

ST. JOSEPH UNIVERSITY PARISH

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

A. Respondents: 173

B. Responses to key questions

As a result of being at St. Joseph University Parish, I have grown spiritually:

	YES or MAYBE	NO
INTERVIEWS	100% (95% Yes)	0%
SURVEY	98% (91% Yes)	2%

I am satisfied with my religious experience at St. Joseph University Parish:

	YES or MAYBE	NO
INTERVIEWS	98% (91% Yes)	2%
SURVEY	94% (89% Yes)	6%

If we move forward with the plan to construct a new parish hall, I would be willing to make a financial gift in support of it.

	YES or "I'LL CONSIDER"	NO
INTERVIEWS	100% (75% Yes)	0%
SURVEY	96% (61% Yes)	4%

The plans to update the narthex (church vestibule), courtyard, Gregorian Room (former Parish Hall), basement and add new office space will create a welcoming facility that maximizes ministry space and I am willing to make a financial gift to support it.

	YES or "I'LL CONSIDER"	NO
INTERVIEWS	100% (69% Yes)	0%
SURVEY	98% (58% Yes)	2%

C. Rating Scale – The ratings are based on 5 point rating scales as follows:

Importance

5. Most important
4. Above Avg Importance
3. Average Importance
2. Below Avg Importance
1. Not Important

Performance

5. Outstanding
4. Above Average Performance
3. Average Performance
2. Below Avg Performance
1. Poor

Ratings for Programs and Activities: (Online Surveys)

	Importance	Performance	Gap
1. Leadership of the Pastor	4.70	4.49	-0.21
2. Meeting spiritual needs of parishioners	4.65	4.07	-0.58
3. General Communication to parishioners	4.39	4.03	-0.36
4. Involvement of parishioners	4.26	3.70	-0.56
5. Quality of Children's/Youth religious education	4.25	3.57	-0.68
6. Quality of religious education for college age	4.18	3.84	-0.34
7. Quality/appropriate mix of youth activities	4.10	3.49	-0.61
8. Quality of adult formation / education	4.03	3.60	-0.43
9. Stewardship of resources	3.97	3.95	-0.02
10. Quality of music	3.97	4.01	0.04
11. Quality and capacity of existing facilities	3.91	3.02	-0.89
12. Meeting social/rec. needs of parishioners	3.61	3.65	0.04

* GAPS OF -1.0 OR BETTER ARE AREAS THAT MAY NEED ATTENTION. LESS THAN -1.0 ARE NOT A CONCERN. SJUP HAD NO AREAS OF MAJOR CONCERN.

Major Strengths (Interview & Online Surveys Combined)

Welcoming, friendly parish (91)

Outreach, mission, serving the needy (47)

Leadership of Friars, staff ...communication (38)

Major Areas of Improvement (Interview & Online Surveys Combined)

Increase parishioner involvement in Mass, giving, volunteering (33)

Increase RE, Faith Formation Programs for all ages (28)

Religious Education, Faith Formation programs need work (30)

Critical Priorities Over the Next 3-5 Years (Interview & Online Surveys Combined)

Facilities are outdated, need to upgrade (66)

Find new ways to engage more ... also add young families (35)

Increase RE opportunities for all ages (27)

Comments from The Covenant Group:

The Covenant Group commends SJUP. This is a parish of kind people with welcoming hearts. It is refreshing to work with a church that has such a positive attitude about the future of their parish. We believe SJUP is well-positioned to have a successful campaign. However, it will require parishioner involvement, generosity and prayer.

"Fundraising is proclaiming what we believe in such a way that we offer other people an opportunity to participate with us in our vision and mission...We are inviting you to invest yourself through the resources that God has given you – your energy, your prayers and your money – in this work to which God has called us."

Henri Nouwen, A Spirituality of Fundraising