

Ss. Mary & Martha Ministry Assessment Survey Summary of Results

Fall 2017

The full reports of results from the Auburn-N. Cayuga Ministry Assessment survey are available online at <http://auburnweedsportcatholicchurches.org/>

Total Responses: 58
Complete Responses: 58

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- 1. Survey Highlights: Word, Worship, Service, Community**
 - 2. Summary of the Responses to Key Questions**
 - 3. Demographics of Survey Respondents**

Survey Highlights:

Word

Worship

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Summary of the Responses to Key Questions:

Word

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WORD

- Ministries that are inviting to children, youth and young adults was regarded as the most important area and also most in need of improvement. Just over 55% thought we do this “Poorly” or “OK.”
- The 2nd most important was Promoting Spiritual Growth. However respondents did not feel as strongly about improving it--40% feel we already do this “Well” to “Extremely Well” and 43% “OK.”
- The 2nd largest improvement opportunity is the area of Providing Outreach to non-practicing Catholics and the Unchurched. Almost 40% “Don’t Know” how well we do this. The most common answer among the rest was “Poorly” at 28%.
- The 3rd area needing improvement was Identifying and Welcoming New Members. 78% responded “Not at All” to “OK” and “Well” while another 16% “Don’t Know.”
- 81% feel Tyburn performs “Well” to “Extremely Well” and 72% said the same about St. Joseph School.
- While 70% responded “OK” or “Well” regarding how we encourage ordained and lay ministry vocations, the most common answer in supporting vocations to the Sacrament of Matrimony was “Don’t Know” (32%).

WORSHIP

- The two questions around Masses were ranked as the two most important areas of Worship with Homilies being 3rd.
- The good news is that respondents appreciate our Masses--almost 95% responded “OK” to “Extremely Well” on both those questions with Homilies recording 92%.
- Our largest area for improvement is in Music. 62% were evenly split over the most common answers of “OK” and “Well.”
- Our 2nd largest area for improvement is in reaching out to those of appropriate ages and inviting them into Sacramental Preparation. Answers were across the spectrum as to how well we do this.
- The 3rd area that people would like to see improved is the Communal Opportunities for Anointing of the Sick. A full 35% answered “Don’t Know” while the 2nd most common answer was “Well” at 21%.
- A couple other noteworthy responses:
 - Most people are not familiar with how we handle Weddings and Baptisms.
 - About 63% think we handle Funerals “Well” to “Extremely Well.”

SERVICE

- The 3 questions below were in the top 4 both in importance and need to improve. It was interesting to compare how well we think we perform in each of these areas:
 - Parish is active in the community -- 44% said “OK” with another 35% saying “Well” or “Extremely Well”.
 - Outreach/programs are offered to people with specific needs -- 37% “Don’t Know” with “Poorly” being the 2nd most common answer at 33%.
 - Parish is offering outreach to the poor, afflicted, lonely and refugees -- “OK” and “Well” were the most common responses at 32% and 23% respectively.
- The other area of ministry deemed most important is Promoting Respect for Human Life. The good news is that 92% said we do that “OK” to “Extremely Well.”
- Relationships with other religions is largely an Unknown (70%).

COMMUNITY

- The most important area is Exhibiting a Spirit of Warmth and Hospitality. Almost 40% think we do “OK” while another 48% responded “Well” or “Extremely Well.”
- Respondents said that our largest area for improvement was in Discovering Parishioners’ Talents. Answers varied on this with the most common being “Don’t Know,” “Poorly” and “OK” at 24% each.
- Our 2nd most important area and 3rd in need of improvement is Attending to the Spiritual and Sacramental Needs of the Sick and Homebound. “Don’t Know,” “OK” and “Well” all were at about 27%.
- Support for families that have experienced death or another loss was the 2nd area of improvement. “Don’t Know” was the most common answer at 33% while another 42% responded “Poorly” or “OK.”
- Effective Leadership scored quite high -- 87% said “OK” to “Extremely Well.”
- We also seem to Communicate well -- 80% say “OK” to “Extremely Well.”

WORD

Q13: Please select the 2 or 3 areas of ministry that are **most important to you.**

Answered: 51 Skipped: 7

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Programs or activities are available to promote spiritual growth (Retreats, Missions, Bible Studies, Small Christian Communities)	37.25%	19
Faith Formation opportunities are available for all age levels and cultures represented in the community	29.41%	15
Faith Formation reaches out to and is accommodating of those with physical and mental challenges	5.88%	3
Ministries are constantly adapting in ways that are inviting to children, youth and young adults	52.94%	27
All events exhibit a spirit of welcome and invitation for those interested in becoming Catholic	19.61%	10
Outreach is provided to non-practicing Catholics and the unchurched	29.41%	15
New members of the parish are identified and welcomed	27.45%	14
Newcomers are able to find what they are looking for (office, bathrooms, information, etc.)	3.92%	2
The parish encourages vocations to the ordained & lay ecclesial ministries and consecrated life	23.53%	12
Opportunities exist that support vocations to the Sacrament of Matrimony	7.84%	4
St. Joseph School is a vital ministry of the Auburn-N. Cayuga parishes	19.61%	10
Tyburn Academy is an asset of our community	15.69%	8
Total Respondents: 51		

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WORD

Q14: Please select the 2 or 3 areas of ministry that you would like to see improved

Answered: 49 Skipped: 9

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Programs or activities are available to promote spiritual growth (Retreats, Missions, Bible Studies, Small Christian Communities)	18.37%	9
Faith Formation opportunities are available for all age levels and cultures represented in the community	20.41%	10
Faith Formation reaches out to and is accommodating of those with physical and mental challenges	18.37%	9
Ministries are constantly adapting in ways that are inviting to children, youth and young adults	67.35%	33
All events exhibit a spirit of welcome and invitation for those interested in becoming Catholic	18.37%	9
Outreach is provided to non-practicing Catholics and the unchurched	42.86%	21
New members of the parish are identified and welcomed	32.65%	16
Newcomers are able to find what they are looking for (office, bathrooms, information, etc.)	2.04%	1
The parish encourages vocations to the ordained & lay ecclesial ministries and consecrated life	14.29%	7
Opportunities exist that support vocations to the Sacrament of Matrimony	4.08%	2
St. Joseph School is a vital ministry of the Auburn-N. Cayuga parishes	12.24%	6
Tyburn Academy is an asset of our community	10.20%	5
Total Respondents: 49		

