

2012 St. Ladislav AWE Survey



The following pages provide information regarding the St. Ladislav Church Survey conducted in Sept 2012. There were 781 responses to the survey.

Parishioners and Guests were asked to respond to a series of statements and to offer ways to improve the respective area. There were categories where parishioners elected not to respond. Some people elected to only identify their age or years of attendance at St. Ladislav.

28 Guests participated in the Survey

The youngest person to respond was Age 9 and the oldest was Age 93.

Average Age was 58.9 years old. Total age of participants was 40,393 years old.

The years in the Parish ranged from <1 year to 40 years. The average of all parishioners was 15.49 years

Total years of attendance was 10,323 years.

427 people circled numbers and made no remarks

230 people circled numbers and made remarks

63 people circled numbers, made remarks, and asked for a copy of the survey results

61 people circled numbers, did not make remarks and asked for a copy of the survey results.

Many comments were made about Fr. Snyder’s Homilies and the positive impact on them.

Key Survey Statements

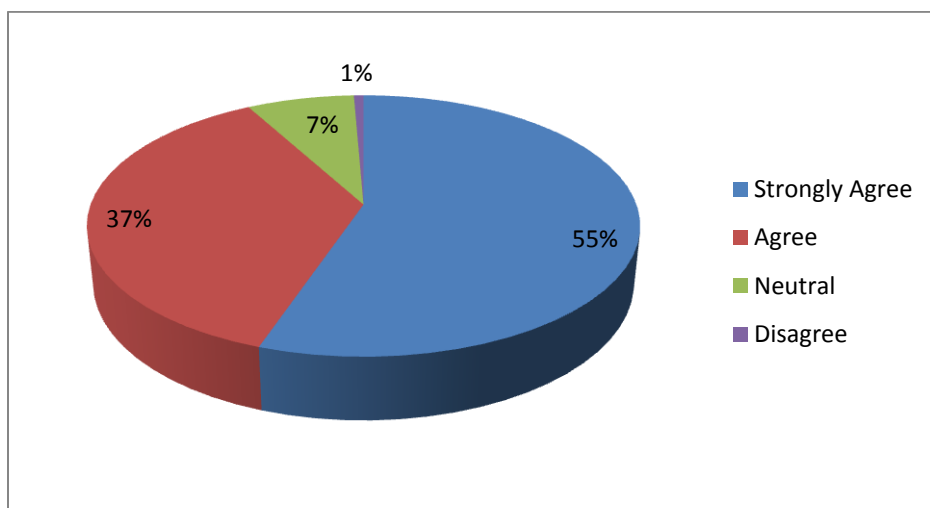
1. When I celebrate Liturgy here at St. Ladislav Parish I feel like I am part of a ‘warm’ Faith Community.
2. Parish Leaders do an excellent job of communicating with me in regards to:
 - a. Activities and Events
 - b. Volunteer Opportunities
3. I feel like I belong here at St. Ladislav Parish.
4. I am warmly greeted when I celebrate Liturgy here at St. Ladislav Parish.
5. I have the opportunity to share my gifts of time, talent, expertise and wisdom here at St. Ladislav
6. I am personally invited to attend events, functions and celebrations here at St. Ladislav

These above items will be broken out in detail in the following pages.

I am a parishioner here at St. Ladislav Parish because (check all that apply) out of 781 opportunities

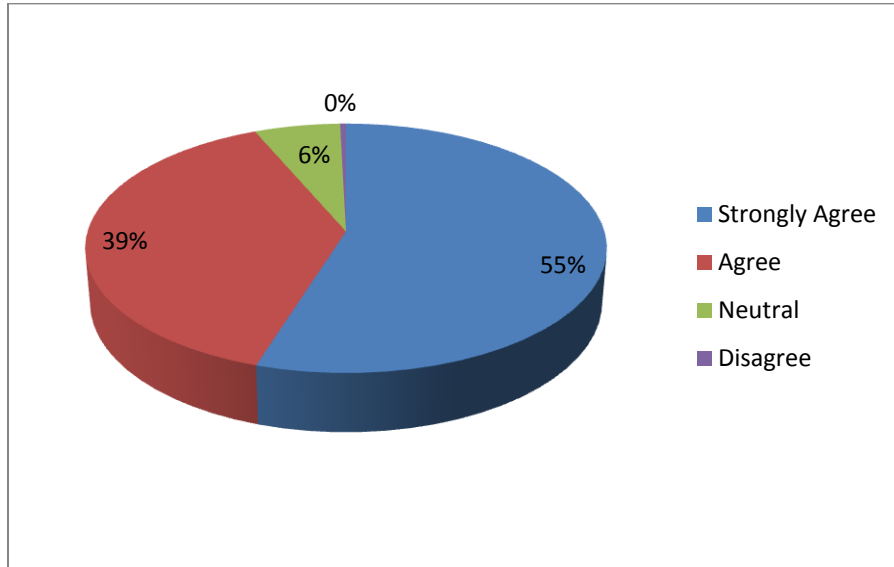
- It is my geographic parish 490 responses
- The location is convenient 459 responses
- Mass times are convenient 437 responses
- I like the leadership 516 responses
- I like the liturgies 609 responses
- I feel welcome here 589 responses
- Some of my best friends are here 226 responses
- My spiritual Needs are Met 512 responses
- There are opportunities for me to be meaningfully involved in the parish. 372 responses

