This abbreviated report (with a fictitious parish name and location) shows the kinds of analyses found in a PASS Comparative Report. This type of report is the most detailed available.

For Comparative Reports, a parish can choose up to two primary analyses. Primary analyses might include generational analyses, analyses by level of involvement in parish ministries, or analyses by Mass attended. Parishes are encouraged to choose analyses that address specific concerns of the parish. CARA will work with parishes to identify appropriate analyses.

Additionally, the Comparative Report includes a comparison of the parish’s result to those of other parishes nationally and to adult Catholics nationally. Parish comparisons are available, however, only for those questions asked on a regular basis.
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Major Findings

Major findings can be summarized as follows:

**Respondent Demographics**

- Grouping respondents according to age, with more than 40 percent of respondents the Vatican II generation is the largest group represented in this survey. One-fifth
of respondents are pre-Vatican II, and one-quarter is post-Vatican II. The Millennial generation comprises more than one in ten respondents.

- Six in ten respondents are married. However, one-quarter are single and have never been married.
- Six in ten respondents are female.
- Almost three-quarters of respondents identify themselves as “active Catholics since birth.”
- Half of respondents report attending Mass every week or more frequently, with an additional about four in ten attending almost weekly.
- While almost three-quarters of the youngest respondents report that this parish is their primary place of worship, only slightly more than one-third are registered in the parish.
- More than 40 percent of respondents report being involved in one or more parish ministry or activity.

**Parish Strengths**

- Generally, Saint Katharine Drexel Parish respondents are pleased with their parish. Eight in ten (82 percent) rate their overall satisfaction with the parish as “excellent,” and an additional 17 percent rate it as “good.”
- Liturgical aspects of the parish are also rated highly. About eight in ten evaluate Masses and liturgies, homilies, and music as “excellent.”
- Satisfaction with parish leadership is also very high. While 84 percent describe the leadership provided by the pastor as “excellent,” another 15 percent rate it as “good.” Additionally, three-quarters (75 percent) of respondents rate the ministry of the professional ministry staff as “excellent,” with another 23 percent evaluating it as “good.”
- Respondents also note that they feel welcome at Saint Katharine Drexel Parish. While 85 percent describe the hospitality or sense of welcome as “excellent,” 89 percent say they are “very” attracted to the parish’s open, welcoming spirit.

**Opportunities for Improvement**

**Outreach and Programs**

- Responses to the survey also suggest opportunities for improvement. One such opportunity is in the various ministries and outreach to different groups. Although most respondents rate outreach to teens as good or excellent, 14 percent of
respondents rated parish outreach to teens as “poor” or “fair,” and another 14 percent of respondents rated parish outreach to senior citizens in the same way.

Community
• Some respondents also point out opportunities for more community-building at Saint Katharine Drexel Parish. More than nine in ten respondents (96 percent) note that developing a parish sense of community is “somewhat” or “very much” a priority. At the same time, more than one in ten respondents (12 percent) respond that the parish’s efforts to help them meet other parishioners are “poor” or “fair.”

Volunteering
• While more than eight in ten respondents agree “somewhat” or “strongly” that they understand the concept of stewardship, two-fifths of respondents disagree “somewhat” or “strongly” that they contribute their time and talent to the parish.

• Saint Katharine Drexel Parish respondents indicate that they are interested in volunteering and being more active in ministries (72 percent state they are “somewhat” or “very” likely to do so in the next year). However, most respondents say they are impeded from volunteering more. Almost nine in ten (88 percent) respond that a busy schedule or lack of time “somewhat” or “very much” prevents them from volunteering more.

• The top three groups that should receive priority for outreach, according to respondents, are teens (ages 13 to 17), college-age young adults (ages 18 to 21), and those sick or homebound.

Communications
• In another finding that relates to the desire for community-building listed above, 31 percent of respondents are “somewhat” or “very much” prevented from volunteering because they are unsure who to contact; an additional 28 percent are “somewhat” or “very much” prevented because they have not been personally invited to do so.

• Parish communications is another opportunity for improvement. While three-quarters (75 percent) of respondents say that announcements read at Mass are a “somewhat” or “very” effective way of communicating parish news, three in ten (30 percent) say the parish website is “only a little” or “not at all” effective for communicating parish news.
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Pastoral Assistance Surveys and Services (PASS)

Parish Life Survey

Saint Katharine Drexel Parish
Nash, New York

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In all, there were 1,089 respondents. A total of 67 questionnaires returned by parishioners under age 18 were not used for analysis, leaving 1,022 valid respondents. Following standard assumptions of statistical inference, a sample size of 1,022 provides a margin of error of approximately ±2.1 percentage points.¹

¹Strictly speaking, it is necessary to know the total population (in this case, the total number of adult parishioners) to calculate margin of error. CARA’s standard assumption for its in-pew parish surveys is that about half of parishioners are represented. For obvious reasons, those who are represented in a given in-pew survey are disproportionately more frequent Mass attenders.
Interpreting This Report

Most of the questions in this survey use four point scales (“not at all,” “only a little,” “somewhat,” “very much”; “poor,” “fair,” “good,” “excellent”). These scales allow half of the responses to be interpreted as relatively more “negative” (“poor” and “fair,” for example) and half as relatively more “positive” (“good” and “excellent,” for example). In parts of the analysis in this report, these responses are combined to allow for clearer comparisons. However, sometimes examining the most positive response distinguishes important contrasts in level of support.

