%
7	Uncertain	8.1%
10	Somewhat agree	11.6%
65	Strongly agree	75.5%
1	Does not apply	1.1%

Indications: Living the Catholic Faith in the world is seen as important as coming to church on Sundays. This understanding should be nourished and supported whenever possible.

31. The hospitality ministry after Mass is important. **86**

1	Strongly disagree	1.1%
6	Somewhat disagree	6.9%
13	Uncertain	15.1%
20	Somewhat agree	23.2%
46	Strongly agree	53.4%
0	Does not apply	0%

Indications: More than ¾ of respondents see this as important: a welcoming-community seeking time to communicate and bond.

This is a community self-identifier to be built upon is all facets of parish life.

32. The parish is welcoming and hospitable to all. **84**

3	Strongly disagree	3.5%
1	Somewhat disagree	1.1%
8	Uncertain	9.5%
19	Somewhat agree	22.6%
52	Strongly agree	61.9%
1	Does not apply	1.1%

33. In my experience the parish has a sufficient number of volunteer workers. **84**

12	Strongly disagree	14.2%
16	Somewhat disagree	19.0%
15	Uncertain	17.8%
29	Somewhat agree	34.5%
10	Strongly agree	11.9%
2	Does not apply	2.3%

Indications: There is a realization that more people need to become involved in the inner life and ministries of the parish. Opportunities must be provided to all.

34. Our parish concentrates on our collective and individual growth in our Catholic faith. **84**

0	Strongly disagree	0%
3	Somewhat disagree	3.5%
14	Uncertain	16.6%
37	Somewhat agree	44.0%
29	Strongly agree	34.5%

Indications: This would clearly be seen as both a current reality and one that needs to be fostered in the future.

1 Does not apply 2.3%

35. It is important to offer physical health screenings. **87**

11	Strongly disagree	12.6%
14	Somewhat disagree	16.0%
23	Uncertain	26.4%
18	Somewhat agree	20.6%
13	Strongly agree	14.9%
8	Does not apply	9.1%

Indications: The ambivalence shown by respondents suggests this ministry is somewhat desired.

St. Benedict Catholic Church promotes Stewardship as a means to show gratitude to God for the many gifts in our lives. Stewardship is about giving back to God with our time, talents and treasures.

XIII. When asked to describe the amount of **time and/or talent** they give to the church, **85** respondents indicated -

12 @ None beyond attending Mass (14.1%)	15 @ Not very much (17.6%)
35 @ Some (41.1%)	23 @ A lot (27.0%)

Indications: Almost 1/3 of the respondents acknowledged they were minimally or not involved in parish life. This is an area that needs attention and promotion.

XIV. When asked, regarding **treasures**, what percentage of take-home pay a Catholic should give to the Church in the way of financial support, **57** respondents indicated -

4 @ less than 1% (7.0%)	22 @ 1-3% (38.5%)	13 @ 4-6% (22.8%)
4 @ 7-9% (7.0%)	14 @ 10% or more (24.5%)	

Indications: The majority believe that their support of the Church should be between 1 and 3 percent of their take-home pay, while another 22% think it should be 4 to 6 percent. To question #14, a solid 73.4% said that they gave a fixed amount rather than a percentage of their income. This disconnect of ideas, coupled with no records of 45% of our household giving by percentage or fixed amount, speaks to a critical issue facing the future of the parish.

Students under 18 years old – What percentage of allowance/pocket money do you think a young Catholic should give in the way of financial support to the Church? (See attachment)

XV. Which of the following describes how you usually contribute money to St. Benedict? **80**

58 - Cash/Check Envelopes	(72.5%)
14 - Cash/Check w/o Envelopes	(17.5%)
1 - Automatic Bank Transfer	(1.25%)
7 - Do not contribute money	(8.7%)

XVI. Would you give more of your time and talents to parish activities and ministries if you were personally invited and trained. **74**

27 - Yes (36.4%)	47 - No (63.5%)
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Indications: While a large majority indicated “No” at being asked to become more involved in the life of the parish, it is unclear if these are the ones who are already freely giving of their time and talents or parishioners who will not respond to such an invitation. This issue requires further study.

