



## CHURCH OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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### The Disciple Maker Index Survey 2015

Blessed Sacrament Parish was invited earlier this year to take part in a national study of Catholic parishes, under the guidance of Catholic Leadership Institute. Ninety-five parishes across the country participated with over 25,000 individual responses to the survey. An independent company (Measuring Success) received the confidential responses, scored the results and tabulated the responses. Our Parish also convened 3 listening sessions for those who preferred to verbally communicate their thoughts.

Over 700 of our adult members completed the survey and another 35 provided input at the listening sessions—an outstanding 40% response rate from our adult members! Those numbers compare favorably with the other participating parishes and reflect well on the spirit of cooperation.

*The survey was designed along the following themes:*

#### DEMOGRAPHIC QUESTIONS

- Age
- Gender
- Income Level
- Charitable Giving
- Parish Membership

#### GENERAL THEMES

- Spiritual Growth
- Relationships
- Personal beliefs
- Conversations about faith
- Activities/Ministries

#### PERCEPTION QUESTIONS

- Focuses on behaviors, activities, perceptions, and personal spiritual beliefs.

The results of our Parish response and comparative ranking with the other 94 participating parishes are now being thoughtfully evaluated with expert assistance from CLI. This interpretive and evaluative process will identify not only ways in which the Parish effectively supports each parishioner's spiritual growth, but also flag opportunities to improve. The ultimate goal is to create an action plan for the next 3 to 5 years. The pastoral plan will be grounded in forming each other as missionary disciples, fortified to go out and confidently share the Joy of the Gospel.

*“For if we have received the love (God’s Love) which restores meaning to our lives, how can we fail to share that love with others?”—Pope Francis (EG 8).*

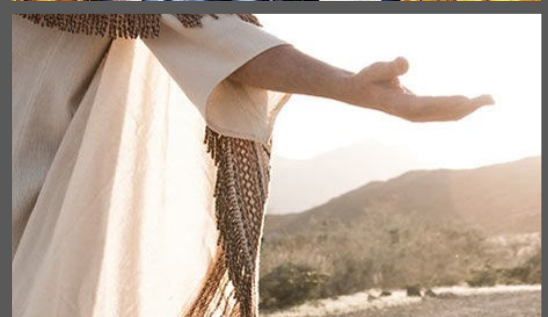
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# The Disciple Maker Index Survey 2015

A small sampling of a few Parish responses to the survey are provided below. More detailed analysis of the complete Parish survey results will be released from time-to-time as we proceed to unpack the data and discern its implications. Your patience in this process is much appreciated.



Our parishioners blew away the field in personal acceptance of the teaching authority of the Church (69% strongly agreed, tops among all 95 parishes), and belief in Scripture as the sacred word of God (80% strongly agreed, in top 3 of all parishes).



The response to “where are you on your Catholic journey” suggests a prime area for focused development. Just 24% of our people felt their relationship with Jesus Christ is the most important relationship they have, while 28% acknowledged they do not know Jesus personally.



We share an exceedingly high level of mutual affection for our Parish. Ninety-two percent of our people would recommend the parish to a friend. This common bond is a rich resource to be tapped.

*Thank you to all who took the time to participate in the Disciple Maker Index Parish Survey. It is an important piece of the puzzle to help us in sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ and forming missionary disciples.*

# ICD Immaculate Conception of Dardenne - PARISH STUDY SUMMARY

## We look with hope to the future!

Pope Francis in his Apostolic Exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium*, (Joy of the Gospel), says,

***“In virtue of their Baptism, all members of the people of God have become missionary disciples. All the baptized, whatever their position in the Church or their level of instruction in the faith, are agents of evangelization.”*** ¶120

What this is saying is that each and every one of us is called to be a missionary disciple. With this in mind, our parish was asked to be part of an archdiocesan pilot project, in conjunction with the **Catholic Leadership Institute (CLI)**, that would help us guide our parishioners to become better evangelizers and disciples.

This project has two parts. The first part is a group of eight parishioners that meets once a month with representatives from the **Catholic Leadership Institute (CLI)** to pray, discuss and begin to understand the components of evangelization. For the past three months

a member of the team has written a short reflection of the journey for the bulletin.

The second component is the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) study. As you might remember, back in Lent, ICD parishioners were invited to take part in a national study of Catholic parishes organized by the **Catholic Leadership Institute (CLI)**. Close to 1600 of our parishioners completed the survey – a 33 percent response rate of those emailed compared to a national response rate of 9%. Such a high ICD participation rate is one more sign of the vibrancy of our parish. The DMI assessed parish effectiveness in forming disciples who can form more disciples.