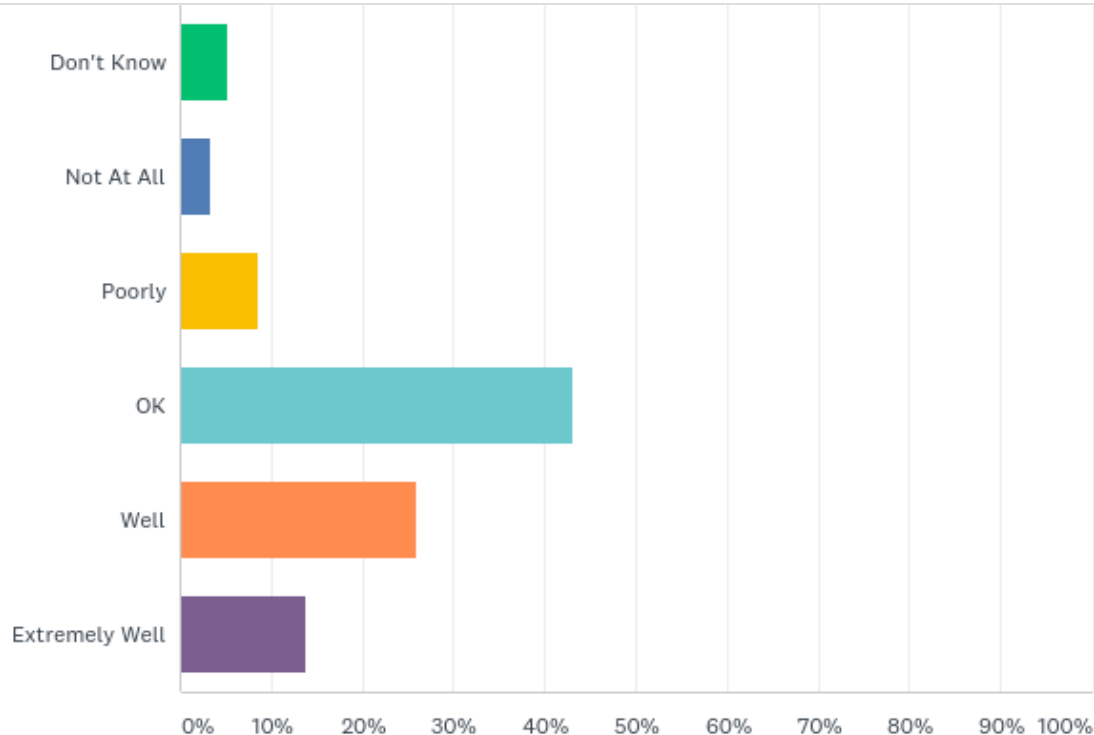
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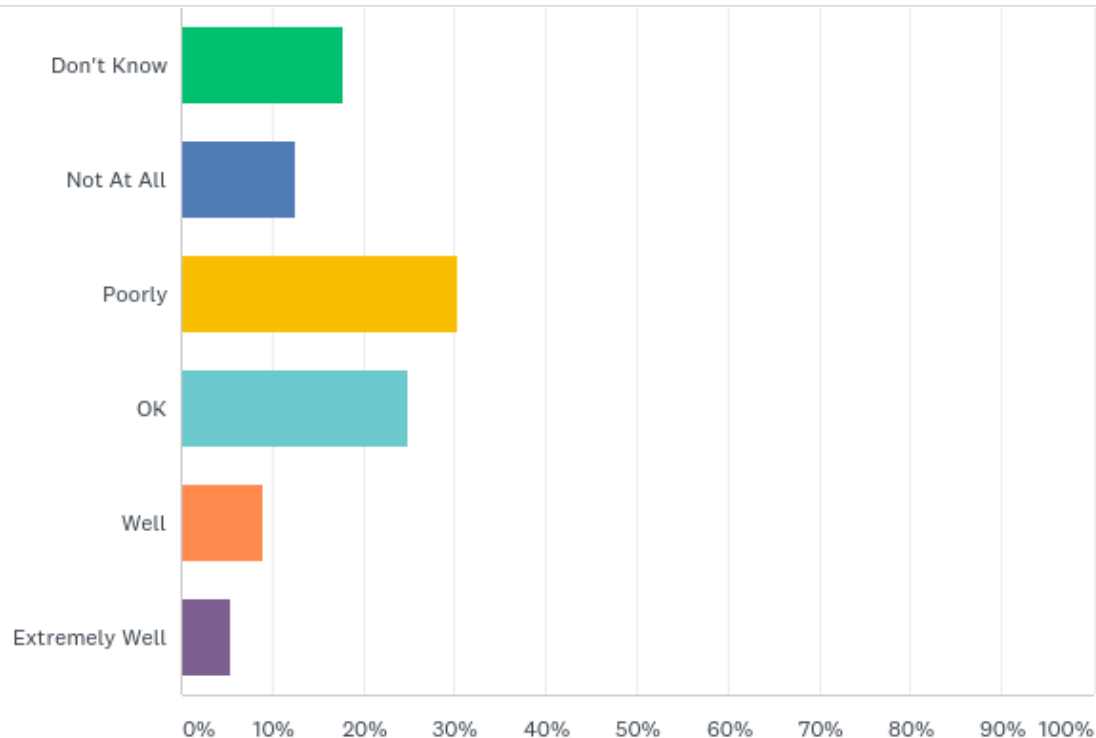
Q1: Programs or activities are available to promote spiritual growth (Retreats, Missions, Bible Studies, Small Christian Communities)

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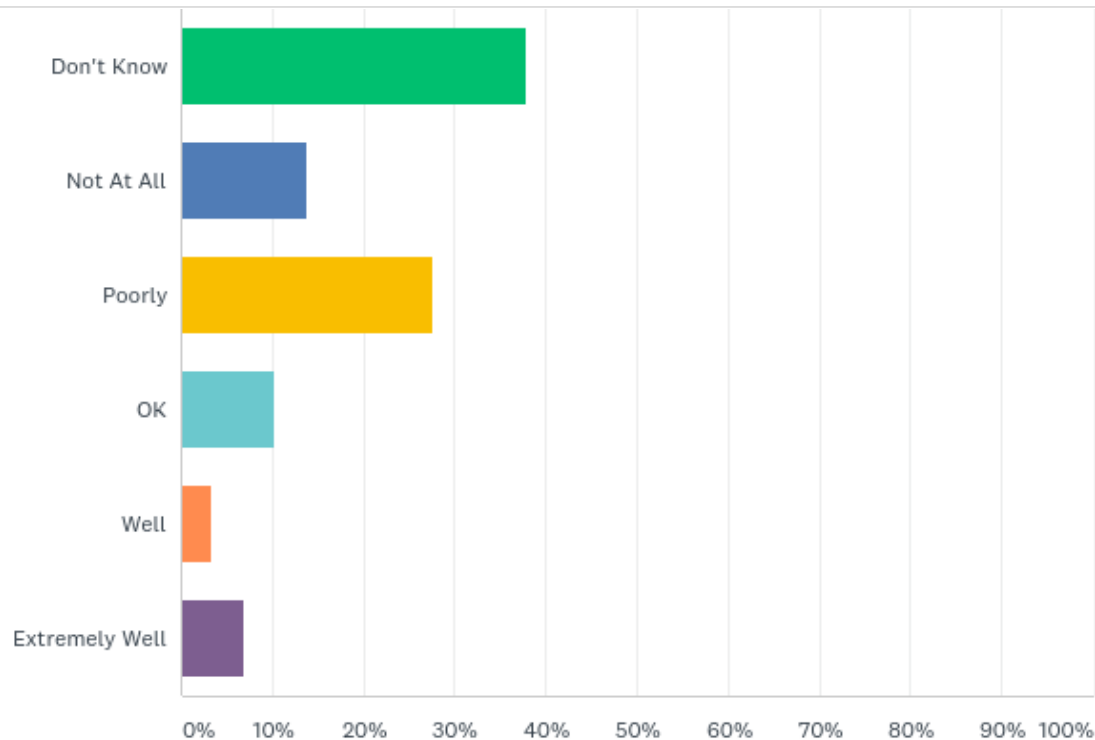
Q4: Ministries are constantly adapting in ways that are inviting to children, youth and young adults