In addition, readers may also wish to compare the difference between the two extreme responses, say “poor” and “excellent,” to compare the level of intensity with which opposing opinions are held. These comparisons and others may be drawn by referring to the actual percentage responses given in Appendix I. That appendix shows the percentage responses for each item, calculated out of 100 percent, as well as the percentage of all respondents that did not respond to that question, separately calculated out of 100 percent for clarity of comparison.

In addition to summarizing the responses to most questions for respondents as a whole, the report also compares the responses of those from selected subgroups. The first section of the report describes the characteristics of the respondents as well as the subgroups that are used in the analyses that follow. Throughout the report, the tables and charts that compare differences between and among these various subgroups are presented following the responses for parishioners as a whole in each section.

The margin of error for differences between subgroups, such as the differences among those of different generations or those with different levels of involvement, depends on the size of the subgroups being compared. Unless otherwise noted, all subgroup differences described in this report are statistically significant, that is, they pass standard tests of statistical inference and can be considered to be “real” differences. In some instances, differences between or among subgroups that are not statistically significant are also noted. These differences should be treated as merely suggestive of real differences that may exist between the subgroups under consideration.

Several other appendices have been included at the conclusion of this report for additional analysis. The second appendix includes a map outlining the zip codes of respondents to the survey in relation to the parish. Appendix III presents a comparison of the findings for the parish to other parishes CARA has conducted surveys for in the past. Appendix IV is a clean copy of the questionnaire as distributed to respondents. Finally, a short summary of the major findings of this report is included in Appendix IV, and is designed to be included as a bulletin insert for the parish.
Section I: Respondent Demographics

This section of the report includes demographic and other descriptive data for respondents to this survey. These data may be helpful in considering who responded to the survey, which populations are represented in the data, and characteristics of a typical weekend at the parish.

Age

The average age of adult respondents is 51 years old.

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Respondents were born between 1912 and 1991 and range in age from 18 years old to 97 years old. The average (mean) age is 51, with half of respondents being older than 54 years old and half younger than 54. Those born between 1942 and 1960 (ages 49 – 67) represent the largest proportion of respondents. However, more than one-third of respondents were born between 1961 and 1991.

Generation

Important differences among groups in parishes are typically found among those who belong to different generations. CARA divides Catholics into the following four generations, reflective of the categories used by other researchers.

- **The “Pre-Vatican II Generation,” ages 67 and over in 2009.** The Pre-Vatican II Generation was born in 1942 or earlier. Its members came of age before the Second Vatican Council. Members of the Pre-Vatican II Generation make up 19 percent of the respondents (191 respondents), which is lower than the percentage found at parishes nationally (35 percent), but comparable to that for adult Catholics nationally (17 percent).

- **The “Vatican II Generation,” ages 49-66 in 2009.** These are the “baby boomers” who were born between 1943 and 1960, a time of great demographic and economic growth. They came of age during the time of the Second Vatican Council and their formative years likely spanned that time of profound changes in the Church. Members of the Vatican II Generation are 42 percent of respondents (417 respondents), which is equal
to that of other parishes surveyed by CARA (42 percent), but slightly lower than the national average of adult Catholics (33 percent).

- **The “Post-Vatican II Generation,” ages 28-48 in 2009.** Born between 1961 and 1981, this generation, sometimes called “Generation X” or “baby busters” by demographers, has no lived experience of the pre-Vatican II Church. Twenty-six percent of respondents (252 respondents) are members of the Post-Vatican II Generation, which is slightly less than the national average for adult Catholics (36 percent). Comparative data for other parishes surveyed by CARA do not distinguish between the Post-Vatican II Generation and the Millennial Generation.