Members of the parish staff, Parish Council, Finance committee and strategic plan committees joined in a working session with the **Catholic Leadership Institute (CLI)** month. They interpreted the results of the survey and began creating an action plan based on our strengths and the areas of opportunity.



## Catholic Parish Study Survey Snapshot

‘Likelihood to Recommend Pastor’ is the top driver for  
‘Likelihood to Recommend Parish’ and ‘The Parish Helps Me Grow Spiritually’

**Catholic Leadership Institute (CLI) calls those who rate “strongly agree”, Promoters of the Catholic Faith and those who rate lower than “agree”, Detractors. Let us work and try hard to improve our parish so more parishioners will rate “strongly agree” and increase active Promoters of the Faith, i.e., Missionary Disciples.**

### Parishioners Likelihood to Recommend Parish

#### Survey Item:

***I would recommend my Parish to a friend.***

**47%** of respondents rated “strongly agree” that they would be likely to recommend ICD to a friend and an additional **38%** “agree” with this statement.



### Parishioners Likelihood to Recommend Pastor

#### Survey Item:

***I would recommend my Pastor to a friend.***

**46%** of respondents rated “strongly agree” that they would be likely to recommend our pastor to a friend and an additional **38%** “agree” with this statement.



## Immaculate Conception of Dardenne

# We look with hope to the future!

After looking at the data, the group recognized two **Key Strengths** (compared to national/archdiocesan baseline data)



The group recognized two **Areas of Opportunity** for us to grow as disciples! (compared to national/archdiocesan baseline data)

## Key Strengths

The first Key Strength is in the area of **RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)**.

- 18 % of those responding to the survey attend Reconciliation at least once every three months, while an additional 55% attend once or twice a year.
- Increasing the percentage of those that attend Reconciliation at least quarterly to 22% is the goal in the next two years.

The second key strength in the area of **COMMUNICATION**.

- 48% of respondents rated “strongly agree” with the statement “The parish helps me connect with a local Catholic community by making information about the parish easy for me to find (via bulletin, web, email)” An additional 45% “agree” with this statement.
- Increasing the percentage of respondents who “strongly agree” to 53% is the goal in the next two years.

## Areas of Opportunity

Catholic devotions (i.e. rosary, novenas, and special feast days) are an effective introduction to the practice of the Catholic faith. One of the opportunities for growth was the frequency of the respondents to **PARTICIPATE INDIVIDUALLY IN CATHOLIC DEVOTIONS**.

- While 52% responded that they participate at least quarterly in these devotions, there were 48% with less frequent participation.
- Increasing to 56% those who individually participate quarterly is the goal in the next two years.



Another area of opportunity for the parish is the statement that the parish helps me grow spiritually by **OFFERING VIBRANT AND ENGAGING SUNDAY MASSES**. Vibrant and engaging Sunday Masses are a driver for the likelihood to recommend the parish.

- 22% of respondents to this statement rated “strongly agree” and an additional 41 % “agree” with this statement.
- An increase of the “strongly agreed” participants to 28% is the goal in the next two years.



*Although our parish community is built upon the solid rock of our past, we look with hope to the future. The information from this survey will be helpful when creating the strategic plan for the parish. Let us join together to pray for our future that our community will remain and grow as a school of discipleship for those who believe.*

For more information about this survey , contact [barb.morgan@icdparish.org](mailto:barb.morgan@icdparish.org)



# *St. Joseph Catholic Church*

January 18, 2015 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Congratulations to St. Joseph Parish  
on being one of eight parishes selected by our  
Archdiocese to participate in the  
National Catholic Leadership Institute**



Catholic Leadership  
Institute

Disciple Maker Index

## Measuring Spiritual Growth and Parish Engagement Among Disciples

**Congratulations to St. Joseph Parish on being  
one of the eight parishes selected by  
the Archdiocese of St. Louis  
to participate in the National Catholic Leadership Institute**

### **Purpose, Core Values & Vision**

#### **Purpose**

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#### **Core Values**

Love of Christ and the Church • Highest Standards of Excellence  
Care for the Individual

#### **Vision**

We see a world where each individual understands their God-given mission in life and is doing their best to fulfill it; a world where Catholic leaders are influential voices in society; a world where Jesus' example of loving, servant leadership is modeled in every family, workplace, parish, and community.





