

CCM Parish Life Survey

Which church do you associate with most? *[please circle]* St. Agatha • St. Brigid • St. Mary

Which Mass do you most regularly attend? *[please number top 2 choices]*

Saturday, 4:30 p.m. St. Agatha ___

Sunday, 7:00 a.m. St. Mary ___

8:00 a.m. St. Agatha ___

9:30 a.m. St. Brigid ___

11:00 a.m. St. Mary ___

To which age group do you belong? *[please check one]*

<input type="checkbox"/>	14-18
<input type="checkbox"/>	19-25
<input type="checkbox"/>	26-39

<input type="checkbox"/>	40-59
<input type="checkbox"/>	60+

ELEMENTS OF PARISH LIFE

Community

The sense of community within a parish includes the sense of belonging at the parish and how it welcomes people in a friendly way to help them feel at home. This area also includes parish outreach, which refers to how well the parish reaches out to parishioners and involves them in parish life. Community, then, has an internal focus.

1. Given the changes over the past 2 years, how strongly do you still value the feeling of belonging to an existing parish church in Meadville?
1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5 *[circle 1 for least to 5 for most strongly]*
2. How strongly does being around people I know make me feel at home and welcomed?
1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5
3. How strongly does being around people from my neighborhood make me feel at home and welcomed?
1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5
4. How strongly does being greeted at the door make me feel at home and welcomed?
1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5
5. How strongly does the pastor and/or staff knowing my name make me feel at home and welcomed?
1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5
6. How ready are you to having one main worship site with 2 or fewer locations to meet the needs of the Catholic community in Meadville and the surrounding area?
1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5
7. When you visit a parish what kind of things there make you feel welcomed?
greeting by priest and deacons after Mass: 1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5 *[1 for least to 5 for most]*
being acknowledged as a visitor: 1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5
8. How interested would you be in activities specifically for those in the 55+ age group?
1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5

9. Which **two** methods would you **prefer to use** as means of communication about activities, events, and announcements from your parish?
- Bulletin
 - Website
 - Pulpit announcements by Father
 - Pulpit announcements by parishioners
 - Facebook
 - Instagram
 - Twitter
 - Parish App
 - Flyers and banners
 - Parish-wide emails

Leadership

The leadership of the pastor, pastoral staff, parish council, and key organizations are included under the area of parish leadership. Leadership involves forming a vision for the parish, planning for the future, and evaluating the success of parish efforts. The organizational structure of the parish and related organizations or activities (such as school leadership) are also included here.

1. How important is the friendliness of the parish office staff to you?
1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5 [1 for least to 5 for most]
2. How familiar are you with the various organizations in the parish? 1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5
3. How much do you value concrete help from the parish in practicing gospel values in your life?
1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5

Please rate the following aspects of church life regarding the priority they should be given by parish leadership.

celebration of the Sacraments: 1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5 [1 for least to 5 for most]

Masses and liturgies: 1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5

hospitality and a sense of welcome to all: 1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5

promoting important Church teachings 1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5

promoting important Church causes 1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5

evangelization: 1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5

opportunities for involvement: 1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5

Worship

This is the sacramental and prayer life of parishioners at Sunday liturgies and other sacred celebrations. This area includes all components of worship, such as homilies, lectoring, distributing communion, and the art and environment of worship. It also includes the fostering of individual spiritual growth, such as that related to personal prayer and private devotions.

1. Please rate the following regarding how much they contribute to your experience at Mass. In other words, how important are they to you?
 - music: 1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5 [1 for least to 5 for most]
 - silence: 1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5
 - lectors: 1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5
 - homily/sermon: 1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5
 - seasonal decorations: 1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5
 - prayerfulness of the celebrant: 1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5
 - hospitality/sense of welcome: 1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5
 - beauty of the church: 1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5

2. How important to you are small group prayer opportunities to you?
1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5
3. How important to you are opportunities for devotions such as the Rosary and Eucharistic Adoration?
1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5

Formation

Formation in the parish includes all aspects of parish life involving explaining, informing, and forming parishioners of all ages in the Catholic Faith rooted in Scripture and Tradition handed on in the Church. This includes religious education programs at both parish and school (where there is a school), as well as sacramental preparation programs and adult formation programs. Homilies, which play a significant role in the ongoing formation of parishioners, are included in this section as well as in the section on worship.