1. **When I celebrate the Liturgy here at St. Ladislav, I feel like I am part of a “warm” Community.**



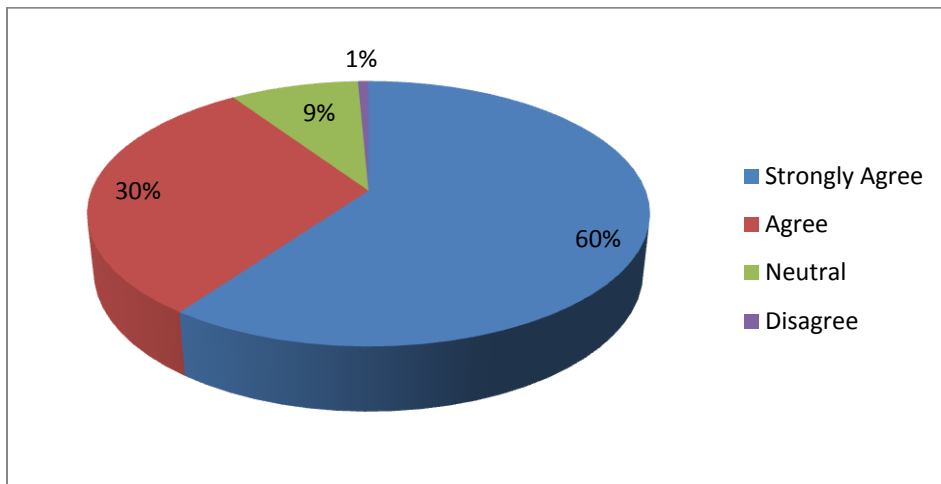
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421	280	56	5	5

2a. The Parish Leaders do an excellent job of communicating with me in regards to Activities and Events



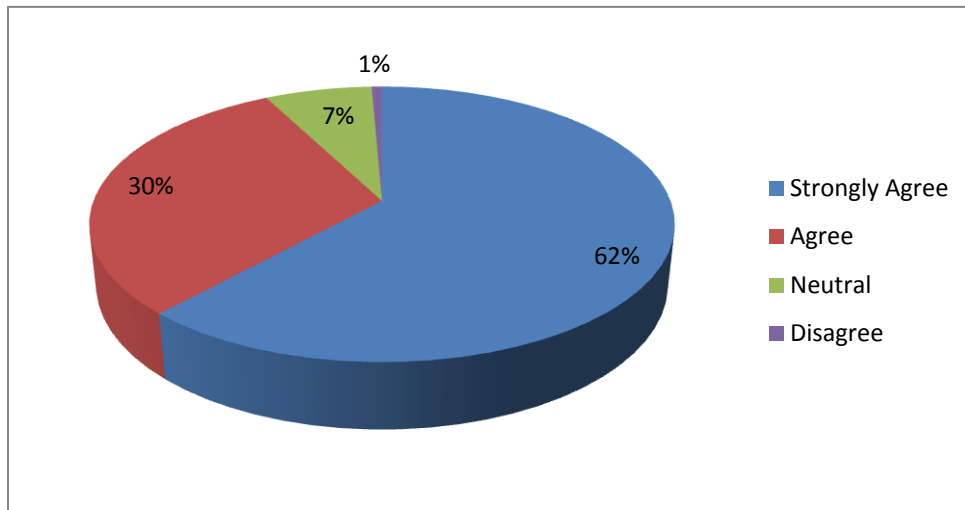
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2b. Parish Leaders do an excellent job of communicating with me in regards to Volunteer Activities



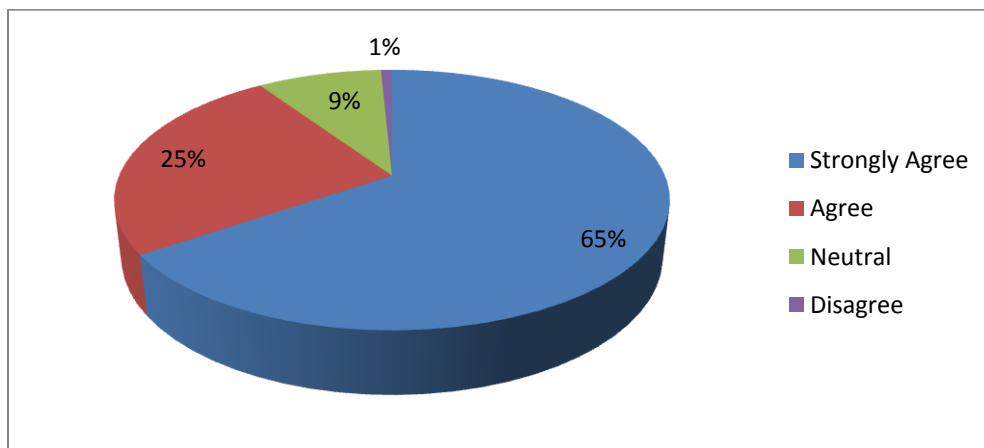
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3. I feel like I belong here at St. Ladislav Parish