## A Moment to Honor. . .



One of the beautiful aspects about our annual pilgrimage to Washington D.C. is how family oriented the trip is. Four of our parishioners pictured above, **Jennifer Rhodus, Jake Whitener, Kody Winch** and **myself** will experience a once in a lifetime opportunity by having the honor of laying the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown in Arlington National Cemetery in a military ceremony. Each year these pilgrims are selected randomly in a drawing.

## Your Faithful Source for Catholic News – Our St. Louis Review

We would like everyone in the parish to receive a weekly copy of the St. Louis Review, and ask every household to subscribe. The annual subscription rate through the parish is \$30.00. Please use the subscription renewal envelope in your envelope packet and return it in the Sunday collection.

You will notice that our parish has had several articles in the Review this past year. Our Archdiocesan newspaper is a great tool for us to learn about our faith and be informed about what's going on in the local Catholic community. You will find information about different children's schools and their parishes and Catholic news from around the world.

One of my favorite columns to read each week is our Archbishop's column with insights to his spiritual wisdom. Of course you will also find stories about Catholics and how their faith affects the lives they lead as well as information about events around the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

Thank you for your participation. If you do not wish to receive the Review, please kindly mark your envelope with the request.

## Some Fantastic News!!! St. Joseph's has been Selected to Participate in a National Study!

St. Joseph's has been selected to participate in a national study of vibrant parishes conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute!

We will need the help of every parishioner to participate by completing a 10-15 minute survey online. The survey will be emailed to you by **catholicparishstudy@measuring-success.com**. The survey will only be available from **February 17 to March 10** and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on what efforts the parish is doing to help you grow.

All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole.

We are trying to get the highest response rate possible. This information will be invaluable to us and our various ministries as we plan ahead and try to be the best disciples we can be. We will receive the results in May/June at which time, we will share what we have learned with the entire parish.

If we don't have an email address for you, can we ask you to please send your information in an email to **secretary@stjosephfarmington.com** so we can add you to the list.

**If you don't use email** - there will be opportunities to complete the survey after daily and Sunday Mass and you can obtain a paper copy by contacting Lisa at 573-756-4250.

**Thank you for helping with this important project!**

**In next weeks bulletin, I will announce the eight parishioners that I have prayerfully selected to participate in this program. They will attend monthly classes that will be offered by the National Catholic Institute in St. Louis.**

## And Finally. . .

Please welcome **Fr. Joe Williams, C.M.** as our guest celebrant next weekend while I am away on the Washington, DC Pilgrimage. **Tom and Jodie Berkbighler** will be hosting their good friend, Fr. Joe for the weekend.

**Blessings of Peace...Fr. Rickey**





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The following have been selected to represent our parish and will be attending monthly courses through the National Catholic Leadership Institute:

**Abe AuBuchon • Shirley Bieser • Risha Gaines • Connie Grindel  
Phyllis LaPlant • Rich Ragsdale • Jane Ramos • Fr. Rickey**

### Purpose

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### Did You Know????

St. Joseph is **one of eight parishes** in our Archdiocese and **one of eighty parishes** throughout the United States to participate in this program!!



dinner. Although we cannot provide free meals for our hosting groups, we are still the best deal in town.

Our Parish Council asks everyone to please help us to keep our fish fries ones of hospitality and not of solicitation, thus no political fliers are to be distributed on our premises.

## Remembering Those Serving our Country this Easter Season

We would like to remember the members of our families who are currently on active duty serving our country this Easter season by having a page dedicated to them in our Easter bulletin. If you have an immediate member of your family currently serving our country, please contact Jeannette in the parish office to let her know.

## Synod on the Family XIV Ordinary General Assembly

In October, the Church's next Ordinary Synod of Bishops, "The Vocation and Mission of the Family in the Church and the Contemporary World," will resume the work begun at last year's Extraordinary Synod.

The bishops have created a preparatory document containing 46 questions on family life from the faithful. If you would like to view the document and answer the questions to be submitted to the Vatican, please visit [www.archstl.org/family-synod-2015](http://www.archstl.org/family-synod-2015). If you do not have internet access, but would like to submit answers, please contact the parish office and we will provide you with a document and instructions for submission. **All answers must be submitted before March 1.**

## And Finally...

Men's Lenten Night has been rescheduled for tomorrow, February 23 beginning at 6:30 pm.

Thank you for all of the cards, soup, thoughts and prayers while I was out sick the past two weeks. I had a good dose of strep throat followed by cataract surgery.