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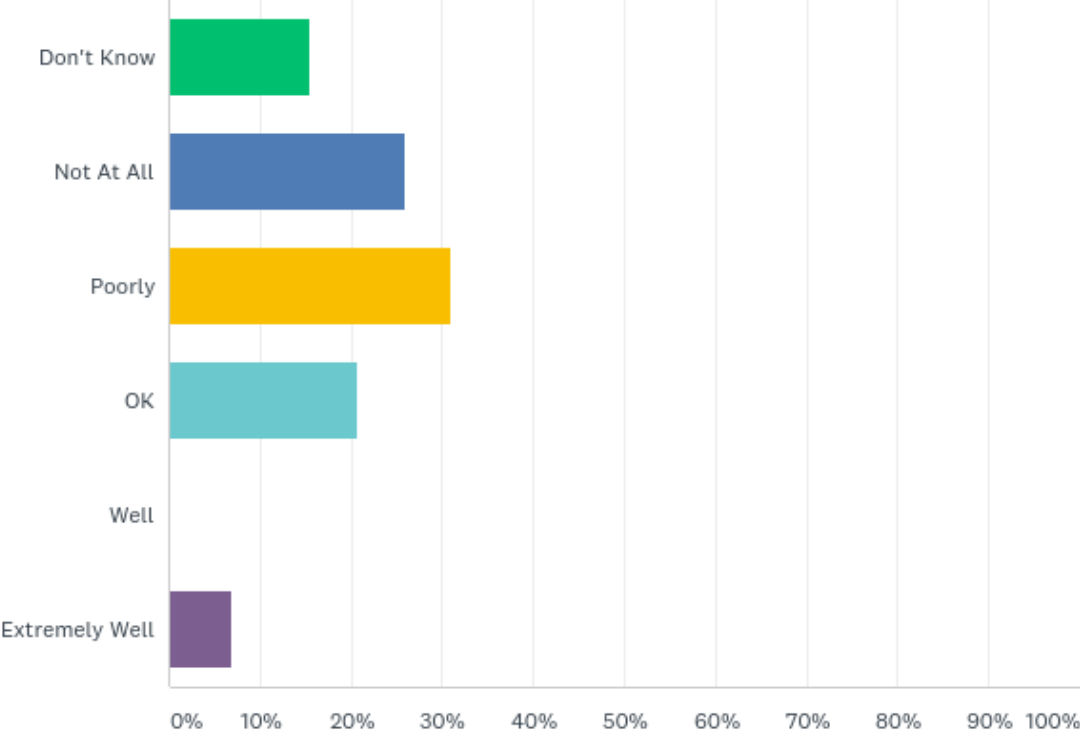
Q6: Outreach is provided to non-practicing Catholics and the unchurched

Answered: 58 Skipped: 0



Q7: New members of the parish are identified and welcomed

Answered: 58 Skipped: 0



WORSHIP

Q27: Please select the 2 or 3 areas of ministry that are **most important to you.**

Answered: 49 Skipped: 9

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Masses are prayerful, reverent and spiritually moving	57.14%	28
Masses strengthen my faith and prepare me to go out and live it	55.10%	27
The interior environment of the church creates a good atmosphere for worship	10.20%	5
The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is regularly scheduled at a variety of times and is clearly published in several places	22.45%	11
There are communal opportunities for the Anointing of the Sick	12.24%	6
Homilies are scripture based, inspirational and effectively delivered	44.90%	22
The music ministry enhances the experience of worship with music that encourages full and active participation	24.49%	12
The parish reaches out to those of appropriate ages and invites them into Sacramental Preparation	24.49%	12
The parish creates an evangelizing baptism experience with hospitality from time of preparation through celebration of the sacrament	4.08%	2
Parishioners are supportive of the RCIA process and are invited to assist catechumens and candidates on their journey of faith	6.12%	3
Weddings are conducted with joy, optimism, personalization and a spirit of evangelization	4.08%	2
Funerals are conducted with reverence, sensitivity, comfort, personalization and a spirit of evangelization	12.24%	6
Total Respondents: 49		

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WORSHIP

Q28: Please select the 2 or 3 areas of ministry that you would like to see improved

Answered: 46 Skipped: 12

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Masses are prayerful, reverent and spiritually moving	4.35%	2
Masses strengthen my faith and prepare me to go out and live it	15.22%	7
The interior environment of the church creates a good atmosphere for worship	4.35%	2
The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is regularly scheduled at a variety of times and is clearly published in several places	10.87%	5
There are communal opportunities for the Anointing of the Sick	30.43%	14
Homilies are scripture based, inspirational and effectively delivered	23.91%	11
The music ministry enhances the experience of worship with music that encourages full and active participation	47.83%	22
The parish reaches out to those of appropriate ages and invites them into Sacramental Preparation	32.61%	15
The parish creates an evangelizing baptism experience with hospitality from time of preparation through celebration of the sacrament	13.04%	6
Parishioners are supportive of the RCIA process and are invited to assist catechumens and candidates on their journey of faith	17.39%	8
Weddings are conducted with joy, optimism, personalization and a spirit of evangelization	0.00%	0
Funerals are conducted with reverence, sensitivity, comfort, personalization and a spirit of evangelization	8.70%	4
Total Respondents: 46		

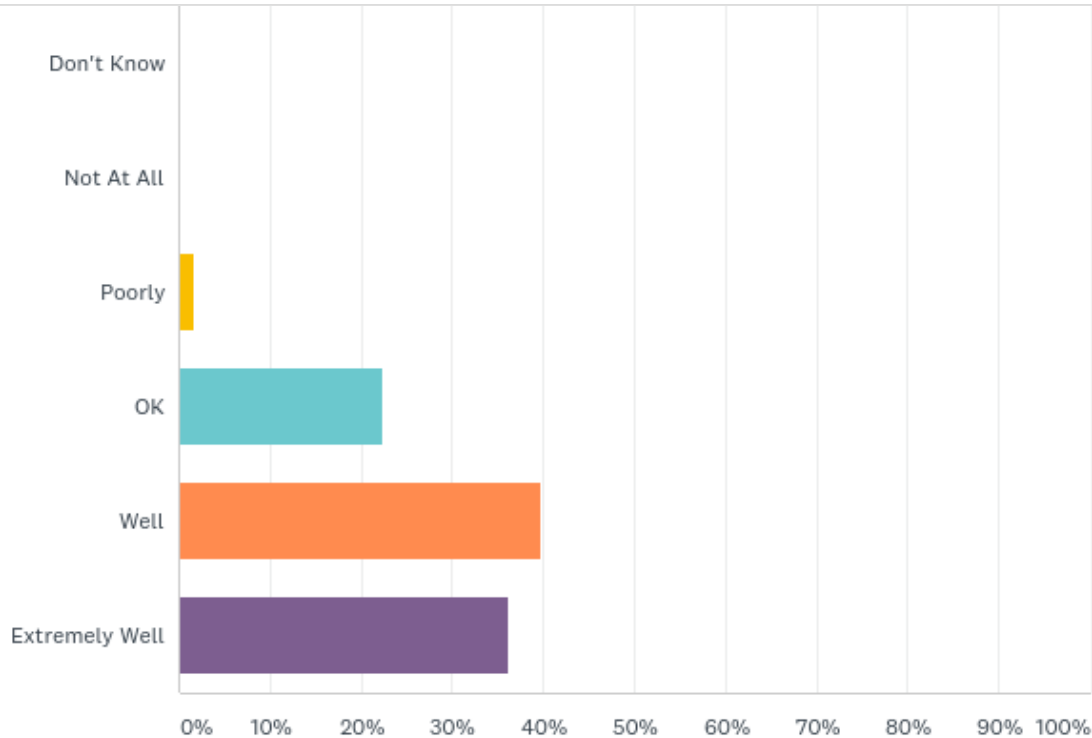
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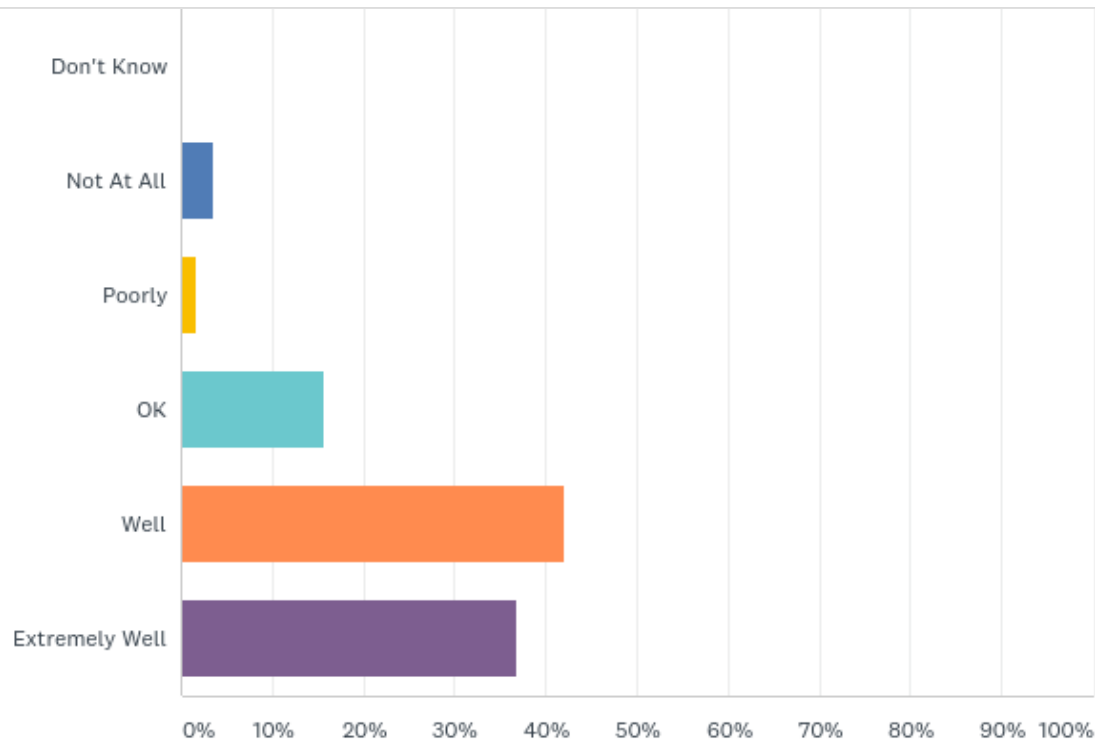
Q15: Masses are prayerful, reverent and spiritually moving