XVII. The parish could motivate me to increase my financial support by: (See attachment)

SECTION III

The following section of the survey attempts to ascertain the expectations of Saint Benedict Parish in the FUTURE.

36. The parish should concentrate on our collective and individual growth in our Catholic faith. **84**

0	Strongly disagree	0%
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0	Somewhat disagree	0%
8	Uncertain	9.5%
22	Somewhat agree	26.1%
49	Strongly agree	58.3%
5	Does not apply	5.9%

Indications: The responses to this statement clearly express the sentiments of the vast majority of parishioners; our people desire opportunities to grow in their relationship with Christ and learn more about being Catholic.

37. It will be important that we have a Saturday evening Mass. **86**

5	Strongly disagree	5.8%
6	Somewhat disagree	6.9%
19	Uncertain	22.0%
12	Somewhat agree	13.9%
43	Strongly agree	50.0%
1	Does not apply	11.0%

Indications: As a desire for our future, a Saturday vigil Mass is something we should provide when circumstances permit.

38. It will be important that the Parish have a daily Mass. **86**

8	Strongly disagree	9.3%
7	Somewhat disagree	8.1%
23	Uncertain	26.7%
24	Somewhat agree	27.9%
20	Strongly agree	23.2%
4	Does not apply	4.6%

Indications: Approximately half of the respondent would like this opportunity.

39. It will be important to have Ministers take Holy Communion to the sick and homebound. **85**

0	Strongly disagree	0%
0	Somewhat disagree	0%
2	Uncertain	2.3%
23	Somewhat agree	27.0%
58	Strongly agree	68.2%
2	Does not apply	2.3%

Indications: This ministry must receive the appropriate priority and support, now and in the future.

40. It will be important to have the Sacrament of Reconciliation available more than at present. **85**

3	Strongly disagree	3.5%
7	Somewhat disagree	8.2%
20	Uncertain	23.5%
19	Somewhat agree	22.3%
30	Strongly agree	35.2%
6	Does not apply	2.3%

Indications: These responses speak both to our current reality and the need for better availability to this sacrament.

41. It will be important that we have our own Priest Pastor. **84**

4	Strongly disagree	4.7%
1	Somewhat disagree	1.1%
8	Uncertain	9.5%
13	Somewhat agree	15.4%
57	Strongly agree	67.8%
1	Does not apply	1.1%

Indications: This strong desire for our own priest pastor should be supported by making prayers for vocations an identifier of the parish.

42. It will be important to recruit more individuals to serve as Extraordinary Ministers. **83**

0	Strongly disagree	0%
2	Somewhat disagree	2.4%
22	Uncertain	26.5%
27	Somewhat agree	32.5%
26	Strongly agree	31.3%
6	Does not apply	7.2%

Indications: The importance of this issues is supported by the responses to # 39, Holy Communion for the home bound.

43. It will be important to have a paid staff to conduct important, ongoing ministries, programs and administrative functions. **84**

4	Strongly disagree	4.7%
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Indications: Approximately half of the respondents see this issue as important to the future of a vibrant parish that serves all of our community.

9	Somewhat disagree	10.7%
22	Uncertain	22.1%
24	Somewhat agree	28.5%
20	Strongly agree	23.8%
5	Does not apply	5.9%

44. It will be important that we establish a Pre-School program. **82**

10	Strongly disagree	12.1%
2	Somewhat disagree	2.4%
19	Uncertain	23.1%
20	Somewhat agree	24.3%
24	Strongly agree	29.2%
7	Does not apply	8.5%

Indications: While a majority see this issue as important, 12% “strongly disagree.”

45. It will be important that we establish a Vacation Bible School. **82**

1	Strongly disagree	1.2%
3	Somewhat disagree	3.6%
9	Uncertain	10.9%
29	Somewhat agree	35.3%
36	Strongly agree	43.9%
4	Does not apply	4.8%

Indications: VBS is seen as a very desirable program for our children.