**"Always remember that as long as we keep the Eucharist the center of our lives, everything else will fall in place...of that I am confident"!!!**

**Blessings of Lenten Peace...Fr. Rickey**



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As pastor of St. Joseph's, my primary responsibility is to help you grow as Disciples of Jesus and to equip you to go and make disciples of others. I am excited to share with you that our parish has been selected to participate in a national pilot study run by Catholic Leadership Institute. This study involves participating in a survey to identify how we are growing spiritually as individuals and the ways in which our parish community supports that growth.

Through participating in this pilot we hope to:

- Allow parishioners to reflect in their spiritual growth and discipleship
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You should have received an email inviting you to take the survey last week. I want to stress the importance of your participation. Our goal is a 100% response rate to ensure that we hear all parishioner voices. The data collection, analysis and reporting will be handled by an independent third party, Measuring Success, a firm that has worked in the non-profit world for 10 years to develop tools to assist non-profits to measure effectiveness. Measuring Success will conduct the survey itself and handle all of your survey responses confidentially. Our parish will receive an aggregate report of the results and will not have access to individual survey responses (unless you choose to self-identify). If we have multiple e-mail addresses per household, you are welcome to each fill out your own survey.

The data that will be collected will help me and all of your ministry leaders reflect on what efforts, programs and activities are contributing to helping you grow in your faith as Catholics. It will be invaluable input into our planning process to help set priorities and allocate resources in our parish so we can be sure we are doing what we need to do to grow as disciples.

Thank you in advance for your participation in this important project. If you have not already filled out your survey, please take a few minutes to do so, as it



# Catholic Leadership Institute

## Questions about the Catholic Leadership Institute Survey



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### **1. How was the Disciple Maker Index survey created?**

Catholic Leadership Institute (CLI) gathered 100 bishops, priests, diocesan officials, parish leaders and authors/thought leaders (Sherry Weddell, Matthew Kelly, etc) to a 2-day think tank on parish engagement which produced some initial hypothesis. CLI then took a smaller group of the same constituents and crafted the survey. After that, CLI shared the survey with 15 bishops for feedback and edit. This will be the second year of the Disciple Maker Index. Last year, 3 dioceses, 21 parishes and 8,700 parishioners completed the survey.

### **2. This survey looks like it is geared to people in the pews. Aren't we supposed to be going after "the lost" or those not present in our pews?**

The survey will most likely be completed by people who are coming with some degree of regularity to your parish. The survey results will tell you what about the parish is keeping them coming as well as things that might be prompting them to start falling away. Both of these elements will help inform how we can reach out to those completely detached from the parish. Additionally, it is our belief that a primary strategy to reaching the lost has to be more deeply engaging and equipping those who are present in our pews. How can we equip those in our pews to be disciple makers? These results will aid in that greatly.

### **3. What other dioceses have participated or will participate in the Disciple Maker Index?**

100 Parishes and an estimated 25,000 – 40,000 parishioners in the Archdioceses of Boston, Philadelphia, Galveston-Houston, St. Louis, Seattle and the Dioceses of Pittsburgh, St. Petersburg, Tulsa, Wichita, Fort Wayne-South Bend and Harrisburg have completed or are expected to complete the Disciple Maker Index this year.

### **4. What about confidentiality? With whom will my parish's results be shared? How about individual parishioner's responses?**

We take confidentiality of the parishioners very seriously. We want them to provide honest feedback. No one in the diocese nor on your parish staff will have access to individual parishioner responses. Likewise any email addresses or contact information provided will be saved on secure servers and not released for any purpose other than distribution of the survey. As for your parish's results, your results will be shared with you and those key leaders you bring with you to the consultation day or planning process. **Catholic Leadership Institute will not share your parish's individual data without your expressed written permission.** If one of your parishes receives the highest feedback on a particular question (liturgy, preaching, social outreach), that will be indicated on every parish's report in an effort to share best practice.

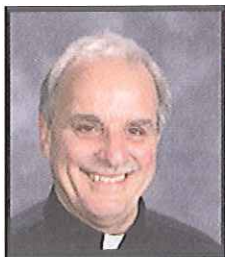
### **5. What is the needed response rate from the parishes?**

Catholic Leadership Institute would hope to see 8-10% of your parishioners represented in the survey. The data is still helpful if less than that respond but fewer respondents means weaker inferences as to potential responses for the parish to make. Last year, Catholic Leadership Institute was given 23,000 valid email addresses and received a 41% response rate. **Email is by far the most effective survey distribution tool.**