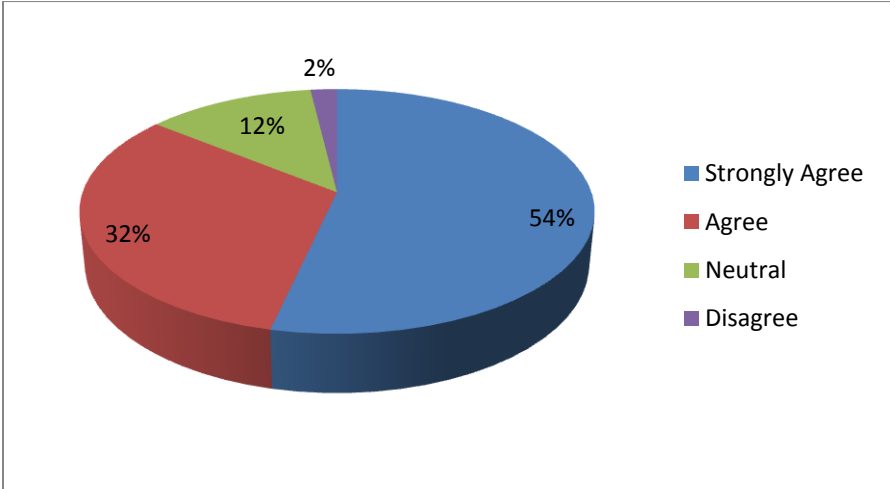
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461	228	52	5	2

4. I am warmly greeted when I celebrate Liturgy here at St. Ladislav Parish



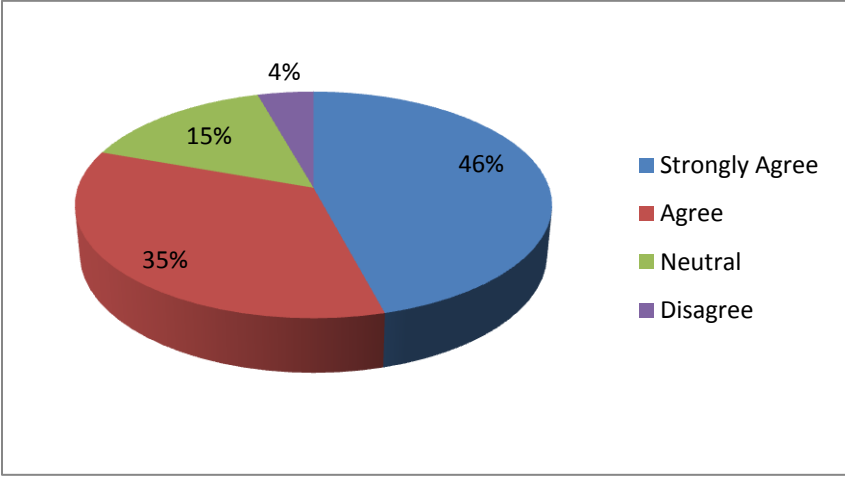
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513	197	68	6	3

5. I am personally invited to attend events, functions, and celebrations here at St. Ladislav



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361	217	83	13	3

6. I have the opportunity to share my gifts of time, talent, expertise and wisdom here at St. Ladislav



Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
314	237	104	30	8

The following pages contain all the feedback from the preceding Survey Statements and a section defined as Further Comments

1 When I celebrate Liturgy here at St. Ladislav, I feel like I am part of a “warm” Community.

- Need more personal greetings before Mass
- Stop changing the “Gloria”
- Fr. Snyder’s Homilies are very inspiring
- Need to have some question and answer periods (raise Hands - 9 yr old)
- Homilies are great, music is great, most Cantors are wonderful
- Parishioners need to be as welcoming as parish staff/ministers are
- Choir /cantor/music can be too overpowering at times which limits the voice of the congregation
- Certain people claim their pews and make you get up and move even if you get there first. People sit at the ends of pews and won’t move to make room.
- More informal events immediately after services to commune....even if 20 minutes, the conversation and connections that occur make me feel more connected
- I am not involved but I always feel comfortable and feel like I belong. That is why I stay here at Lads.
- Please speed up the Mass
- Some parts of the Liturgy are too ritualistic
- Parish is doing a great job
- Need better music and more updates (4)
- Pause for 2 minutes after the Homily for quiet time for personal reflection
- Please provide more social activities
- Offer more contemporary Music
- Please improve the music
- I am here to honor God
- Ask different people to take up the gifts instead of the usual people
- Some people have attitudes
- Start Mass on time. Many people come late because they know the Mass starts 5 minutes late every week.
- Need to learn a method to meet more people and be involved. Right now I don’t feel invited.
- Have a separate youth and teen Mass
- I find that I am one of FEW people around me singing or praying out loud.. This is discouraging.
- Allow all CHRISTIANS to take Communion. My husband is Catholic and I am Protestant. Our children are being raised Catholic. (Guest from Bernadettes attending here regularly)
- I don’t care for the music and sometimes difficult to listen to and sometimes it is distracting
- Preach about rules and laws of the church and sin
- More donut Sundays to increase parishioner interaction
- Music needs to be more lively to excite young people
- Need more opportunities to do community service as a family. “St Lads Service Team for Families”
- Joining the 50+ Club is a good way to get engaged
- Everyone needs to understand that in Jesus Christ, we truly are a Family and we need some way to make people understand that
- I sincerely believe I am living the WORD. We have such a loving community
- Centralize the experience of Jesus in the Liturgy
- 21 years ago, I was warmly greeted at the door. Father Cullen’s simple charm “broke the ice”. I am on Parish council at the present time. We focus on that area.
- Came back this year after being gone for over 20 years.