46. It will be important that we provide retreats for the youth. **81**

1	Strongly disagree	1.2%
1	Somewhat disagree	1.2%
7	Uncertain	8.6%
30	Somewhat agree	37.0%
38	Strongly agree	46.9%
4	Does not apply	4.9%

47. It will be important that we offer retreats for the adults. **84**

1	Strongly disagree	1.1%
2	Somewhat disagree	2.3%
13	Uncertain	15.4%
37	Somewhat agree	44.0%
29	Strongly agree	34.5%
2	Does not apply	4.9%

48. It will be important that we offer adult Bible study. **86**

1	Strongly disagree	1.1%
2	Somewhat disagree	2.3%
13	Uncertain	15.1%
30	Somewhat agree	34.8%
38	Strongly agree	41.8%
2	Does not apply	2.3%

49. It will be important that we offer adult formation/catechesis. **85**

1	Strongly disagree	1.1%
4	Somewhat disagree	4.7%
9	Uncertain	10.5%
26	Somewhat agree	30.5%
41	Strongly agree	48.2%
4	Does not apply	4.7%

50. It will be important that we offer apologetics instruction. **76**

3	Strongly disagree	3.9%
4	Somewhat disagree	5.2%

Indications: Less than a majority think this kind of training is important.

Indications: Items 46 thru 49

Opportunities for spiritual enrichment is seen as very important for all segments of the parish. The forms the retreats and catechesis take will have to be tailored to the age group and interests.

This will require development of internal resources to conduct these programs.

26	Uncertain	34.2%
20	Somewhat agree	26.3%
14	Strongly agree	18.4%
9	Does not apply	11.8%

51. It will be important that we offer parenting classes. **84**

7	Strongly disagree	8.3%
11	Somewhat disagree	13.0%
16	Uncertain	19.0%
20	Somewhat agree	23.8%
23	Strongly agree	27.3%
7	Does not apply	8.3%

Indications: A majority see this as something the parish is called to do.

52. It will be important that we have religious education teacher instruction. **85**

1	Strongly disagree	1.1%
1	Somewhat disagree	1.1%
6	Uncertain	7.0%
27	Somewhat agree	31.7%
47	Strongly agree	55.2%
3	Does not apply	3.5%

Indications: These responses pick up where the responses to Item 25 left off: the parish must provide our R.E. teachers with ongoing training opportunities.

53. It will be important that we establish an RCIA program. **86**

2	Strongly disagree	2.3%
1	Somewhat disagree	1.1%
9	Uncertain	10.4%
24	Somewhat agree	27.9%
45	Strongly agree	52.3%
5	Does not apply	3.5%

Indications: The importance of RCIA is well understood.

54. It will be important for our youth to be active in service to our Parish. **85**

2	Strongly disagree	2.3%
0	Somewhat disagree	0%
2	Uncertain	2.3%
27	Somewhat agree	31.7%
51	Strongly agree	60.0%
3	Does not apply	3.5%

Indications: Respondents see the exposure of our youth to Christian service opportunities, both within and outside of the parish as very beneficial to their faith maturity and personal growth.

55. It will be important for our youth to be active in non-Parish community service. **86**

0	Strongly disagree	0%
3	Somewhat disagree	3.4%
11	Uncertain	12.7%
25	Somewhat agree	29.0%
44	Strongly agree	51.1%
3	Does not apply	3.4%

56. It will be important for our adults to be active in service to our Parish. **86**

0	Strongly disagree	0%
1	Somewhat disagree	1.1%
5	Uncertain	5.8%
29	Somewhat agree	33.7%
50	Strongly agree	58.1%
1	Does not apply	1.1%

Indications: Likewise, respondents realize for themselves that opportunities for service to others is important to their Christian faith life. The parish will be called upon to provide these opportunities and the means to fulfill them.

