

St. Barbara
Parish
Survey Results

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Conducted through December 31, 2008

Thank you for participating



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Dear People of St. Barbara,

On behalf of the Parish Pastoral Council, I thank you for your participation in our Parish Survey. A total of 84 completed surveys were received. Contained in this packet are the results of the responses to the quantitative questions. The qualitative questions asking for your written comments are in the process of being compiled in a summary format and will be made available to you as soon as possible. Many of you took the time to write comments, so that when the written comments were entered into a Word document, there were 14 pages of comments. Many of these comments showed a genuine love for St. Barbara Parish and the desire to make St. Barbara even a better parish. When this summary is finally made available, your anonymity will be respected.

Overall, the vast majority of the quantitative questions were answered as somewhat positive or very positive. That is not to say that there is no need for growth and improvement. Suggestions and critique were often detailed in the qualitative question responses.

The Parish Pastoral Council has been very busy with a number of topics, so while it has done a quick review of the survey results, it has not yet had the time for a more detailed review. Hopefully, beginning with its April meeting, the Parish Council will be able to focus more on these results.

The results of this survey, including all the written responses, have been given to Fr. Francis and me. It is our intention to bring the summary results to our Parish organizations and committees for their input and reaction and suggestions.

To further this review process, the Parish Pastoral Council will host a special meeting on Saturday, May 2, at 9:30 a.m. in the lower hall. The first hour will be devoted to discussing the survey results. The second hour will be given to discussing our Centennial Plans to date. I am asking that all parish organizations are represented by one or more of their officers at this meeting. This meeting is also open to anyone and everyone from our parish, so please consider attending.

The survey results to both the quantitative questions and qualitative written comments will be available online on St. Barbara's WEB site: www.StBarbaraChicago.org. I wish to personally thank the members of the Parish Pastoral Council for sponsoring this survey.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rev. Dennis Ziomek". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rev. Dennis Ziomek
Administrator

Total Number of Surveys analyzed

84

Statistical Information

Please mark the number of members of your household for each category.

Less than 18		18-24		25-34		35-44		45-54		55-64		65 and Older	
Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
19	10	4	2	4	6	8	11	7	13	12	9	19	34

Years with the parish:

Less than 1	1-10	11-20	21-30	31-40	41-50	More than 50
6	19	9	7	4	8	30

Race

Caucasian	African Amer	Hispanic	Asian	Multi/Other
69	2	8	1	2

How often do you attend Mass?

Everyday	Once a week	1-3 times a month	less than once a month	major Holy Days
3	70	8	1	6

Do you read the Parish Bulletin?

Yes	No
82	0

Do you have school aged children?

@ St. Barbs	Not @ St. Barbs	Does not apply
14	5	63

Do you visit the Parish Website?

Yes	No
31	47

Overall, Please indicate your level of involvement in the Parish

Uninvolved	Somewhat involved	Very Involved
21	44	13

Questions about St. Barbara in general

1. My overall experience at St. Barbara is;	Very Neg	Somewhat Neg	Uncertain	Somewhat Pos	Very Pos	% answered
	0	1	5	25	51	
	0%	1%	6%	30%	61%	98%
2. I am familiar with the mission and goals of St. Barbara.	Very Neg	Somewhat Neg	Uncertain	Somewhat Pos	Very Pos	% answered
	0	0	5	36	40	
	0%	0%	6%	43%	48%	96%
3. In my judgement, most other people I know are happy with what they experience at St. Barbara.	Very Neg	Somewhat Neg	Uncertain	Somewhat Pos	Very Pos	% answered
	1	2	13	40	26	
	1%	2%	15%	48%	31%	98%
4. St. Barbara offers a good balance of activities and programs for everyone.	Very Neg	Somewhat Neg	Uncertain	Somewhat Pos	Very Pos	% answered
	1	2	13	40	25	
	1%	2%	15%	48%	30%	96%
5. There is a strong sense of community among parishoners.	Very Neg	Somewhat Neg	Uncertain	Somewhat Pos	Very Pos	% answered
	2	3	21	26	29	
	2%	4%	25%	31%	35%	96%
6. The Priests are responsive to the need of the parishoners.	Very Neg	Somewhat Neg	Uncertain	Somewhat Pos	Very Pos	% answered
	0	3	7	0	54	
	0%	4%	8%	0%	64%	76%
7. There are an adequate number of youth programs	Very Neg	Somewhat Neg	Uncertain	Somewhat Pos	Very Pos	% answered
	1	4	37	21	13	
	1%	5%	44%	25%	15%	90%
8. There are effective lines of communication with the parish.	Very Neg	Somewhat Neg	Uncertain	Somewhat Pos	Very Pos	% answered
	2	2	9	33	33	
	2%	2%	11%	39%	39%	94%
9.: There is and overall sense of teamwork and cooperation in the parish.	Very Neg	Somewhat Neg	Uncertain	Somewhat Pos	Very Pos	% answered
	2	3	16	39	21	
	2%	4%	19%	46%	25%	96%
10. There is a need for more programs in the parish.	Very Neg	Somewhat Neg	Uncertain	Somewhat Pos	Very Pos	% answered
	0	5	33	22	14	
	0%	6%	39%	26%	17%	88%
11. Newcomers to the parish feel welcome.	Very Neg	Somewhat Neg	Uncertain	Somewhat Pos	Very Pos	% answered
	1	4	14	26	32	
	1%	5%	17%	31%	38%	92%
12. Parishoners are encouraged and invited to become involved in parish activities (Picnin Fest, etc)	Very Neg	Somewhat Neg	Uncertain	Somewhat Pos	Very Pos	% answered
	0	3	7	27	43	
	0%	4%	8%	32%	51%	95%
13. Parishoners are encouraged and invited to become members of committees and organizations.	Very Neg	Somewhat Neg	Uncertain	Somewhat Pos	Very Pos	% answered
	1	3	10	23	44	
	1%	4%	12%	27%	52%	96%
14. St. Barbara Parish offers enough community outreach programs (Baby Bottles, Food Drive, Toy Drive, Blood Drive, etc)	Very Neg	Somewhat Neg	Uncertain	Somewhat Pos	Very Pos	% answered
	1	6	9	19	45	
	1%	7%	11%	23%	54%	95%