2A Parish Leaders do an excellent job of communicating with me in regards to Activities and Events

- Need more detailed communication regarding what the volunteer activity entails
- Listen to suggestions made. Seems that a small core makes most decisions
- Lots of mistakes in the bulletin every week.
- Parish fair is good for Volunteer opportunities.
- Website is excellent
- I volunteered for the welcome committee and was never called to serve. I hope that did not occur to others less committed to St. Lads.

2B Parish Leaders do an excellent job of communicating with me in regards to Volunteer Activities

- Consider emailing announcements or even Face Book group to see what is happening(3)
- Usually seems clicky (2)
- More announcements needed from the pulpit about events so that we get more participation(2)
- More volunteer activities that could engage young children
- Do more fun things like the Fair (9 yr old)
- Speak more often about the various ministries instead of just the annual fair push
- Perhaps highlight each service area during services- very brief description and the experience
- Would love to see more opportunities for children to be involved “ Children’s Choir”
- When people sign up, they need to be contacted by that group, otherwise it is just “talk”
- Call people who sign up (signed up for 6 groups and only got called by 2)
- Generate an email list and post more events on the Website
- Need more publicity and frequency of posting opportunities.
- Areas needing volunteers should get further frequent mention during the year
- Need more efforts to get people involved
- Server Schedule needs to be published more promptly—sometimes it comes out at the last minute
- Parish Fair is always a great opportunity to find out ways to volunteer
- Have some meetings for Eucharistic Lector Training
- Provide a means for relating desires and needs with opportunities
- Parish Fair needs to be offered more than once a year(2) ..add September
- Need readers to communicate better
- Personally call people when they volunteer
- Preach about pro-life issues from the pulpit. Our Church is under attack. STAND UP!
- We need workshops to improve individual spirituality and relationship with God
- Parish wide alerts and emails.even if you are not a registered member. (Guest)
- Send personal invitations (one on one), describe time involvement from home, hours of planning , number of meetings, to help know how much time is involved in each opportunity
- Need more volunteer opportunities that can engage small children (2)
- Still many mistakes in the bulletin – dates and times are wrong—someone needs to proofread
- Committee chair people have failed to contact people after people have signed up at the Fair
- Need a stronger women’s service group, something for all ages
- Keep communicating the need for volunteers in the bulletin
- Weekly volunteer emails- you probably send something out, but since I am not registered, I don’t get them
- I am from West Park, but love this parish
- Non-volunteers need to understand that this is their duty as a disciple of Christ
- Have parishioners reach out personally to ask other parishioners to attend events
- Have a section on the web site where we can list our skills or suggest how we can volunteer our talents
- Prison Ministries have NO place in this parish at all. Do Not put the parishioners in contact with people that potentially can harm them and their families.
- Encourage Parishioners to use the WEB site. Use bulletin boards in the Atrium

3 I feel like I belong here at St. Ladislav Parish

- Parishioners are not friendly (71 yr old 10 yr member)
- Please don't change what we have
- Better than any previous parish in my life
- I need more personal connections
- Only I can improve on this experience
- I love this parish
- I would like some more traditional spiritual opportunities like exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and having the Mass in Latin
- I need to get more involved
- I would like to see focus on a small group of divorced, widowed, parishioners to have interaction.
- More after Mass gatherings like more frequent donut Sundays
- I grew up at St. Raphael's, but drive past it every day to come to St. Lads
- There is a need to increase the diversity of organizations. The current groups seem to be dominated by the OLD GUARD
- The Solemnity has gone ---this makes me sad
- After 21 years, I am looking in other places to make a difference and feed my spirituality