57. It will be important for our adults to be active in non-Parish community service. **86**

2	Strongly disagree	2.3%
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1	Somewhat disagree	1.1%
11	Uncertain	12.7%
32	Somewhat agree	37.2%
39	Strongly agree	45.3%
1	Does not apply	1.1%

58. Spiritual devotions should be a priority in our parish. **80**

2	Strongly disagree	2.5%
2	Somewhat disagree	2.5%
14	Uncertain	17.5%
30	Somewhat agree	37.5%
28	Strongly agree	35.0%
4	Does not apply	5.0%

Indications: While there is a sizable majority in support of devotions, other items in the survey indicate varying degrees of support for specific examples.

59. It will be important to request the intercession of St Benedict. **84**

2	Strongly disagree	2.3%
0	Somewhat disagree	0%
19	Uncertain	22.6%
28	Somewhat agree	33.3%
31	Strongly agree	36.9%
4	Does not apply	4.7%

Indications: A clear understanding of spiritual intercession indicated.

60. It will be important to have Eucharistic Adoration in our parish. **83**

2	Strongly disagree	2.4%
0	Somewhat disagree	0%
16	Uncertain	19.2%
23	Somewhat agree	27.7%
36	Strongly agree	43.3%
6	Does not apply	4.7%

Indications: As specific examples of devotional practices, these are understandably supported.

The “uncertain” responses suggest needed catechesis in traditional and orthodox Catholic practices.

61. It will be important to pray a weekly community Rosary in our parish. **84**

2	Strongly disagree	2.3%
5	Somewhat disagree	5.9%
20	Uncertain	23.8%
30	Somewhat agree	35.7%
21	Strongly agree	25.0%
6	Does not apply	7.1%

62. It will be important to pray for vocations and promote religious vocations within the parish. **84**

2	Strongly disagree	2.3%
2	Somewhat disagree	2.3%
7	Uncertain	8.3%
26	Somewhat agree	30.9%
44	Strongly agree	52.3%
3	Does not apply	3.5%

Indications: The agreement responses support Item 40 (availability of Reconciliation) and 41 (having our own priest pastor).

63. It will be important to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet in our parish. **82**

5	Strongly disagree	6.0%
7	Somewhat disagree	8.5%
31	Uncertain	37.8%
19	Somewhat agree	23.1%
17	Strongly agree	20.7%
3	Does not apply	3.6%

Indications: While 43.8% agree, another 37.8% were uncertain and 8.5% disagreed.

64. It will be important to offer Stations of the Cross in our parish. **83**

1	Strongly disagree	1.2%
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1	Somewhat disagree	1.2%
11	Uncertain	13.2%
21	Somewhat agree	25.3%
47	Strongly agree	56.6%
2	Does not apply	2.4%

Indications: A clear majority support his item.

65. Our parish should have an Altar Society. **80**

1	Strongly disagree	1.5%
3	Somewhat disagree	3.7%
30	Uncertain	37.5%
17	Somewhat agree	21.2%
24	Strongly agree	30.0%
5	Does not apply	6.2%

Indications: At this time, almost as many were “uncertain” or disagreed as those who believe the parish needs this group.

66. Our parish should have a Daughters of Bethany organization. (Provides food/meals for births, funerals) **83**

1	Strongly disagree	1.2%
2	Somewhat disagree	2.4%
20	Uncertain	24.0%
29	Somewhat agree	34.9%
26	Strongly agree	31.3%
5	Does not apply	6.0%

Indications: A solid majority sees the need for this ministry.

67. Our Parish should have a Holy Name Society. **78**

1	Strongly disagree	1.2%
5	Somewhat disagree	6.4%
40	Uncertain	51.2%
16	Somewhat agree	20.5%
10	Strongly agree	12.8%
6	Does not apply	6.0%

Indications: Items 67 through 69

Most respondents are unaware of the organization, or they are not in favor of it.

Approximately 30% believe we should have them.