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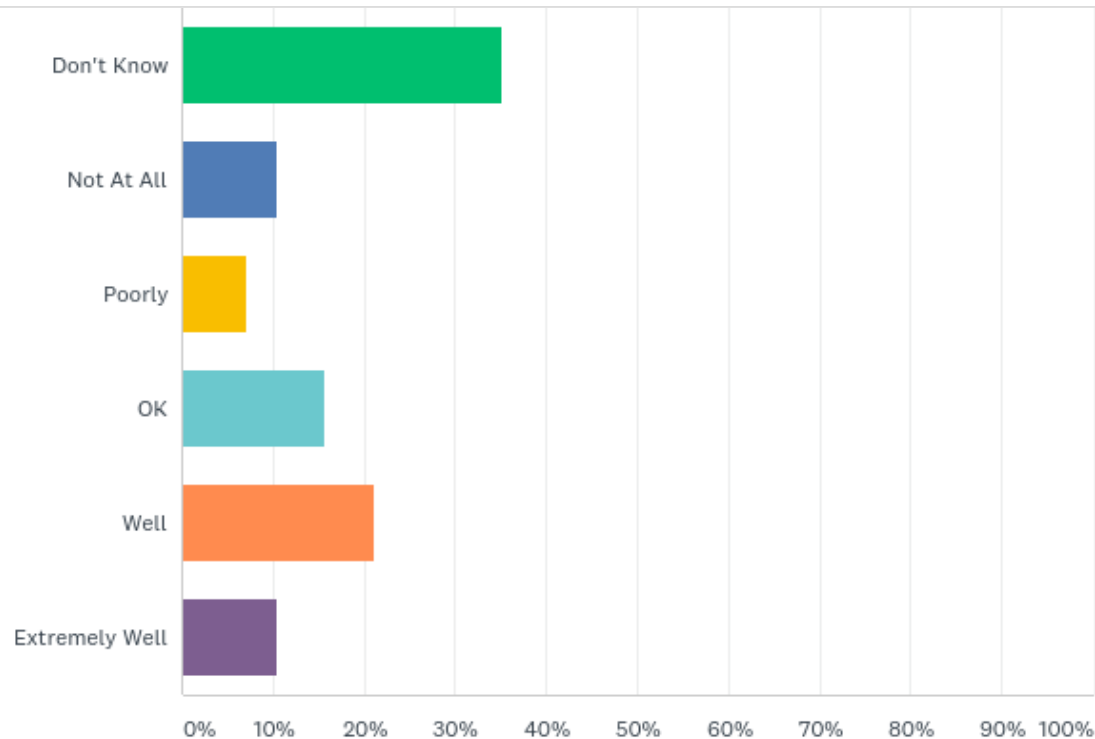
Q16: Masses strengthen my faith and prepare me to go out and live it

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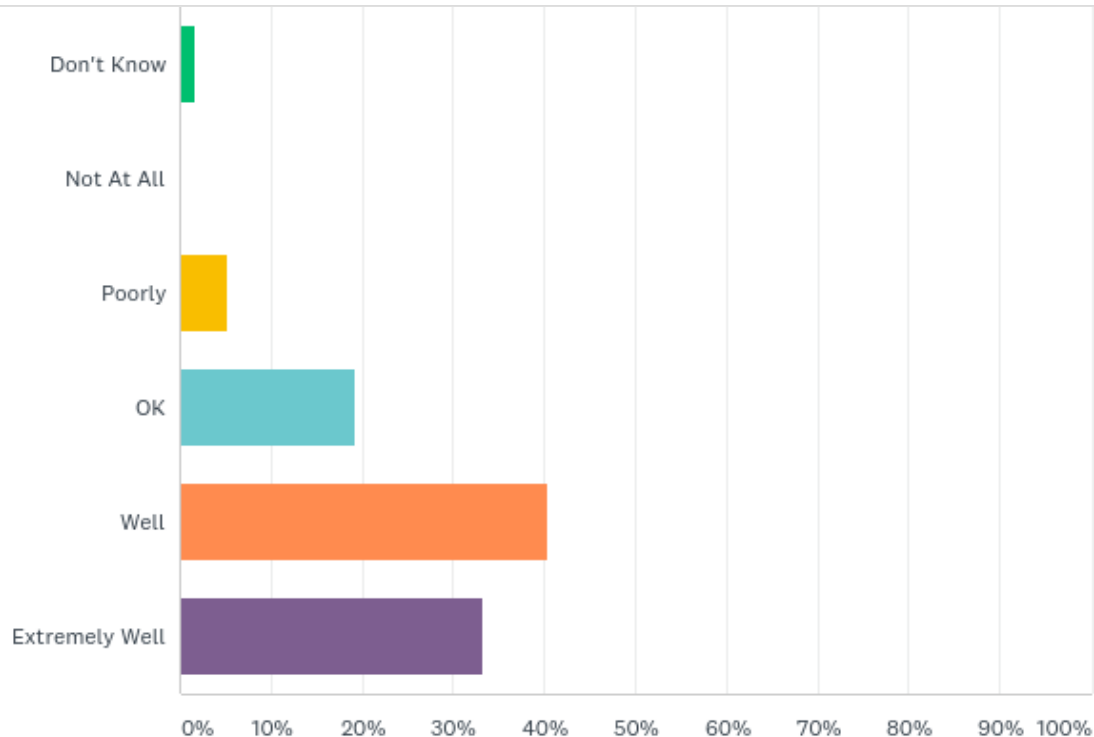
Q19: There are communal opportunities for the Anointing of the Sick