### **6. We don't have email addresses. What do we do?**

Catholic Leadership Institute has made paper surveys available and will do all of the data entry for you. The parish will confidentially collect the completed surveys and send them back to Catholic Leadership Institute. **The ultimate goal is to get as many responses as possible.**





## From the Pastor's Pen

### Congratulations to our Candidates who Celebrated the Rite of Election and the Call to Continuing

### Conversion last Sunday at the Cathedral Basilica

Last Sunday at the 10:30 mass, our **2 Catechumens** signed the book of Elect and then joined our **17 Candidates**, **2** child candidates and the **2** children under the age of seven to be baptized at the Easter Vigil and boarded a bus to celebrate the **Rite of Election** at the Basilica Cathedral. They were each individually greeted by **Archbishop Carlson** and later during the ceremony he officially invited them to the Easter Sacraments. From now until Easter they will be known as the **Elect**.



### We Welcome Abe AuBuchon to Our Parish Staff as our Pastoral Associate

For the past few years, with the consultation of our Pastoral Council and our Finance Committee, we have been searching for a full-time Pastoral Associate to help us in meeting the needs of our growing parish family.

After two years of prayerful contemplation and searching, we have finally found an answer to our prayers. It is with great joy that I announce that we have hired **Abe AuBuchon** as our new Pastoral Associate.

Usually, a Pastoral Associate is a degressed individual but I feel very confident in Abe and his past working experience within the church. Under his previous leadership we had a very dynamic Youth Ministry program, he is doing an awesome job with our large 8th grade PSR class in preparing them for Confirmation, he has done a great job with the Light House Ministry within the parish, and of course, most primarily is that he is a man of great faith! He is an exemplarily husband and father.

It is with great joy to announce that he will begin the Archdiocesan Diaconate Formation Program this fall.

His primary responsibility will be in Parish Communications and to develop and daily maintain our

new parish website. He will be overseeing some parish ministries and leading some adult education classes/formation during the day and possibly in the evenings. It will be a full time position. He will also take the lead in the National Catholic Leadership Institute's Disciple Makers Index that our parish is taking part in! He will implement their suggestions and goals given to us from the results of our parish survey which is now in progress.

### Have You Taken our Parish Survey from Catholic Leadership Institute

By now I hope we are all knowledgeable that our parish has been selected to participate in a national pilot study led by the **National Catholic Leadership Institute**. This study involves participating in a survey to identify how we are growing spiritually as individuals and the ways in which our parish community supports that growth. **We are one of the 8 parishes out of the 193 within our Archdiocese to be selected.**

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# All Saints Parish

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## Your Catholic Journey, Our Catholic Journey

### DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX RESULTS, PART 1

In February 2015, our parish took part in a national study called the Disciple Maker Index. The goal of this study is to provide parishioners with an opportunity to reflect on their spiritual growth and involvement in the parish, in turn providing insight to parish leadership as to how we can improve and grow as disciples of Jesus.

When survey participants were asked to describe where they are in their Catholic journey, the responses were as follows:

- 29% - "My relationship with Jesus Christ is the most important relationship in my life"
- 34% - "I have personally encountered Jesus Christ and am growing as a disciple"
- 30% - "I practice my Catholic faith, but do not know Jesus personally like a friend"
- 7% - "I consider myself Catholic, though faith is not a significant part of my life"

What do these numbers mean? It means that many of us at All Saints have had a personal encounter with God. Many of us put our relationship with Jesus first among our other relationships. Many of us acknowledge that there is room for growth in our discipleship and are headed towards that growth.

Yet the results also show that there are many who do not have a personal relationship with Jesus. There are even a few who feel that their faith is rather insignificant. There are virtually as many of those who feel the most strongly about their spiritual life (29%) as there are those who practice their Catholic faith but do not know Christ personally as a friend (30%).

Where do you identify yourself in these findings? Do you identify with those who consider their relationship with Jesus to be the most important in their life? Have you had an encounter with the Savior, but are in need of growth in your own discipleship? Do you practice your

Catholic faith but have not come to know Jesus Christ personally as a friend? Or, do you consider yourself a Catholic only by name, and not by your choices, actions, and priorities?

The Catholic Church is by definition universal. It is open to all of us, whether we are saints, sojourners, or strangers to God. In his apostolic exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium*, Pope Francis wrote, "The joy of the Gospel is for all people: no one can be excluded." What the Church offers in its message of hope and salvation, it offers to all people.