68. Our parish should have an Angel Guild. **75**

1	Strongly disagree	1.3%
3	Somewhat disagree	4.0%
38	Uncertain	50.6%
18	Somewhat agree	24.0%%
10	Strongly agree	13.3%
5	Does not apply	6.6%

69. Our parish should offer Cursillo. **78**

2	Strongly disagree	2.5%
2	Somewhat disagree	2.5%
42	Uncertain	53.8%
16	Somewhat agree	20.5%
10	Strongly agree	12.8%
6	Does not apply	7.6%

70. It will be important to engage in Right to Life ministries as a parish. **81**

4	Strongly disagree	4.9%
2	Somewhat disagree	2.4%
17	Uncertain	20.9%
15	Somewhat agree	18.5%
38	Strongly agree	46.9%
5	Does not apply	6.1%

Indications: Items 70 through 72

Majority support for these items is evident.

71. It will be important to have a Welcoming Ministry. **83**

0	Strongly disagree	0%
0	Somewhat disagree	0%

9	Uncertain	10.8%
30	Somewhat agree	36.1%
43	Strongly agree	51.8%
1	Does not apply	1.2%

72. It will be important to have a Bereavement Ministry. **83**

0	Strongly disagree	0%
0	Somewhat disagree	0%
19	Uncertain	22.8%
27	Somewhat agree	32.5%
35	Strongly agree	42.1%
2	Does not apply	2.4%

73. It will be important to have Hispanic Ministries. **81**

12	Strongly disagree	14.8%
8	Somewhat disagree	9.8%
23	Uncertain	28.3%
17	Somewhat agree	20.9%
15	Strongly agree	18.5%
6	Does not apply	7.4%

Indications: While 1/3 support this ministry, almost as many were “uncertain”.
This item received a greater percentage of “strongly disagree” than any such proposal.

74. It will be important to work with a Food Pantry program. **81**

2	Strongly disagree	2.4%
2	Somewhat disagree	2.4%
15	Uncertain	18.5%
21	Somewhat agree	25.9%
39	Strongly agree	48.1%
2	Does not apply	2.4%

Indications: The solid majority are supportive of this program – a Corporal Work of Mercy.

75. It will be important to have Literacy Training programs. **82**

5	Strongly disagree	6.0%
10	Somewhat disagree	12.1%
21	Uncertain	25.6%
19	Somewhat agree	23.1%
22	Strongly agree	26.8%
5	Does not apply	6.0%

Indications: Items 75
And 76

While about 50% agreed with these types of programs, a sizable number of respondents either disagreed or were uncertain.

76. It will be important to engage in Evangelization Ministries. **80**

3	Strongly disagree	3.7%
7	Somewhat disagree	8.7%
23	Uncertain	28.7%
19	Somewhat agree	23.7%
23	Strongly agree	28.7%
5	Does not apply	6.2%

77. It will be important to engage in Outreach Ministries. **75**

3	Strongly disagree	4.0%
2	Somewhat disagree	2.6%
7	Uncertain	22.6%
23	Somewhat agree	30.6%
30	Strongly agree	40.0%
4	Does not apply	5.3%

Indications: Items 77
through 79

All of these programs generated substantial support.
The number of “uncertain” for out weighted those disagreeing.

78. It will be important to have Military Family Support Ministries. **80**

2	Strongly disagree	2.5%
2	Somewhat disagree	2.5%
14	Uncertain	17.5%

24	Somewhat agree	30.0%
36	Strongly agree	45.0%
2	Does not apply	2.5%

79. It will be important to have Marriage Support programs. **82**

1	Strongly disagree	1.2%
1	Somewhat disagree	1.2%
10	Uncertain	12.1%
36	Somewhat agree	43.9%
31	Strongly agree	37.8%
3	Does not apply	3.6%

80. It will be important to have a Knights of Columbus program. **79**

5	Strongly disagree	6.3%
1	Somewhat disagree	1.2%
19	Uncertain	24.0%
26	Somewhat agree	32.9%
25	Strongly agree	31.6%
3	Does not apply	3.79%

Indications: While a clear majority support this item, those uncertain and strongly disagreeing equal half of that number.