4 I am warmly greeted when I celebrate Liturgy here at St. Ladislav Parish

- Ushers could greet people more. Some seem to talk with each other instead of greeting people
- Greeters need to be more assertive in welcoming each guest
- Greeters are chatting with one another instead of greeting people
- Only greeted sometimes.
- Ushers are getting too young
- Someone should always be at the doors
- Need More Bob Hertl's
- Have all the workers shake everyone's hand (9 yr old)
- Greeters are doing a great job
- Have more coffee events after Mass in the lobby and then people might participate more
- Love the fact that Fr. Snyder calls me by name (60 yr Old)
- Sometimes greeters aren't there yet, or they talk to each other over the heads of the people that are entering the church.
- St. Lads is very much a community
- Ushers don't always seem sincere in their greeting --perhaps say "Welcome" along with good morning
- Usher greetings need to improve (2)
- Keep doing what you are doing
- Offer more bible Studies
- Greeters are great
- Ushers are always very friendly at the North Door
- I am very happy with the parish and truly enjoy praying here. I look forward to the Mass. I am aware of the opportunities to volunteer and participate in the parish. I am hopeful for the time when my children are older and I can contribute more time.
- Have an entire family do the greeting at the door. Young greeters are a joy
- Usher performance is dependent upon the individual usher....some attentive and others not attentive
- Takes more than "just Hello" to welcome someone
- I am now very involved, but at first I did not feel the overwhelming welcome I would have liked. This still needs improvement.
- It is important to reach out to families and engage not only the children, but the parents and make them feel at home here.
- Children should not greet alone, but rather with their family

- Ushers need to help seat all parishioners and assist those seated with special needs
- You can't force people to become involved, but you can continue to ask and encourage involvement and St. Lads does a great job with this.
- We are new parishioners (<1 year), and we are very happy with our experience so far and are excited for the future of this Parish
- I get to Mass early, so I don't see an usher or greeter
- Monitor the younger ushers/greeters---they need to focus more on greeting people
- I applaud the use of younger people as greeters, but they could use some training. Several ushers think it is just their duty to take the collection
- St Lads is like family to me – I am single, never married, no kids, parents deceased
- The men's and women's group are skewed toward retirees. I would encourage an effort to recruit younger men and women to get involved. "sometimes I feel that I am out of place"
- Greeters should dress less casual
- Remind greeters of their mission – warm and honest greeting
- That is our strong suit at the doors for each liturgy. I would like to see more parish leaders do more with the greeting, not just at the Parish Fair. New Members of St. Lads should be highlighted in some way to the general congregation by pulpit announcements or pictures in the bulletins. Baptisms and Marriages also.
- Ushers need to seat people
- Make Mass more Kid Friendly
- People need to introduce themselves with their first names while sharing "peace "

5 I am personally invited to attend events, functions and celebrations here at St. Ladislav Parish

- Have limited time right now (2)
- Publish need for volunteers more frequently in the bulletin
- I enjoy being an EC to nursing homes on Sunday
- I have volunteered but not been contacted- When participating, the chairperson doesn't give me the opportunity to have inputs
- Several groups have the same people always running the meetings and it creates disinterest
- I have limited time to contribute my time
- I am a guest and don't live in this area
- Difficult to commit due to family needs
- Have not been approached
- Kids get bored during Mass and don't pay attention. Perhaps 1 homily per month should be directed specifically at the kids
- Wish I had the time to contribute
- I believe that it would be better to increase diversity in the various groups.(social justice group)
- We need to get to know one another better- approach parishioners to share in leadership roles such as speaking at the mission or planning a retreat
- We need to make more personal contact with People that the parish feels would be a good fit for a particular ministry
- Very pleased that Fr. Snyder is our pastor
- We could always do more. This area should be tapped. People like to be needed.
- I think the outreach programs are excellent. The people do a good job.
- Change Chairmen of the various committees, commissions etc. periodically

6 I have the opportunity to share my gifts of time, talent, expertise and wisdom here at St. Ladislav

- More announcements needed from the pulpit about events so that we get more participation
- Have limited time right now
- Periodically have a member of the men's and women's fellowship groups give updates during the year at Masses
- I would like to know who among my acquaintances also attend the events
- Because I am not registered. This is my fault
- Never get a personal invitation
- Everyone should be able to participate in Good Shepherd when they join our church-not just younger people- my older kids got turned away
- Communicate and ask
- Personal phone calls and emails from other parishioners on occasion is helpful and not overwhelming.
- Monthly Luncheon after Mass would be awesome.
- Social Committee needs to make an effort to reach out to Newcomers to the Parish
- Need to have a singles dance this Fall
- I can walk into a new venue and I am comfortable, but many folks that I know won't go to an event alone. We have to meet them where they are. Maybe make them responsible for calling like minded people because they know what it is like to walk in cold
- Personal note from Fr. Snyder would be very effective
- Very modern church....not the old traditional woodwork and kneelers.

Further Comments

- Would like to see some more speakers for Catholic Enriching Programs
- Member of St. Bernadette's, but come here 75% of the time
- Fr. Snyder's Homilies are so meaningful and apply to life. Bishop Quinn also brings an element that I don't find at other Parishes
- St. Lads is a very warm parish
- God Bless this parish
- Too many new programs & surveys. Too many Music changes made by the Music Director
- Need better follow up after volunteering
- Activities for older singles who are still working are limited or even non-existent. The support for widows and widowers is also lacking. When I attend parish events, it is mostly couples and I feel so alone (63 yr old 18 yr member)
- This is the best parish I have ever been involved in. You all do a great job in welcoming everyone.
- I enjoy that there are opportunities for all ages so that everyone in our family can feel that they can contribute to the parish. Love to have more information about other opportunities more than once a year.
- I enjoy/love/can relate to Fr. Snyder's homilies (18 comments plus many others throughout)
- Good Shepherd is why we switched to this parish
- Parish Get together last month was a great way to get people together
- Need a board with songs – Number pages
- I have searched for a new church for years and am trying St. Lads to see if I belong here (2 months Here)
- I feel that this church is not aesthetically welcoming. I wish it was warmer from a physical standpoint.(3)
- Lots lacking here at St. Lads
- Parishioners should be more open to other cultures and races
- Building is too cold all the time
- Feels like a community I know a lot of parishioners
- Need to vary the music....more guitar musicmore of a youth mass would encourage more young people to attend Mass
- As a guest, my wife and I feel comfortable attending St. Lads when we are in the area