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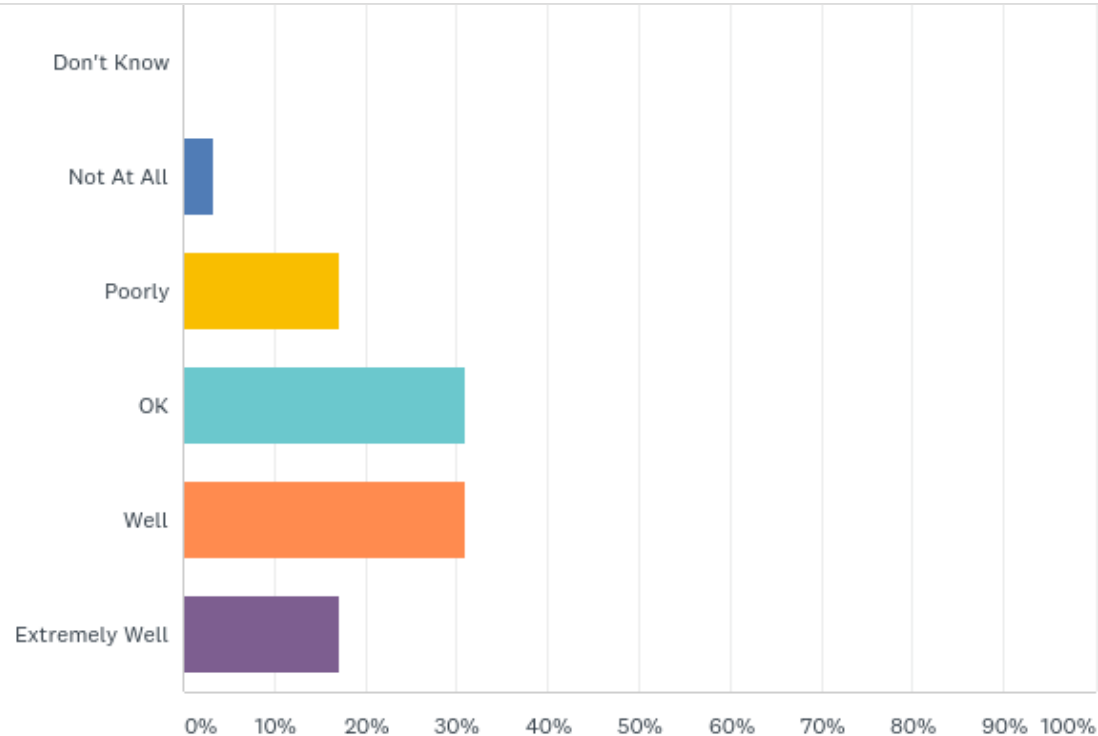
Q20: Homilies are scripture based, inspirational and effectively delivered

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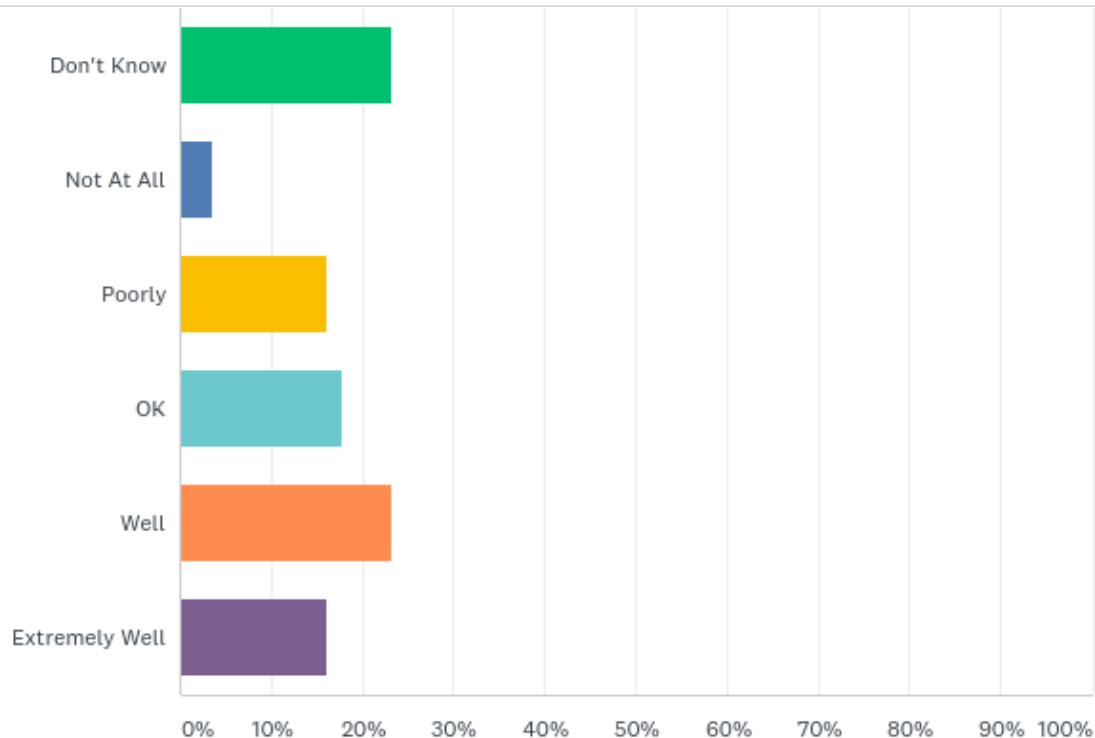
Q21: The music ministry enhances the experience of worship with music that encourages full and active participation

Answered: 58 Skipped: 0



Q22: The parish reaches out to those of appropriate ages and invites them into Sacramental Preparation

Answered: 56 Skipped: 2



SERVICE

Q38: Please select the 2 or 3 areas of ministry that are **most important** to you.

Answered: 51 Skipped: 7

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES		
The mission of the parish is evident in all we do	27.45%	14	
The parish is active in the community	52.94%	27	1
Outreach/programs are offered for people with specific needs, (divorced, separated, single parents, seniors, etc.)	52.94%	27	1
The parish promotes respect for human life	41.18%	21	3
Parishioners are encouraged to work for social justice	11.76%	6	
The parish offers outreach to the poor, afflicted, lonely and refugees	39.22%	20	3
The parish cooperates with Catholic Charities and others in the community to meet local needs (food pantry, blood drives, etc.)	21.57%	11	
The parish fosters outreach and care through common activity with neighboring parishes	15.69%	8	
A relationship is nurtured with local leaders of other major world religions (Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism)	1.96%	1	
Total Respondents: 51			

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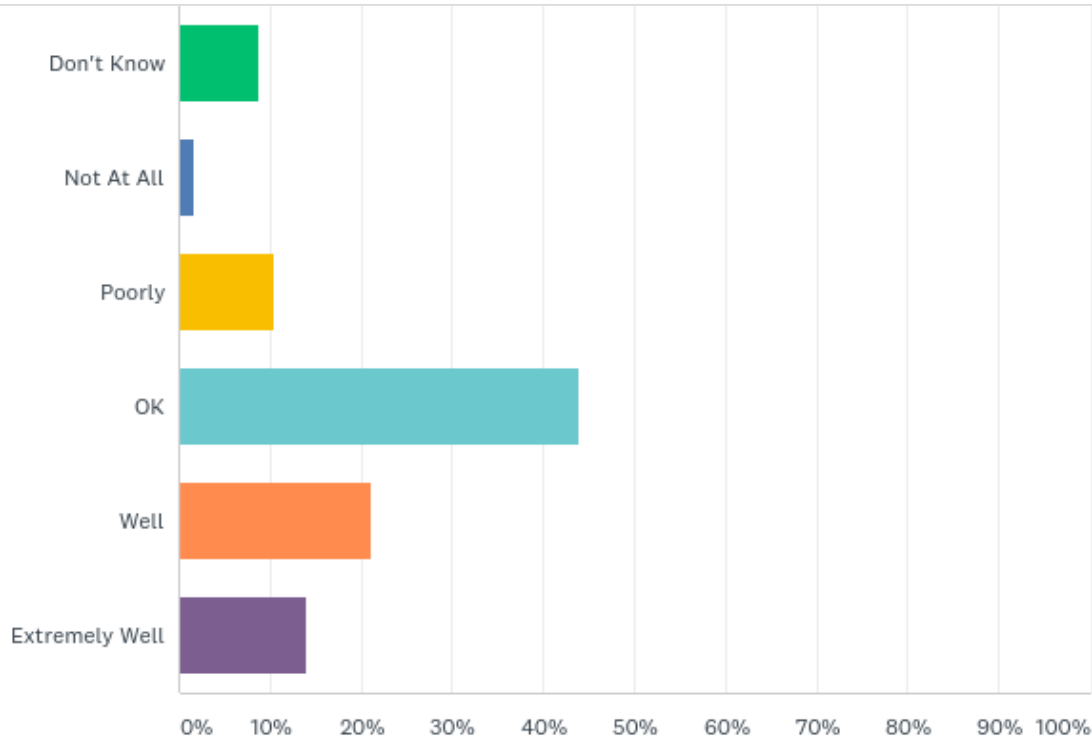
Q39: Please select the 2 or 3 areas of ministry that you would like to see improved