81. It will be important to have a Prison Ministry. **76**

11	Strongly disagree	14.4%
9	Somewhat disagree	11.8%
27	Uncertain	35.5%
13	Somewhat agree	17.1%
12	Strongly agree	15.7%
4	Does not apply	5.2%

Indications: Items 81 through 83
The “uncertain” respondents are about equal to the number of those agreeing with these issues.
While ministering to those incarcerated is “removed” from us, those facing the problems of social justice are in and all around our parish.

82. It will be important to promote in Social Justice programs. **80**

10	Strongly disagree	12.5%
6	Somewhat disagree	7.5%
29	Uncertain	36.2%
18	Somewhat agree	22.5%
13	Strongly agree	16.2%
4	Does not apply	5.0%

83. It will be important that we sponsor a parish Scouting troop. **82**

5	Strongly disagree	6.1
8	Somewhat disagree	9.7%
25	Uncertain	30.4%
18	Somewhat agree	21.9%
21	Strongly agree	16.2%
5	Does not apply	5.0%

84. It will be important that our Parish practice hospitality. **83**

0	Strongly disagree	0%
0	Somewhat disagree	0%
7	Uncertain	8.4%
25	Somewhat agree	30.1%
50	Strongly agree	60.2%
1	Does not apply	1.2%

Indications: Again, the desire for hospitality and a welcoming attitude are strong identifiers of this parish community.

85. It will be important that our parish establish youth athletics' programs. **82**

10	Strongly disagree	12.1%
14	Somewhat disagree	17.0%
24	Uncertain	29.2%
15	Somewhat agree	18.2%

Indications: Almost as many disagree with this issue as those who agree, and the number of “uncertain” almost equals either of these groups.

14	Strongly agree	17.0%
5	Does not apply	6.1%

86. It will be important that our parish sponsor dinners/dances to promote community. **82**

2	Strongly disagree	2.4%
6	Somewhat disagree	7.3%
20	Uncertain	24.3%
26	Somewhat agree	31.7%
22	Strongly agree	26.8%
6	Does not apply	7.3%

Indications: While the majority agrees, almost ¼ are uncertain at this time.

87. It will be important that our parish have plays/shows/performances to promote community. **83**

7	Strongly disagree	8.4%
8	Somewhat disagree	9.6%
30	Uncertain	36.1%
17	Somewhat agree	20.4%
15	Strongly agree	18.0%
6	Does not apply	7.2%

Indications: The number of “uncertain” almost equals the number of those agreeing with this idea.

88. It will be important to offer a nursery during Mass for the little ones. **85**

5	Strongly disagree	5.9%
5	Somewhat disagree	5.9%
13	Uncertain	15.2%
23	Somewhat agree	27.0%
36	Strongly agree	42.3%
3	Does not apply	3.5%

Indications: The number of “uncertain” is significantly lower for this issue than others receiving about 70% agreement.

89. It will be important to offer After School Programs. **82**

9	Strongly disagree	10.9%
9	Somewhat disagree	10.9%
24	Uncertain	29.2%
19	Somewhat agree	23.1%
14	Strongly agree	17.0%
7	Does not apply	8.5%

Indications: While the “agrees” and “disagrees” were close, the “strongly agree” was less than the “somewhat agree”, and uncertain almost outweighed either one.

90. It will be important to offer transportation assistance. **84**

1	Strongly disagree	1.2%
4	Somewhat disagree	4.7%
22	Uncertain	22.1%
32	Somewhat agree	38.0%
23	Strongly agree	27.3%
2	Does not apply	2.4%

Indications: A solid majority agreed with this issue.