- As a guest, love the music and homilies when I attend
- I feel the depth of my religious faith here more than anywhere else
- Another Church had their youth group go on scavenger hunt with list of foods: soup, pasta, cereal, etc...collected for food bank. They had wagons to fill. I know our food bank needs donations.
- Have young people sing. Some of the cantors sing off key. Have more young people do the readings. Have choir do more Saturday masses. Keep all homilies 10 minutes or less.
- Liturgy seems to be a production rather than a normal natural celebration.(73 yr old)
- Offer other varieties of musical celebration
- Don't forget to collect from Cry Rooms
- More choir participation, children's music, instrumentalists, more organ recitals
- People that I have met here have become good friends.
- Have home bible study groups (1) Bible Study Group (2)
- This Church enriches my life
- The music is great
- Buildings and grounds are well maintained and beautiful.
- Youth very involved in this parish.
- Cantors, readers and choir are well prepared and have great talent.
- Great 50+ Club
- Wish we could have Masses with more contemporary Music
- I wish there was a 3rd Sunday Mass
- NO social activities aimed at middle aged unmarried adults. Large gap between " singles group" and "50+ group, which is really a senior citizen group.
- Start a "Bring a Friend to Mass Day" every 6 weeks or so---complete with coffee and donuts
- Music needs to improve- needs to be more upbeat (2)
- I think this is a great parish
- Really enjoy the parish. Fr. Don is excellent as a Pastor/Leader. This is the most engaged I have felt in a parish.
- We need to investigate and address why so many people are not taking part in the Mass and the various opportunities
- Need more donut Sundays
- I attend this church because Father Snyder is the only priest that provides me with a message to live my week and live my life for the Lord
- I personally need to make more time to become more involved in volunteer activities
- Please print out results of this survey at Mass to save on postage
- St. Lads is central to my spirituality and journey with God
- If you really want involvement, then contact people and then LISTEN to THEM
- I would like to see FIRST FRIDAY Benediction after Mass
- Please list new members and deceased names in the bulletin
- St. Lads is friendly and welcoming
- I feel like family at St. Lads
- If people are looking for seats, then the ushers should help them
- Teenagers need a guitar Mass
- Some people might need rides to church
- It would be interesting to see comments from inactive parishioners....Why are they not here?
- The Church should have a 7 P.M. Mass on Sundays
- Offer a 1 P.M. Mass on Sunday
- Need for up-to-beat contemporary music as the tempo always drags. Youth Mass would be wonderful with high school students playing and singing.
- For the size and wealth of the parish, the music can be improved. The organs echo causes each part of the church to hear the sounds at different times and the tempo to drag. I deeply miss Rich Charnigo on the piano. He played with speed and joy.

- Father Don “ you are wonderful” and an amazing speaker. I always feel you are talking directly to me. You have wonderful energy.
- I tend not to always attend church because it seems to be “doom and gloom” approach to the liturgy. There has to be a better way to be enthusiastic while at the same time spreading the word of the Lord.
- Modernize some of the music and accept more musicians.
- My personal involvement was the key to my growth and continued satisfaction with St. Lads. The leadership, especially of Bob Hertl, has been a special gift for St. Lads.
- I was a convert. The church needs a more personal outreach to others.
- We are members here because we get the most out of Mass more than any other parish we have attended. It is not the easiest location for us, but we continue coming back because the liturgy is so fulfilling.
- Concerns about Generations of Faith – please choose some weekdays
- Need to get more youth involved
- Father Don is the very best priest I have ever met
- This seems to be a great parish, but I have felt left out as a young adult without a family
- I am a guest here and belong to another parish, but benefit a great deal by attending at St. Lads
- Fr. Don is a terrific speaker with very meaningful sermons
- I think a Sunday evening Mass would be tremendous –church construction makes the North and South side feel disconnected from the liturgy—
- This is a great parish. St Lads is modern, welcoming and accepting. Bob Hertl is awesome.
- St. Lads is a wonderful parish for the entire family
- The various organizations here are very clickish
- Have more dinners like we do in Lenten Season which can get more people involved
- St. Lads is an excellent community atmosphere
- Create more social functions involving families
- Create more opportunities for high school students to stay involved in St. Lads
- Create a movie night or some sporting activity like volleyball for family involvement
- Enjoy Fr Dons sermons
- The leadership of the Parish is very welcoming. Parishioners are somewhat introverted and not typically outwardly friendly
- As a guest, I do feel welcome here. The “Larger” Church does not accept my lifestyle, but I do feel welcome to worship here.
- I am a guest from out of town and picked a parish close to my hotel. Glad I picked this parish as it appears to be a wonderful parish.
- We attended St. Christopher’s but ended up in Westlake and came to a Mass at St. Lads and felt the warmth and liturgies that met our spiritual needs and decide this is the place for us ever since that first Mass.
- I feel that Father Don speaks directly to me with his homilies.
- Amanda does a great job with the WAY Group. My children really enjoy this group and she is admired.
- Fr. Don gives excellent sermons and that provides the reason for us to attend every week.
- We choose to be a member of St. Lads even though we are closer to Holy Trinity because of Children’s programs, the Lads community and Fr. Don’s homilies.
- St. Lads is a very open and welcoming parish. I am glad to bring my family to Mass.
- I think the Good Shepherd program should invite people to the social programs. For example....All Tuesday 3-6 would have a table at the spaghetti dinner and are welcome. Come sit with us.
- Provide a space for handicapped people in the church
- Offer Sunday Evening Mass
- I feel that the homilies always translate to gospel and readings to my everyday life better than I have ever known
- Good Shepherd Program is EXCELLENT
- My girls sing in the young adult choir and I love to hear them sing
- My wife enjoys the mass