1. How important is faith formation for adults to you? 1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5
2. How important is faith formation for young adults to you? 1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5
3. How important are young adult gatherings and activities to you? 1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5
4. How important are adult enrichment classes to you? 1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5
5. How important is faith formation for elementary and high school students to you?
1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5
6. How important is youth ministry to you? “Youth ministry” is understood as work with youth other than formal instruction classes.
1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5 [1 for least to 5 for most]
7. How likely would you be to support a full-time youth minister at the going rate of \$35-45,000/year?
1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5
8. How important is spiritual direction to you? 1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5
9. How important to you is making retreat opportunities available? 1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5
10. How important to you is making days of recollection available? 1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5
11. Please rate the following regarding how these topics are of interest to you or help to you in faith formation.

Catholic doctrine/teaching:	1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5	[1 for least to 5 for most]
Moral theology:	1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5	
Scripture study:	1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5	
Catholic spirituality:	1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5	
Prayer and mysticism:	1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5	
Catholic view on current issues:	1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5	
Catholic social teaching:	1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5	
Christian/church history:	1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5	

Stewardship

Stewardship involves challenging parishioners to share their time, talent, and treasure with the parish. Time and talent include any volunteering that parishioners do either directly for the parish or in parish-related activities. The treasure of the parish refers to the amount of money contributed to the parish as well as its current buildings and properties.

1. How important to you is volunteering in parish *activities*?
1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5 [1 for least to 5 for most]

2. How important to you is volunteering in parish *ministries*?
1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5
3. Volunteering in parish activities makes me feel a greater sense of belonging?
1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5
4. How important to you is contributing to the financial well-being of the parish?
1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5
5. How important to you is contributing to the financial well-being of diocesan ministries?
1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5
6. Our family most closely aligns with the following attitude(s) regarding treasure. [*Check all that apply*]
 - Everything we have is a gift from God and we should give back financially through the offertory.
 - Our family has set aside a certain percentage of our income to give to the parish and other charitable organizations.
 - We have never thought about giving a budgeted amount to our parish.
 - Our parish does not spend money wisely so we do not give to the offertory.
 - We are not financially able to give to the parish at this time.
 - We give whatever cash is left over in or wallet on Sunday morning.

Social Concerns

Social concerns and social action include all parish work directed at advancing the common good of the wider world, nation, and local community. It also includes all charity, advocacy, and action on behalf of social justice. Social concerns has an external focus.

1. How aware are you of the social outreach programs in the parish?
1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5 [*1 for least to 5 for most*]
2. How interested are you in participating a parish social outreach program?
1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5
3. How important to you is the parish's commitment to a just society?
1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5
4. Would any of the following public service events interest you if offered here.
[*circle if interested*]
blood drive • health screening • budgeting and household management • budgeting family time
5. How likely would you be to volunteer at/for.
 - food pantry: 1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5 [*1 for least to 5 for most*]
 - soup kitchen: 1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5
 - clothes line: 1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5
 - pro-life work: 1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5
 - homeless outreach: 1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5
 - prison ministry: 1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5

Evangelization

Evangelization includes all efforts to witness to the Gospel. It focuses especially upon reaching out to inactive Catholics and the unchurched. Evangelization also encompasses efforts at ecumenism and those directed toward building relations in the broader community. Evangelization also has an external focus.

1. How strongly do you feel the call to evangelize? 1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5 [1 for least to 5 for most]

2. How are you most inclined to evangelize?

by example: 1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5 [1 for least to 5 for most]

in conversation: 1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5

apologetics: 1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5

teaching in faith formation: 1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5

working retreats: 1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5

being on the RCIA team: 1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5

apologetics - defending or showing the reasonableness and meaningfulness of the Catholic Faith.

3. How inclined are you to engage in . . .

outreach to inactive Catholics 1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5 [1 for least to 5 for most]

ministry to those grieving: 1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5

ministry to the divorced and separated: 1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5

ecumenical activities: 1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5

ecumenical - dialogue and/or cooperation with other Christian denominations or religious groups.

✦Please use the space below for any additional comments or suggestions.✦