XVIII. Do you believe the parish community should conduct a capitol campaign to build a multi-purpose building to house our own worship space, religious education classrooms, meeting rooms and office space? **81**

75 Yes(92.5%) 6 No(7.4%)

IXX. If there is a capital campaign, would you be a volunteer worker or leader and call on other members to ask them for their support? **80** 31 Yes(38.2%) 49 No(61.2%)

XX. Would you financially support a pledge campaign if asked? **75** 60 Yes(80%) 15 No(20%)

Indications: While there were 87 surveys filled out and returned, only 75 responded to this question. Even if the 12 who did not respond to the question were added to those who would support the campaign, 17.2% would not.

This is a serious problem. The campaign will ask only for equal sacrifice not equal giving. Refusal to give monetary support this appeal suggests the need for more complete instruction in the 5th precept of the Church: *You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church.*

- XXI. If yes, please check one of the following to indicate your possible pledge over three (3) years:
- | | | | | |
|------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| 17 @+ \$3,000 | 2 @ \$4,000 | 3 @ \$5,000 | 3 @ \$6,000 | 1 @ \$8,000 |
| 1 @ \$10,000 | 0 @ \$12,500 | 0 @ \$15,000 | 1 @ \$15,000 | 0 @ \$20,000 |
| 0 @ \$30,000 | 1 @ \$50,000 | 0 @ \$75,000 | 0 @ \$100,000 | |
| 13 @ Some other amount | 2 @ a one time offering | | | |

Indications: The 44 respondents to this question indicated they would like to pledge a total of \$176,220.00

If these 44 respondents represent individual households, they constitute 21.8% of the current number of households in the parish (just a little less than ¼ of the parish).

- XXII. If you make a pledge, would you still maintain your current Sunday offertory giving as well? **68**
 63 Yes(92.6%) 5 No(7.35%)

Indications: This is a positive indicator. If this was not the attitude of parishioners, and the Sunday offertory decreased because of the capital campaign, the parish would not be able to operate effectively and services would have to be reduced.

- XXIII. Do you know of any factor that could make for an unsuccessful capital campaign if one were undertaken?
 (See attachment)
- XXIV. Would you participate in a survey to determine the specific facility needs and priorities for a multi- purpose building as part of the Phase 1 development of St. Benedict Parish? **77**
 63 Yes (81.8%) 14 No (18.1%)
- XXV. Would you participate in the work of the Building Committee? **75**
 36 Yes (48%) 39 No (52%)

Comments Attachment

1: **The current 9:30 AM Sunday Mass serves my needs.**

1. Mass really needs to be kept to one hour. The current time of 1:15 – 1:20 is too long for children and really unnecessary. Pre-mass announcements/greetings should begin before 9:30 so mass can start on time, and post-mass announcements could, at least in part, be moved to the bulletin, all our churches we've attended have been able to complete mass in one hour (some less) so St. Benedict should be able to accomplish this as well. (11)

XIV: **Regarding treasures, what percentage of take-home pay do you think a Catholic should give to the Church in the way of financial support.**

1. Whatever amount they feel they can afford. (8)
2. What their budget allows. It's also important to give to other charities – not just the church. (11)
3. Personal choice (17)
4. I feel this amount changes especially for children with families & unexpected expenses. (18)
5. Depends on the circumstances of the family. (32)
6. Whatever possible. (48)
7. Based on what your conscience and budget allows. (79)
8. Depends on each individuals circumstances. (88)

Students under 18 years old: **What percentage of allowance/pocket money do you think a young Catholic should give in the way of financial support to the Church.**

1. Not necessary without ? job (2)
2. It depends what other financial responsibilities they have. (11)
3. What ever they can and depending on time & talent time spent. (14)
4. 10 percent or a tithe (15)
5. Based on what your conscience and budget allows. (79)
6. Give what you can. (80)

XVI: **Would you give more of your time and talents to parish activities and ministries if you were personally invited and trained?**

1. It's a matter of making the time not being invited – an invitation would create a lot of undue pressure. (11)
2. We are often invited, I pick and choose my involvement. (53)