Questions about the Liturgy

1. I would feel comfortable inviting a non-parishioner (such as a friend or relative) to attend Mass at St. Barbara.						
Very Neg	Somewhat Neg	Uncertain	Somewhat Pos	Very Pos	% answered	
0	2	4	19	54		
0%	2%	5%	23%	64%		94%
2. The times weekend Masses are held are convient.						
Very Neg	Somewhat Neg	Uncertain	Somewhat Pos	Very Pos	% answered	
0	4	2	25	49		
0%	5%	2%	30%	58%		95%
3. The times Holy day Masses are held are convient.						
Very Neg	Somewhat Neg	Uncertain	Somewhat Pos	Very Pos	% answered	
1	6	6	26	42		
1%	7%	7%	31%	50%		96%
4. The Homilies are relevant and meaningful to my life.						
Very Neg	Somewhat Neg	Uncertain	Somewhat Pos	Very Pos	% answered	
1	6	6	25	42		
1%	7%	7%	30%	50%		95%
5. I actively participate in the liturgy (e.g. reciting the prayers of the Mass).						
Very Neg	Somewhat Neg	Uncertain	Somewhat Pos	Very Pos	% answered	
1	1	3	20	54		
1%	1%	4%	24%	64%		94%
6. The Music played during Mass creates an atmosphere of prayerfulness.						
Very Neg	Somewhat Neg	Uncertain	Somewhat Pos	Very Pos	% answered	
1	2	5	30	41		
1%	2%	6%	36%	49%		94%
7. Our liturgical ministers (ushers, lectors, alter servers, Eucharistic ministers) create an atmosphere of prayerfulness.						
Very Neg	Somewhat Neg	Uncertain	Somewhat Pos	Very Pos	% answered	
2	5	7	22	44		
2%	6%	8%	26%	52%		95%
8. The Music played during Mass encourages me to sing.						
Very Neg	Somewhat Neg	Uncertain	Somewhat Pos	Very Pos	% answered	
1	5	11	24	36		
1%	6%	13%	29%	43%		92%
9. The atmosphere within the church is conducive to prayer and active participation in the liturgy.						
Very Neg	Somewhat Neg	Uncertain	Somewhat Pos	Very Pos	% answered	
0	2	11	24	42		
0%	2%	13%	29%	50%		94%

Questions about the physical appearance of the church and it's premises

1. I like the way the church is decorated for liturgical seasons.						
Very Neg	Somewhat Neg	Uncertain	Somewhat Pos	Very Pos	% answered	
0	1	6	17	56		
0%	1%	7%	20%	67%		95%
2. I like the way the parish garden is maintained.						
Very Neg	Somewhat Neg	Uncertain	Somewhat Pos	Very Pos	% answered	
0	3	11	34	31		
0%	4%	13%	40%	37%		94%
3. How appealing are the exterior premises of the parish to you?						
Very Neg	Somewhat Neg	Uncertain	Somewhat Pos	Very Pos	% answered	
2	6	8	40	24		
2%	7%	10%	48%	29%		95%