Jesus says, "I am the bread of life; he who comes to me will not hunger, and he who believes in me will not thirst." (John 6:35) No matter where you are on your Catholic journey, remember that no one is excluded from the life of Christ in the Church. We are all called to partake of God's love through the Sacraments. We are all invited to the feast. Saints, sojourners, and strangers alike, we all have a place at the table of plenty.

Come and take your place at the table and on the journey. We do not walk alone when we journey as a parish and as a Church. May we all find ourselves closer to God with each day, increasing in faith and growing as disciples of Christ. †

### *Ponder and Pray*

Is there someone in your life who inspires you by their example of faith?

Has there been an experience in your life when you felt you had an encounter with Christ? Take a moment to write or tell another person about it.

Is there anything preventing you from having a stronger relationship with Jesus? What are some ways that you might remove or minimize these hindrances?

<i>Contributions Update</i>		Percentage Difference from Budget	
	Collection	Budget	Budget
<b>Weekly</b>	\$14,501	\$17,991	<b>-19.40%</b>
<b>Year to Date</b>	\$896,880	\$870,608	<b>3.02%</b>

### *Gifts of Wine to Offer*

In honor of the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, we invite each family in the parish to bring a bottle of wine to donate to the parish for use during our celebrations of Eucharist over the next year. For more information, please call (253) 845-7521. *Thank you!*

### MASS TIMES SURVEY RESULTS

Thank you to all who participated in our Mass times survey at last weekend's Masses. The results are as follows:

- "Yes, most definitely!" (top 2 choices) - 11am Sunday (44%) and 9am Sunday (52%)
- "Some of the time" (top 2 choices) - 5pm Saturday (31%) and 7pm Saturday (29%)
- "Never, not a chance!" (top 3 choices) - 3pm Sunday (45%), 1pm Sunday (38%), and 7am Sunday (33%)

Your input is valuable to our parish leadership as we work with our greater Catholic community to think of ways that we can best adapt to the changing needs for priest coverage in our area. Thank you for your participation, prayer, and continued support.

### ALL SAINTS SCHOOL NEWS

#### Calendar of Events

**Monday, May 25** – No School; **Tuesday, May 26** – Advanced Band, 3:10pm; **Wednesday, May 27** – Choir, 7:30am; Mass in Puyallup, 8:30am; 1A/2A visits Puyallup in the morning; Beginning Band/Bell Choir, 3:10pm; Robotics Club, 3:30pm; Curriculum Showcase Open House, 6-7:30pm, Puyallup; **Thursday, May 28** – Advanced Band, 3:10pm; Newspaper Club, 3:30pm

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

#### **Help at the Summer Food Drive!**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Summer Food Drive is coming to All Saints June 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Your help is needed to: distribute grocery bags on June 6-7 as parishioners exit Mass; help collect food donations before each Mass on June 13/14; and sort donations in the food bank storage garage after the start of each Mass. Volunteers of all ages are welcome! To sign up for one or more Masses, call Aleah in the parish office at (253) 845-7521. Thank you!

### ALL SAINTS EVENTS CALENDAR

May 25th to 31st, 2015

<b>May 25 Monday</b>	Knights of Columbus Parish Potluck - School, 6:30pm
<b>May 26 Tuesday</b>	Eucharistic Adoration - Church, after 8:30am Mass (Benediction at 10am) Homeschool Co-op - Parish Center, 12pm CYO Basketball Skills Camp - Parish Center, 6pm
<b>May 27 Wednesday</b>	Youth Group - Parish Center, Base Camp at 6pm/ Quest at 7:30pm All Saints School New Family Mentor Program - Parish Center, 6:30pm
<b>May 28 Thursday</b>	Prayer for Life - Puyallup Planned Parenthood, 10:30am (contact: Marj Dawson 253-841-1952) CYO Basketball Skills Camp - Parish Center, 6pm Evenings for the Engaged (Marriage Prep) - Parish Center, 6:30pm
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Wanda Miller

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Marion O'Neil

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Darlene Grab

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Marion O'Neil

**+ Sat, May 30, 5:00pm:**

Barb Van Every

**Sun, May 31**

**+ 7:30am:** John Muller

**+ 9:00am:** *All Saints Community*

**+ 11:00am:** Art Riebli

**7:00pm:** George Vierra

**+ Masses with incense**

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## COMMUNITY SERVICES



### *Living the Good News:* The Society of St. Vincent de Paul

#### Information Meeting on Monday, June 1st • 7pm at the Parish Center

We hope you had a chance to read last weekend's bulletin and learn about the St. Vincent de Paul Conference that will begin at All Saints in June. Having a St. Vincent de Paul Conference at All Saints will supplement the assistance programs we already offer, will empower and train new outreach volunteers to make connections with those who are poor and will provide spiritual formation and direction for its members. Next weekend two representatives from Pierce County's St. Vincent de Paul will give a short description of the ministry at the end of each Mass and offer an invitation to attend our parish SVDP Information Meeting on Monday, June 1st, at 7pm in the Parish Center. If you have questions or would like to learn more, call Aleah at (253) 845.7521. We hope to see you at the June 1st Information Meeting!