- I think the Good Shepherd program needs adjustment new parishioners with children who are older than 4 are not allowed to join. I know several families who were not allowed to have their child attend and my child is one of them. Generations of Faith is not a good substitute (as I was told)
- Way Group should not be harassed. . Amanda does a fantastic job.
- This is a very family oriented parish.
- Congratulations on the beautiful property
- I would like the opportunity for more evening Masses in the area. Daily Mass is not possible with my work schedule
- I love this parish. I love Fr. Snyder and Deacon John Travis, Sister Johnica and Sister Joan. They all work hard to make this church community welcoming.
- Church is very friendly, like no kneeling, great music (especially the harp girl)
- We love this church. We contribute generously (\$600+ per year), but we're concerned that the initiative that the diocese is undertaking to raise significant funds is excessive and unrealistic. There are other ways to raise money.
- Great Choirs at our church
- I would like to see a teen/youth mass to encourage my kids to enjoy and want to attend Mass. 5P.M. or later on Sunday would be ideal
- My daughters family worships here
- Father Snyder communicates the message so clearly and practically and I enjoy bringing my family here
- I went through RCIA here
- Guest says " I am not a parishioner here, but feel more welcome here than my own parish"
- Mass does not have to be solemn and a burden. Mass can be lighthearted and warm at time. It would be nice if at times, the mass would be 45 minutes, sometimes 50 minutes, sometimes 70 minutes. It is not a punch card or time clock. We should be happy and joyful in the house of the Lord
- I am a guest from St. Bernadette's, but come here because of the Homilies
- I wish the Church in general would back the pro-life issues. In recent events with those "Catholic" nuns voting more for "social justice" than for pro-life. I wish there was a true strong leader within our church standing up for our Catholic Faith and keeping us informed.
- Don't be afraid to preach pro-life at mass. I am sick and tired our Church being silent, especially with nuns pushing a hidden agenda.
- Vibrant singing and praying
- Please move the Saturday Evening Mass to an earlier time.
- A night Mass (7 P.M.) (during the week), would give St. Lads a unique opportunity to target youth and young adults. Evening quiet time is a naturally conducive environment.
- Why do you change the way we sing songs such as the "Glory to God"? What happened to some of the old songs we sang? New and improved is not always better.
- I am a Parishioner from St. Bernadette but come here because I feel more welcome and at Peace here. Fr. Snyder actually smiles and seems very warm. I understand his homily.
- Only parish that I have been to where people genuinely care.
- The organ is frequently off tune and timing is off , which is distracting and hard to stay with (4)
- This is a wonderful, warm and welcoming community. It offers many opportunities to be a part of the community.
- It would be nice is the responsorial song was in a book so EVERYONE who wants to join in could. Sometimes it feels like a concert for the music people. I realize they give their time, but singing if for EVERYONE as part of the Mass.
- The Good Shepherd program exceeds all other Parishes PSR programs
- The Catholic Bishops position on birth control alienates me. Their hostility to Obama's employer directive to cover contraceptives is appalling. There frame is as " freedom of Religion". I see it as their imposing their religious beliefs on their employees, even non-Catholics.
- Keep up the good work already in place. I would like to learn more about other faiths like Judaism, Lutheran, Baptist, etc.
- I came from St. Richards and this St. Lads Parish is wonderful....WHAT A DIFFERENCE
- Concerns about Children's Ministry and availability of cry rooms
- I would like to see more opportunities to involve our children. They attend Catholic day school, so they are not in the Good Shepherd Program. VBS cost 4x more here than other locations.

