



DMI SURVEY PARISH RESULTS

The Diocese of Allentown

St. Mary's, Kutztown

I would like to thank all of you who participated in the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) Survey earlier this year. In total, 45% of weekly Mass attendees at our parish, St. Mary's, Kutztown, completed the Survey.

The DMI successfully captured a snapshot of our parish, offering our community a comprehensive analysis of attitudes and beliefs, participation, relationships, satisfaction, and demographics. The Survey has helped us assess our greatest strengths and opportunities, providing a valuable foundation for developing a pastoral plan that enhances the spiritual and communal life of our parish.

The following is a summary of the most important results of the DMI Survey for our parish.

FOUR FACTORS OF A THRIVING PARISH

The DMI Survey collected responses on key areas of parish life that will allow us to continue to work toward becoming a more vibrant and thriving parish.

Leadership Indicators: 92% of respondents strongly agree/agree that they would recommend our parish to a friend.

Spiritual Practices: 70% of respondents state that they have personally encountered Jesus Christ and are growing as a disciple.

Sunday Experience: 92% of respondents strongly agree/agree that that the preaching and homilies connect our faith to our everyday lives.

Missionary Impulse: 96% of respondents said that they strongly agree/agree that one of parents' most important responsibilities is helping their child to grow in faith.



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The DMI Survey is a tool developed by the Catholic Leadership Institute

STRENGTHS OF THE PARISH

The DMI Survey highlighted three primary strengths of our parish:

- Parish: 95% of respondents strongly agree/agree that they would recommend our pastor to a friend
- Belief: 92% of respondents strongly agree/agree that the Eucharist is the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ
- Belief: 89% of respondents strongly agree/agree that Scripture is the word of God

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH

The DMI Survey identified areas of opportunity for our Parish's growth:

- Conversations: 70% of respondents strongly agree/agree that they are confident in the Church's teachings so as to answer others' questions
- Growth: 74% of respondents strongly agree/agree that they are being formed as a disciple of Jesus Christ
- Music: 67% of respondents strongly agree/agree that the music offered at Mass deepens their desire to participate more fully in the Liturgy.
- Parish: 71% of respondents believe the parish could use some cosmetic enhancements

WHAT'S NEXT?

With the insights from the DMI survey, we are now ready to take the next steps towards building a stronger, more vibrant parish community.

We will be forming an implementation team who will work with the pastoral council to review the survey data and create a strategic plan for our parish. I extend a heartfelt thanks to the team members who will offer their time to support our parish in this capacity.

In a few years, we will retake the DMI survey to assess our progress and see how far we've come. Thank you for your continued support as we work together towards a future filled with hope and enthusiasm for our parish.

Gratefully,

Father John Maria