Questions about Religious Education and programs

1. I am satisfied with the types of religious education programs offered for adults.						
Very Neg	Somewhat Neg	Uncertain	Somewhat Pos	Very Pos	% answered	
0	3	28	21	22		
0%	4%	33%	25%	26%	88%	
2. I am satisfied with the types of religious education programs offered for St. Barbara school children.						
Very Neg	Somewhat Neg	Uncertain	Somewhat Pos	Very Pos	% answered	
0	2	25	14	31		
0%	2%	30%	17%	37%	86%	
3. I am satisfied with the types of religious education programs offered for St. Barbara CCd/Religious Education children.						
Very Neg	Somewhat Neg	Uncertain	Somewhat Pos	Very Pos	% answered	
0	2	37	15	18		
0%	2%	44%	18%	21%	86%	
4. I am satisfied with the variety of programs offered for youth (under 18) in our parish.						
Very Neg	Somewhat Neg	Uncertain	Somewhat Pos	Very Pos	% answered	
0	2	37	15	17		
0%	2%	44%	18%	20%	85%	
5. I am satisfied with the variety of programs offered for young adults (18 - 40) in our parish.						
Very Neg	Somewhat Neg	Uncertain	Somewhat Pos	Very Pos	% answered	
0	4	31	21	17		
0%	5%	37%	25%	20%	87%	
6. I am satisfied with the level of involvement of the youth in our parish.						
Very Neg	Somewhat Neg	Uncertain	Somewhat Pos	Very Pos	% answered	
3	9	27	0	9		
4%	11%	32%	0%	11%	57%	
7. I am satisfied with the level of involvement of the young adults in our parish.						
Very Neg	Somewhat Neg	Uncertain	Somewhat Pos	Very Pos	% answered	
2	6	34	22	11		
2%	7%	40%	26%	13%	89%	
8. I support the mission of th eSt. Barbara Elementary School.						
Very Neg	Somewhat Neg	Uncertain	Somewhat Pos	Very Pos	% answered	
0	1	12	18	43		
0%	1%	14%	21%	51%	88%	
9. St. Barbara Parish actively encourages vocations to the priesthood and religious life.						
Very Neg	Somewhat Neg	Uncertain	Somewhat Pos	Very Pos	% answered	
0	2	14	33	25		
0%	2%	17%	39%	30%	88%	

Questions about stewardship and giving

1. I feel obligated to financially support the parish.						
Very Neg	Somewhat Neg	Uncertain	Somewhat Pos	Very Pos	% answered	
1	0	7	25	46		
1%	0%	8%	30%	55%	94%	
2. I feel that parish funds are being used responsibly.						
Very Neg	Somewhat Neg	Uncertain	Somewhat Pos	Very Pos	% answered	
0	0	9	23	48		
0%	0%	11%	27%	57%	95%	
3. The number of appeals for St. Barbara are reasonable (School, Debt Reduction, Improvement Fund, Fuel, and Organ)						
Very Neg	Somewhat Neg	Uncertain	Somewhat Pos	Very Pos	% answered	
1	6	11	30	31		
1%	7%	13%	36%	37%	94%	
4. The number of appeals for supporting the special ministries in the Archdiocese and the worldwide Church are reasonable.						
Very Neg	Somewhat Neg	Uncertain	Somewhat Pos	Very Pos	% answered	
1	6	11	30	30		
1%	7%	13%	36%	36%	93%	
5. St. Barbara effectively communicates the financial status of the parish.						
Very Neg	Somewhat Neg	Uncertain	Somewhat Pos	Very Pos	% answered	
0	0	4	22	51		
0%	0%	5%	26%	61%	92%	
6. I use the mailed Church envelopes for weekly offerings.						
Yes	No	% answered				
73	5					
87%	6%	93%				

In order to help us plan for the Centennial Church Improvements, please number in the order of importance.

Average Score: 1=most important, 5=least important

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	% answered	Average Score
1. Front Doors replacement									
	10	9	11	11	12	7	2		
	12%	11%	13%	13%	14%	8%	2%	74%	3
2. Lighting Improvement									
	5	14	9	13	10	3	2		
	6%	17%	11%	15%	12%	4%	2%	67%	4
3. Painting of the church interior									
	30	14	7	8	3	1	1		
	36%	17%	8%	10%	4%	1%	1%	76%	2
4. Restoration of the original painting of the stations of the cross									
	9	9	11	8	9	12	1		
	11%	11%	13%	10%	11%	14%	1%	70%	4
5. restoration of round exterior windows in the two front towers and bell tower									
	0	5	10	10	17	13	0		
	0%	6%	12%	12%	20%	15%	0%	65%	4
6. Sound system improvements									
	18	8	10	3	5	15	0		
	21%	10%	12%	4%	6%	18%	0%	70%	3
7. Other									
	10	9	11	11	12	7	2		
	12%	11%	13%	13%	14%	8%	2%	74%	5