- It would be helpful to offer service opportunities for families with children. For example – leaf raking parish senior citizens yards, making and delivering crafts to nursing home residents or some type of “adopt a grandparent” program
- Father Snyder is the reason my family is here
- We are blessed to have Fr. Snyder as our Pastor
- Social Group should not just invite who they want or like to the Annual Christmas Parties. Have the party at St. Lads for all parishioners. Groups are becoming NON-INCLUSIVE
- It took me 50 years to find a church that made me feel like I am in a family. I love it here.
- Would like to see the tabernacle when I walk into Church
- St. Lads is comfortable, warm , and welcoming. People are nice and friendly.
- USING THE RESPONSORIAL PSALM IN THE MISSAL WOULD HELP TO FOLLOW ALONG AND SING TOGETHER
- Many thanks for Fr. Snyder and all who make this a vibrant welcoming parish.
- I feel like I am home at St. Lads. Fr. Snyder is so inspirational. Every week I leave with so much more that I came with.
- St. Lads has one disadvantage in that it does not have a school which pulls people together and gives the opportunity to know a large group of people. There are numerous active groups here at St. Lads, but it appears to make St. Lads divided into many groups which DO NOT cross over into the other groups. We have “churches” within St. Lads, but no one strong body.
- DONATION ENVELOPES for the kids
- Increase the number of Children in the Children’s Choir through some type of recruitment
- Have the homilies more focused on current events
- Have Masses to focus on the youth of the parish
- I still go to St. Rocco’s – the church of my youth- but come here often
- We love the Good Shepherd program. This is a huge asset to St. Lads
- Fr. Don’s homilies are superb. We look forward to his insights and perspective every week. Sr. Johnica and Bob Hertl are wonderful people. We are so blessed they are here.
- I have volunteered and find it difficult to break into the group. Same people running the show.
- Guest comment – our family used to be at St. Patrick’s....St. Lads is warm and welcoming
- I am a new member at St. Lads and had been away from the Catholic Faith for 12 years and feel very welcome here. I am excited to renew my Catholic Faith at St. Lads.
- Would be pleased to participate in future of this AWE initiative
- Heating and cooling needs to be addressed
- Very bad heating and cooling system
- Guest _ I intend to join this parish soon
- Guest – I need to set up an appointment to join this church
- It would be wonderful if St. Lads would provide Mass at Devon Oaks Assisted Living
- I don’t feel like I belong
- Need more contemporary music – folk Mass – youth influence
- Fellow parishioners are always very helpful if you need anything
- Guest - I feel more welcome here than in my own geographic parish
- This is the warmest most loving experience I have ever had in a church. I feel closer to God here than anywhere. Our leaders here should be commended for their outstanding love and service
- Guest - I have been at St. Bernadette’s for 55 years, and am still in the choir and other groups, I have felt very welcome here with liturgy and social events, I have been reluctant to change churches, but it a possibility. I really appreciate the warm spirit that is at St. Lads.
- I don’t drive, and need a ride to be able to help.
- “this is my second home”
- We live in West Chester, Pa and visit our parents here and would like to receive email
- I would like to see the Episcopalians receive communion (I realize that this decision comes from Rome, but why not mention it)
- I have never felt so welcome in any other parish. This Music at weekend Masses is so beautiful. The office staff is always so helpful.
- Previously asked for a phone call regarding a few issues I have vented – I received no return call. I would love to help,

- I am just too old (86 year young contributor)
- Too many clicks – I belong to several groups , but within those groups they seem to just talk to their special people. I do not feel welcome at times even though I am an outgoing person.
- I failed to get a response when I filled out the slip and put it in the basket. My daughter, her fiancée and myself needed to speak with Fr. Don about the Catholic church and got no response. (They had questions about the Catholic Church)—
- I pray that I can stay here and be buried from St. Lads. It certainly is the best parish I have ever attended
- We need to have a better personal outreach and face to face follow up with new members of the church – 2 year member **St. Richards** forbids the Marian Devotions. I was greeted at St. Lads and saw the Blessed Mother Statue. I have been coming ever since.
- Take the person where they are to where they want to be. Befriend the lonely soul and bring out their talents. We need a Friendship Force. Match each person with a group, not just once a year.
- I started coming to St. Lads Parish with my girlfriend, and we were coming every Sunday from when we first started dating. I love every time and am happy to be a member of St. Ladislav Parish. God Bless
- Choir is excellent50+ Club is excellent....need more trips.
- I miss the traditional church style, the tiny little cross, the placing of the Stations of the Cross in a corner of the church. It does not feel like a Catholic Church.
- Some Parishioners need to step up in this Parish.
- I love it here at St. Lads.
- Father Snyder....your sermons are A-1
- We need an early Sunday Mass (7:30 A.M.)
- There are so many activities – ministries- teaching seminars that we have with overlap and duplication
- Musicians need to keep in time with each other. It is very distracting and disturbing when the Cantor , choir and organist are battling to dictate the tempo. What is the congregation supposed to do ?
- Dick and I gave our heart and soul to this Parish right from the beginning. I cannot see us being at any other Parish.
- Please use the psalms in the hymnal so the congregation can follow and then respond.
- I come because the parish is not too pushy. If you want to join something, you can. If you just want to attend Mass, then you can do that too and no one makes you feel like an outsider.
- I would love to see the Church host a more contemporary Mass. Perhaps once a month. More children appear to attend St. Clarence and St. Raphael's masses.