

Parish Music Survey – Results:

First of all, “thank you” to the 103 members of the parish who chose to fill out a copy of the survey. Your input was informative and appreciated. Generally, the results are very positive. Hopefully, it reflects a general satisfaction among the entire parish with our music ministry at this time. Several suggestions/comments were made regarding different items, and they are listed below the responses to the survey questions. For example, four people said that they’d like to hear the organ more – so would I!! Unfortunately, we do not have an organ at the present time. The electronic keyboard has an organ setting, but it is of very poor tonal quality. Here’s looking forward to a real organ in our new church!! Again, thank you for your interest, and your support!

Which Mass do you typically attend?

43 Saturday 4:00 pm
22 Sunday 7:30 am
24 Sunday 9:00 am
30 Sunday 10:30 am
28 Sunday 12:00pm

What is your age?

4 12 and under
4 13-20
4 21-30
3 31-40
11 41-50
37 51-60
8 61-69
33 70+

Does the Music Ministry at St. Jude’s Parish encourage your “full, conscious and active” participation at Mass?

62 It usually encourages my participation.
26 Sometimes it encourages my participation.
9 It doesn’t encourage my participation at all.
9 It is distracting: **Want silent mass or less music**

What style of music do you enjoy most at Mass? Check all that apply.

32 Chant (*e.g. Veni Sanctae Spiritus, Salve Regina*)
76 Traditional hymns (*e.g. Faith of Our Fathers, Crown Him With Many Crowns*)
95 Traditional Catholic Songs (*e.g. Be Not Afraid, On Eagle’s Wings*)
53 Contemporary Worship Music (*e.g. Open My Eyes, Lord, One Lord*)
15 Other: **Gospel – 4, Children’s —2**

Do you prefer that individual Masses have a set “style” of worship? (Examples: 4:00 pm, 7:30 am, & noon – cantor; 9:00 am— children’s choir; 10:30 am – adult choir; 6:00 pm monthly –teen mass)

12 strong yes
39 yes
15 no
3 strong no
33 no preference

How much variety does the music here at St. Jude’s offer?

28 Not Enough Variety

51 Just Enough Variety

16 Too Much Variety

Overall, how satisfied are you with the Music Ministry at St. Jude's Parish?

40 very satisfied

30 somewhat satisfied

4 indifferent

12 somewhat dissatisfied

10 very dissatisfied

Comments or Suggestions:

See below

Would you consider sharing your musical abilities with the parish as a ____?

2 Choir Member

2 Cantor

2 Instrumentalist

I would like to be a member of the adult choir if they sang at another mass. (Which one? _____ 1)

As a teen, I would like to be a member of a choir for teen mass: 0 responses

I would like to be a member of the children's choir: 4 YES _____ NO

Comments:

Loves everything, very complimentary – 5

Music is too fast – 2

Music is too high-pitched – 3

Music is too loud/drowns out cantor – 16

Performs, doesn't accompany – 2

Unfamiliar music – 5

More uplifting music – 3

More male cantors – 2 (let's go, guys!)

Dissatisfied with everything – 2

No instruments – 2

Loves instruments – 3

Should have silent mass – 2

Too much singing – 3

Need clearer visibility/announcing of hymn numbers – 3

Bring back the Women's Choir – 1

Bring back the Folk Group – 3

Introduce the priest and deacon at each mass – 1

Wants to be a cantor, but never gave me their name – 1 (10:30 mass- please contact me if you're interested)

Thinks the answers will be "tossed" if they are not favorable – 1

Again, thanks to everyone who participated in this survey! Remember, we're always open to seeing more people get involved! If you play an instrument, or would like to be part of the choir or cantor ministries, please contact me. If you cannot, please pray for us. Thanks! – Joe