Answered: 48 Skipped: 10

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES		
The mission of the parish is evident in all we do	22.92%	11	
The parish is active in the community	35.42%	17	2
Outreach/programs are offered for people with specific needs, (divorced, separated, single parents, seniors, etc.)	45.83%	22	1
The parish promotes respect for human life	22.92%	11	
Parishioners are encouraged to work for social justice	18.75%	9	
The parish offers outreach to the poor, afflicted, lonely and refugees	31.25%	15	3
The parish cooperates with Catholic Charities and others in the community to meet local needs (food pantry, blood drives, etc.)	10.42%	5	
The parish fosters outreach and care through common activity with neighboring parishes	27.08%	13	
A relationship is nurtured with local leaders of other major world religions (Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism)	12.50%	6	
Total Respondents: 48			

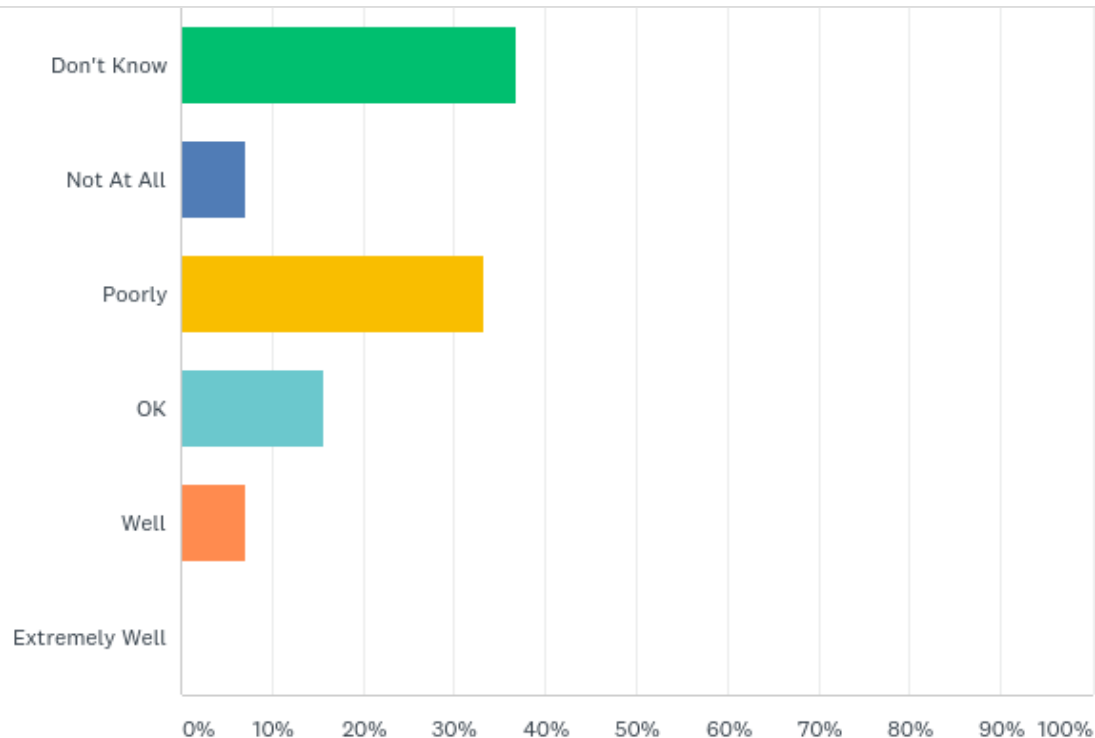
Q30: The parish is active in the community

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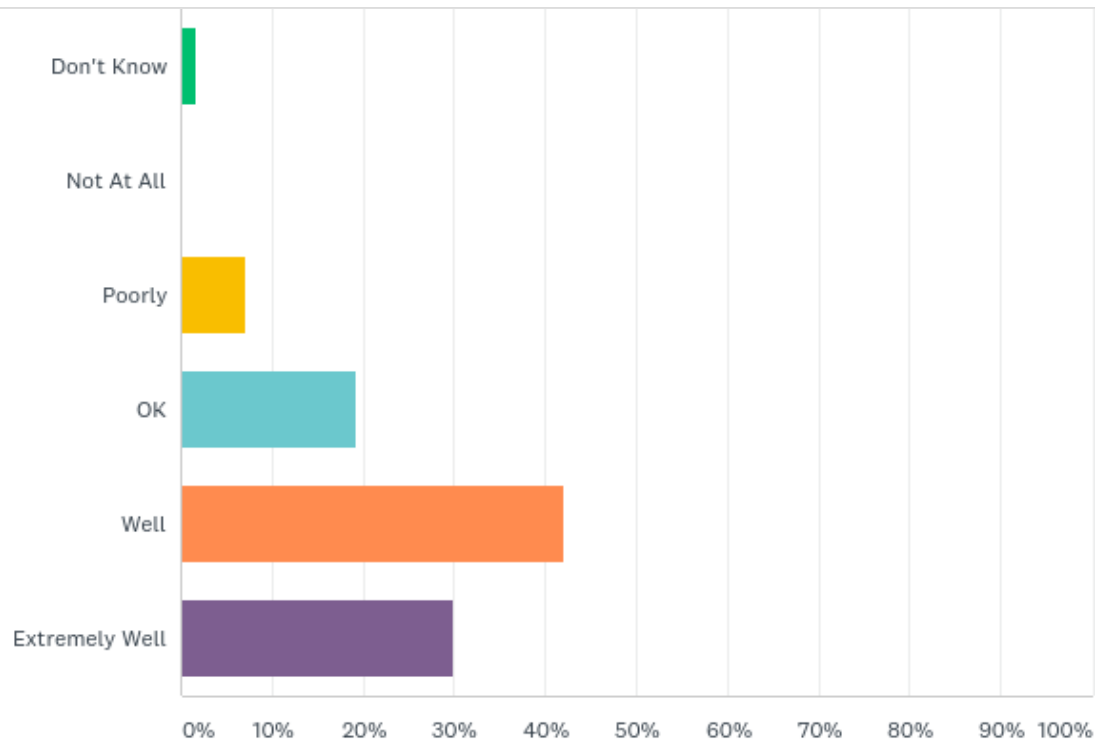
Q31: Outreach/programs are offered for people with specific needs, (divorced, separated, single parents, seniors, etc.)