XVII: **The parish could motivate me to increase my financial support by:**

1. I don't believe the parish could do anything to change my gift giving level. (2)
2. Receiving property for building endeavors. (4)
3. My financial support is not motivated by parish activity/action. (6)
4. NOT harping on the 10% - the church expecting this of people rubs many the wrong way. I see a great deal of money wasted in the bureaucracy of the Catholic church – I don't really think publishing newspapers and Papal extravaganzas help anyone – let alone the cost of maintaining elaborate infrastructures like the Vatican. I'd rather send money to St. Judes Children's Research Hospital or Alzheimer's Research of the Michael J. Fox Foundation – I believe these organizations waste less, help more, and are more appreciative of any gift – they don't repeatedly tell you you're obligated to give more than you really can. (11)
5. Letting me know what the financial obligations are. (20)
6. Juggling my personal finances keeps me from contributing more. (27)
7. Offering a way to do auto transfer on a monthly basis. (28)
8. My husband does not have a job at this time. The parish cannot motivate me to increase my financial support. I increase it when I am able to. (33)
9. Proceeding to build our "own" building. (41)
10. Showing need and prudent use of funds – not sure we are large enough to support a full time deacon; not sure parish house is used enough to justify rental. (43)
11. When the capital campaign starts. (44)
12. Having more than one service/mass a week where I could hear Mass and give more in person. (46)
13. Providing online daily readings for us to have e-mailed to us daily, sponsored by St. Benedict's would keep your church in front of more parishioners on a daily basis. (46)

14. Not bugging to give more all the time. (53)
15. I would be motivated to give more to a DIRECT fund to build our church. (55)
16. Increasing my social security. (63)
17. Do not like to be motivated, should only come down the act/heart of giving, not by self righteousness. (68)
18. Lower the tuition at St Mary's High School. (78)
19. No, we give what we can and additional pressure does not help. (79)
20. As much as I could with time & money. (81)
21. Waiting till I have a job. (85)

XVIII: Do you believe the parish community should conduct a capitol campaign to build a multi-purpose building to house our own worship space, religious education classrooms, meeting rooms and office space?

1. Thought the diocese would do it. (74)

XXI: Students under 18 years old – Please indicate your possible pledge over three years.

1. I will give as much as I can. (81)
2. I don't know. (85)

XXIII: Do you know of any factor that could make for an unsuccessful capital campaign if one were undertaken?

1. Poorly introduced, an established plan for the building, not mailing reminders for pledges, or not having payment book of some type. (3)
2. Change in circumstances for individuals trying to do the right thing. (8)
3. People not willing to participate. (10)
4. Asking people for a specific amount of money – making people feel obligated or required to contribute. (11)
5. Miscalculation in the budget would be disastrous. (15)
6. Assessing a specific pledge on a household. (17)
7. Lack of support. (22)
8. Those in charge not having the trust of the Parish. (27)
9. Not having an open campaign financially. This must be open to all to see. (28)
10. Local economic downturn. (29)
11. Taking Mass time to do it, but this would reach more people. (30)
12. You need to be sure to keep everyone well informed on building progress, but not harp on begging for \$. (31)
13. Factionalism, disagreements re; pledge commitments. (32)
14. Keep in mind that this may be a poor community due to military & unemployment. (33)
15. Finding contributors with large sums of money. (41)
16. Lack of keeping a check on it. (46)
17. Overall, people are asked over & over for money. There is only so much we can give! (50)
18. Price of gas, cost of living. (63)
19. Reducing the concentration of Holy Mass by constantly asking for money during homilies & prayer time. (65)
20. Not enough families in parish. (67)
21. Do not add pledge talks into the weekly sermon, that somewhat adds guilt to one who cannot support, if they want these things it will be provided. We must stress to all, how the Holy Spirit works with-in us, through that amazing things will happen! (68)
22. Less than truthful comments, promises made that can't be kept. (70)
23. I would like to see a church built first – It is what a lot of people are waiting on before joining our community. (88)

General Comments:

1. Have a tile wall where parishioners/community can contribute in their honor which would increase funds. (19)