### *Item of the Week:*

#### **Diapers: Sizes 1 - 6 (especially sizes 4, 5 and 6)**

Please place your donations in the back of the vestibule or drop them off at the parish office during office hours.

## YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

### Junior and Senior High YOUTH MINISTRY

**BASE CAMP and QUEST:** Stay tuned for Twilight Tuesdays (Quest) and Wind Down Wednesdays (Base Camp)!

**MISSION TRIP** for high school seniors: We still have openings for students interested in a summer mission experience. Our departure date is June 28th with a return July 3rd. Fundraising opportunities abound, don't let cost keep you from an amazing opportunity! Sign up to earn your funds at one of our upcoming fundraisers!

## BAPTISM PREP & RCIA

### *Infant and Children Baptism Prep*

**Tuesdays, June 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>  
7:00pm at the Parish Center**

If you are expecting a baby, or perhaps you are the sleepless parents of a new born we welcome you to our **June Infant and Children Baptism Preparation Sessions**. These sessions teach about Catholic parenting and how to create a home that is truly a "domestic church." We hope these serve as an opportunity for participants to develop friendships with other young parents. Pre-registration is helpful but not required. For more information, please call Peggy at (253) 286-0026.

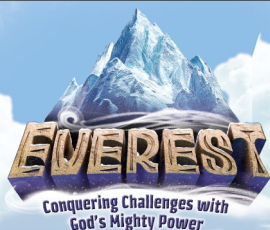
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### *Be an Ambassador!*

The Catholic Church warmly welcomes new members. If you know someone who may be interested in exploring our faith, please invite them to attend Mass with you. All members of All Saints parish are invited—urged—to be ambassadors for our Catholic faith. Most people who make the decision to become Catholic through our RCIA community come because they know an enthusiastic, active, practicing member of our parish! Often the invitation to "come and see" is extended by family members or friends. **So please, extend the invitation—be an ambassador!** + Peggy



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## Prayer: A Surge of the Heart

### DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX RESULTS, PART 2

In today's gospel, Jesus commissions the eleven disciples to "go and make disciples of all nations." Two thousand years later, Catholic Churches all over the world testify to the power of this commission. And yet as we discovered in the survey results discussed in last week's bulletin, not all parishioners have a personal relationship with God. Of those who practice their Catholic faith, not all would say that they walk closely with Jesus. Many of us are still growing from simple participation to active discipleship. Our parish as a whole is also still growing in its work of giving witness to the Good News through its many programs and ministries. This growth, both as individuals and as a whole community, springs from and is driven by the presence of an active prayer life.

In the Disciple Maker Index Survey, participants were asked how frequently they spent individual prayer time with God. Out of those who responded, the results were as follows:

- 59% - Daily
- 23% - Weekly
- 4% - Monthly
- 4% - Quarterly
- 5% - Once or twice a year
- 5% - Never

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, prayer is "a vital and personal relationship with the living and true God" (CCC, 2558). This is the relationship from which our experience and understanding of our faith lives, grows, and bears fruit. It is a gift from God to humankind, allowing us to raise our minds and hearts, our thanksgiving and petitions, to the Lord. It is also a gift that we give to God as His people, placing our whole selves as an offering before Him in truth, humility, and love. The practice of prayer is vital for us to know the heart of God

little by little, so that we may become enriched, nourished, and even challenged by Him to walk in His ways.

The quality of any relationship depends on the amount of time we spend with one another. Our spouses, children, colleagues, and friends become closer to us or drift away from us depending on how much and how well we spend time together. How well do we care for our relationship with God? Are we among those who take some time daily to be in His presence, to listen and reflect on His words, to share our hearts and minds with Him? Or are we among those who are too busy, too distracted, too absorbed by the cares of our world to remember the "one thing necessary" (Luke 10:42) for the care of our souls?

In the words of St. Thérèse of Lisieux, "For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy." Let us challenge ourselves to take our prayer beyond the walls of the church and into our homes, our schools, and our workplaces. And may this surge of the heart, this look toward heaven, this cry of love, take us further in our journey towards becoming disciples of Jesus. †

### *Ponder and Pray*

What forms of prayer have you tried (for example: meditation, devotions, novenas, scripture reading, singing, etc.)?