Answered: 57 Skipped: 1



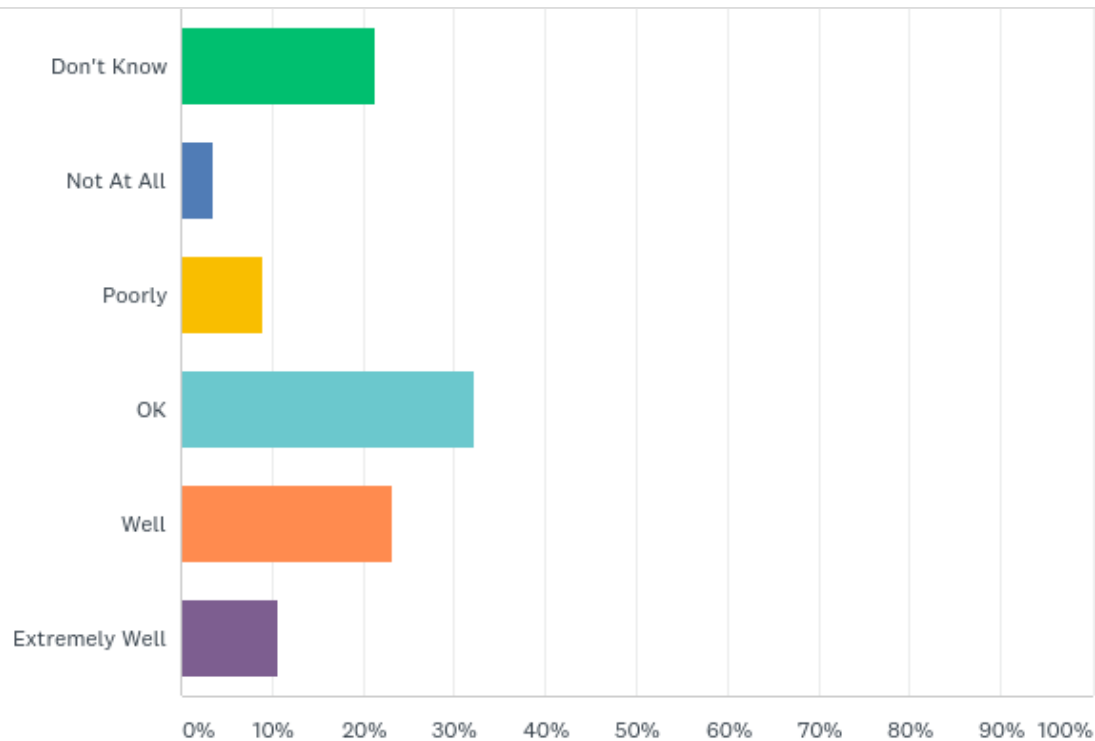
Q32: The parish promotes respect for human life

Answered: 57 Skipped: 1



Q34: The parish offers outreach to the poor, afflicted, lonely and refugees

Answered: 56 Skipped: 2



COMMUNITY

Q49: Please select the 2 or 3 areas of ministry that are **most important to you.**

Answered: 52 Skipped: 6

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
A spirit of warmth and hospitality is exhibited in the parish	67.31%	35
The parish exhibits sensitivity to religious diversity in families	15.38%	8
An environment that values ethnic and cultural diversity is fostered in the parish	23.08%	12
Efforts are made to discover parishioners' talents and invite their use in daily lives and parish ministries	32.69%	17
Attention is paid to the spiritual and sacramental needs of the sick and homebound	42.31%	22
Support is offered for families who have experienced death and other forms of loss	30.77%	16
The parish makes good use of communication tools (print, digital, etc.) to keep parishioners and others informed	13.46%	7
An increasing number of members support the parish through stewardship	19.23%	10
Effective Leadership is provided by our Clergy, Staff and Lay Leaders	21.15%	11
Total Respondents: 52		

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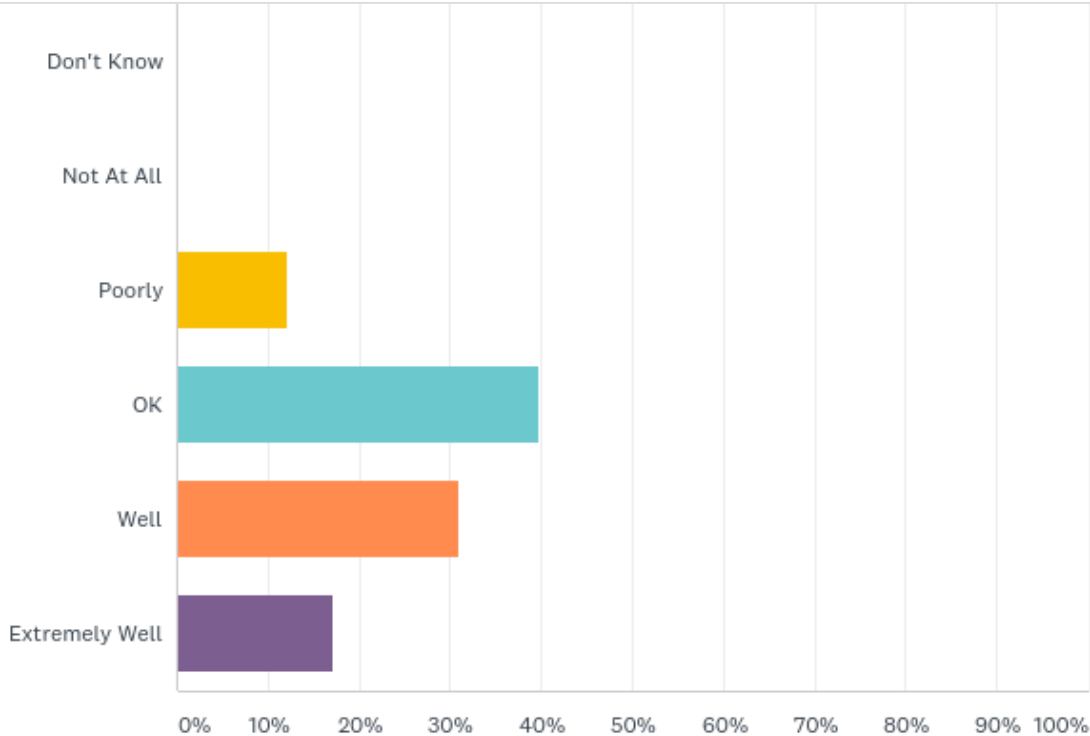
Q50: Please select the 2 or 3 areas of ministry that you would like to see improved

Answered: 49 Skipped: 9

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES		
A spirit of warmth and hospitality is exhibited in the parish	26.53%	13	
The parish exhibits sensitivity to religious diversity in families	14.29%	7	
An environment that values ethnic and cultural diversity is fostered in the parish	18.37%	9	
Efforts are made to discover parishioners' talents and invite their use in daily lives and parish ministries	38.78%	19	1
Attention is paid to the spiritual and sacramental needs of the sick and homebound	30.61%	15	3
Support is offered for families who have experienced death and other forms of loss	36.73%	18	2
The parish makes good use of communication tools (print, digital, etc.) to keep parishioners and others informed	16.33%	8	
An increasing number of members support the parish through stewardship	26.53%	13	
Effective Leadership is provided by our Clergy, Staff and Lay Leaders	12.24%	6	
Total Respondents: 49			

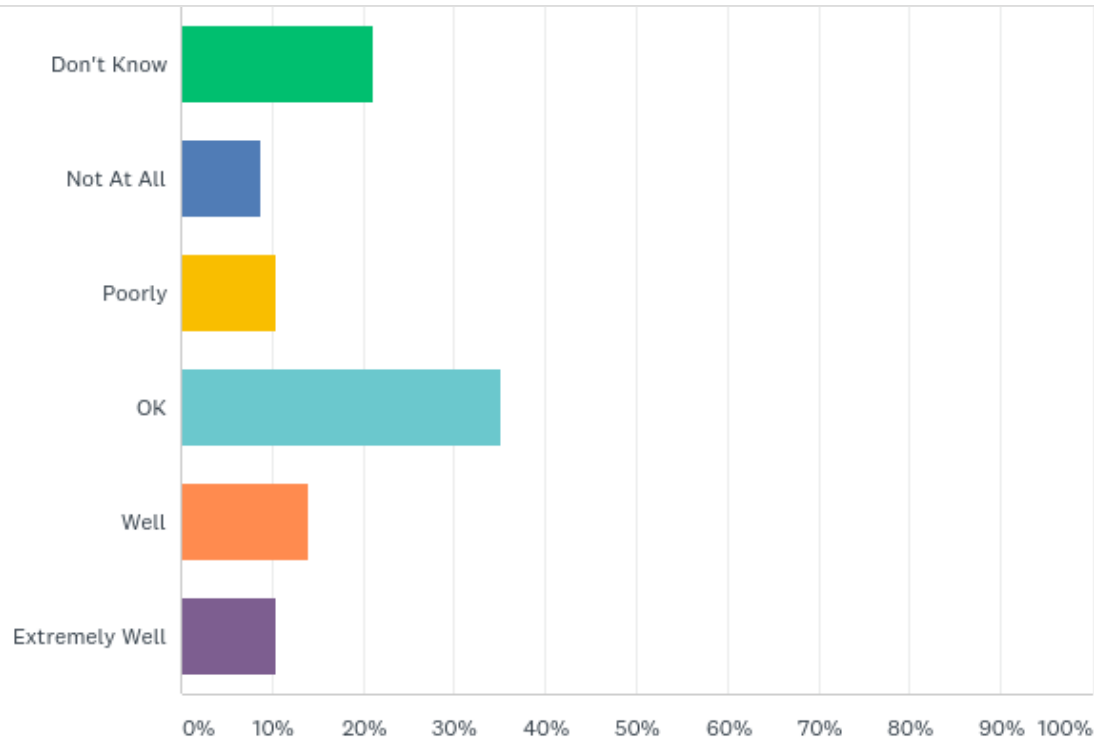
Q40: A spirit of warmth and hospitality is exhibited in the parish

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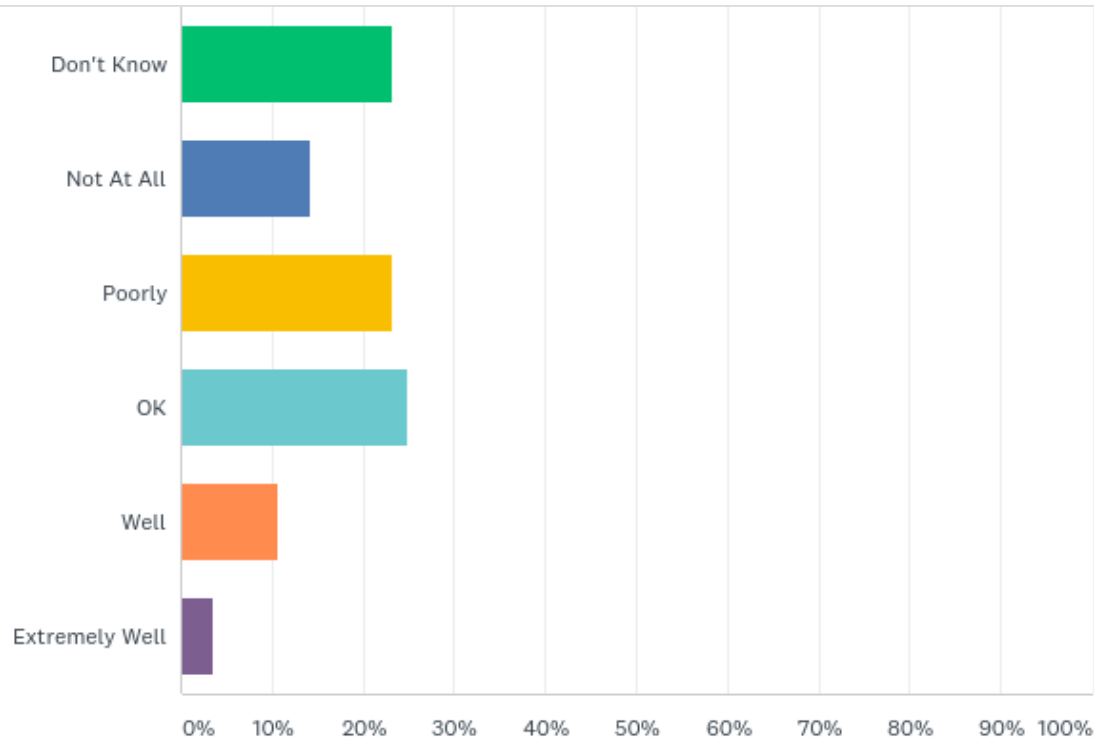
Q42: An environment that values ethnic and cultural diversity is fostered in the parish

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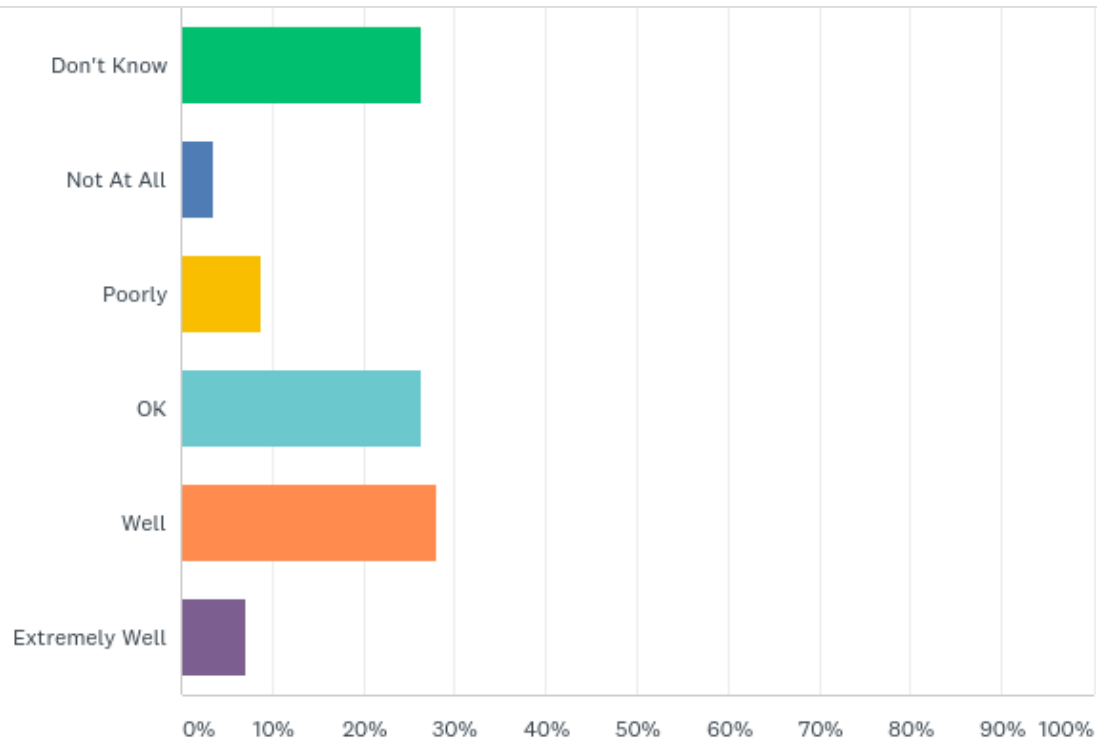
Q43: Efforts are made to discover parishioners' talents and invite their use in daily lives and parish ministries

Answered: 56 Skipped: 2



Q44: Attention is paid to the spiritual and sacramental needs of the sick and homebound

Answered: 57 Skipped: 1



Demographics of Survey Respondents

Demographics for Ss. Mary & Martha

<u>Worship Site</u>	St. Francis (41%), St. Hyacinth (59%)
<u>Relationship to the Parish</u>	Regular attendee, but not registered (3%), Registered parishioner (88%), Other (9%)
<u>How Active with the Parish</u>	No involvement beyond attending Mass (17%), Attend some parish events beyond Mass, but do not usually volunteer (31%) Member of staff, Pastoral Council, Finance Council, Committee, Liturgical Ministry, Catechist or Regular Volunteer (52%)
<u>How Attached to the Parish</u>	Somewhat attached (28%), Very attached (72%)
<u>How Often Attend Mass</u>	Once a week (69%), More than once a week (31%)
<u>Race/Ethnicity</u>	Anglo/White/European (98%), Hispanic / Latino (2%)
<u>Gender</u>	Female (74%), Male (26%)
<u>Marital Status</u>	Never married (19%), Married (55%), Divorced (9%), Widowed (17%)
<u>Age</u>	26-39 years (9%), 40-55 years (21%), 56-69 years (33%), 70 years and older (38%)