Don't know where to start? Find your spirituality type and the forms of prayer and devotion that may work best for you by logging on to:

<http://www.vocationnetwork.org/articles/show/63-find-your-spirituality-type>



## Contributions Update

	Collection	Budget	Difference from Budget
<b>Weekly</b>	\$19,513	\$17,991	<b>\$1,522</b>
<b>Year to Date</b>	\$916,394	\$888,599	<b>\$27,795</b>

## Gifts of Wine to Offer

In honor of the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ (June 6/7), we invite each family in the parish to bring a bottle of wine to donate to the parish for use during our celebrations of Eucharist over the next year. Bring your favorite or one of the varieties that we will be serving by season. Consider the following ideas:

**White:** We have lots of Chardonnay in our cellar. For variety, consider Pinot Grigio, Gewürztraminer, Riesling, Fume Blanc and Moscato.

**Red:** Besides the common Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon, consider Shiraz, Chianti and Pinot Noir.

**Blush:** White Zinfandel leads the way, but also consider White Merlot, Pink Moscato or Blush Chablis.

Any wine made from grapes, whether red, white or blush, is acceptable for Church use as long as it has no significant additives. Preservatives are okay, but other, more substantial additives like fruit juice or spices are not. **We cannot use:** wines labeled "sweetened with grape juice" (e.g. Manischewitz "kosher"), sparkling wines, homemade wines (good as they may be!) or nonalcoholic "wines" *Thank you for your generosity!*

## ALL SAINTS SCHOOL NEWS

### Calendar of Events

**Wednesday, June 3** – Choir, 7:30am; Mass in Puyallup, 8:30am; 7th grade recognition ceremony, 12:30pm, Fife campus; Beginning Band/Bell Choir, 3:10pm; New Family Night, 6:30pm, Puyallup; **Thursday, June 4** – Kindergarten prayer service, 8:30am; Little Red Riding Hood play visits Fife; Newspaper Club, 3:30pm

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### Help at the Summer Food Drive!

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Summer Food Drive is coming to All Saints June 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Your help is needed to: distribute grocery bags on June 6-7 as parishioners exit Mass; help collect food donations before each Mass on June 13/14; and sort donations in the food bank storage garage after the start of each Mass. Volunteers of all ages are welcome! To sign up for one or more Masses, call Aleah in the parish office at (253) 845-7521. Thank you!

## ALL SAINTS EVENTS CALENDAR

June 1st to 7th, 2015

<b>June 1 Monday</b>	VBS Volunteer Meeting - Parish Center, 6:30pm
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Martha Noi Nguyen

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Elizabeth Vierra

**Fri, June 5, 8:30am:**  
Zenaida Broadsword

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Theresa Hoa Le

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Tien

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**BASE CAMP and QUEST:** Plans are coming together for our summer series! For Base Camp we have a movie, miniature or disc golf, service, and an evening hike. For Quest we have a boys only/girls only retreat, "Arnold's", service, and a sunset hike.

**QUEST Mission Trip:** Thank you for your participation in the rummage sale. It was a lot of work but we also had a lot of fun! Those who volunteered to go to Raymond to get to know the students there are much appreciated! More fundraisers to come! Next one is June 20-parking for Meeker Days.

**BASE CAMP Mission Trip:** Interested in a trip Aug. 5-7? Contact Carmen for more information!

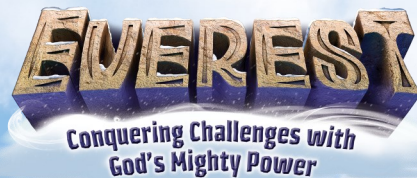
**GRADUATING SENIORS from high school or college:** please contact Carmen to take part in our parish Baccalaureate celebration on Sunday, June 7 at 11:00 Mass. Come in your cap and gown!

## PARISH GROUPS

### **Men of Montfort**

**1st and 3rd Saturdays • Parish Center 39ers room  
Next Meeting on Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>**

All men are invited to share a meal, talk about our challenges, and learn about our faith.



**Vacation Bible School • June 22-26, 2015**

**All Saints Parish Center**

***Spaces are limited! Don't wait to register!***

Register online at:

[https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/  
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**We need SLEEPING BAGS!** Please drop off your new or used (CLEAN) sleeping bags to the parish office. They will be donated to Francis House after camp.

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