- **The “Millennial Generation,” ages 18-27 in 2009.** This generation, born in 1982 or later (up to 1991 among adults), have come of age primarily under the papacies of John Paul II and Benedict XVI. Because some still live with their parents, their religious practice is often closely related to that of their families of origin. Thirteen percent of respondents (125 respondents) belong to the Millennial Generation, comparable to the national adult Catholic population (15 percent). National parish data are not available for this generation because CARA has only recently begun distinguishing the Post-Vatican II and Millennial Generations.
The table below compares the percentage of members of the parish in each of the four generations relative to those found in other CARA parish and national studies.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
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<th>Saint Katharine Drexel Parish</th>
<th>Parishes Nationally*</th>
<th>Adult Catholics Nationally**</th>
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<tr>
<td>Pre-Vatican II (67 and older)</td>
<td>19%</td>
<td>35%</td>
<td>17%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Vatican II (49 to 66)</td>
<td>42</td>
<td>42</td>
<td>33</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Post Vatican II (28 to 48)</td>
<td>26</td>
<td>23(^1)</td>
<td>36</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Millennial (18 to 27)</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>15</td>
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*Source: Averages from all parish surveys conducted by CARA through 2003.
**Source: CARA Sacraments Poll, 2008.

For the remainder of this report, these four generational categories will be used, when appropriate, to highlight differences in responses by generation.

\(^1\) Note: The combined percentages for the Post-Vatican II and Millennial Generations is due to only recently separately calculating these generations in CARA parish surveys.
Race, Sex, and Marital Status

Nine in ten respondents (90 percent) describe themselves as White, Anglo, or Caucasian.

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<td>White/Anglo/Caucasian</td>
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<tr>
<td>Asian/Pacific Islander</td>
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<tr>
<td>Hispanic/Latino(a)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Black/African American</td>
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<td>American Indian or Alaska Native</td>
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Six in ten respondents are female.

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<th>Respondents’ Sex</th>
<th>Saint Katharine Drexel Parish</th>
<th>Adult Catholics Nationally*</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Female</td>
<td>62%</td>
<td>52%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Male</td>
<td>38</td>
<td>48</td>
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</table>

Six in ten respondents are currently married or remarried.

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<th>Marital Status</th>
<th>Saint Katharine Drexel Parish</th>
<th>Adult Catholics Nationally*</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Married or remarried</td>
<td>61%</td>
<td>50%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Single, never married</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>27</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Divorced or separated</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>11</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Widowed</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Living with partner**</td>
<td>----</td>
<td>6</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Not an option for this parish survey.

- One-quarter of respondents is single, never married.
- Almost one in ten (9 percent) is divorced or separated.
Children in the Home

Of those respondents with children under 18 living with them, the average number of children in the household is two.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Number of children or stepchildren under the age of 18 living with you?</th>
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<tr>
<td>For those with at least one child in the home. (N = 264)</td>
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<tr>
<td>One</td>
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<td>Two</td>
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<td>Three</td>
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<td>Four or more</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mean</td>
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<td>Median</td>
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</table>

- Among all respondents, one-quarter (26 percent) of respondents have children or stepchildren under the age of 18 living in the home (not in table).

- Of those with children in the household, almost three-fourths (73 percent) of respondents report one or two children under the age of 18 living in the household.

- One in ten respondents with children under 18 years old report four or more children in the household.
Of those respondents with adult children living in the household, the average is one.

<table>
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<th>Number of adult children or stepchildren living with you?</th>
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<td>For those with at least one adult child in the home.</td>
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<td>(N = 170)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>One</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Two</td>
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<tr>
<td>Three or more</td>
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<td>Mean</td>
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<td>Median</td>
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</table>

- Among all respondents, one in six (17 percent) respondents have one or more adult children living with them (not in table).
- Two-thirds of respondents with adult children in the household report that one adult child lives with them.
- Almost one in ten (9 percent) of respondents with adult children in the household report three or more adult children live with them.
Home Zip Code

When asked, more than nine in ten respondents wrote in their home zip code. Where at least ten respondents listed a local zip code, those zip codes are presented below. A map of how respondents are distributed is presented in Appendix II.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Zip Code</th>
<th>City</th>
<th>Number Responding</th>
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<tr>
<td>14226</td>
<td>Nash</td>
<td>201</td>
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<tr>
<td>14214</td>
<td>Nash</td>
<td>185</td>
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<td>14221</td>
<td>Nash</td>
<td>94</td>
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<td>14216</td>
<td>Nash</td>
<td>90</td>
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<td>14223</td>
<td>Nash</td>
<td>71</td>
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<td>14217</td>
<td>Nash</td>
<td>49</td>
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<td>14215</td>
<td>Nash</td>
<td>36</td>
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<tr>
<td>14222</td>
<td>Nash</td>
<td>33</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>14150</td>
<td>Tonawanda</td>
<td>31</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>14225</td>
<td>Cheektowaga</td>
<td>26</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>14228</td>
<td>Amherst</td>
<td>24</td>
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<tr>
<td>14051</td>
<td>East Amherst</td>
<td>18</td>
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<tr>
<td>14209</td>
<td>Nash</td>
<td>17</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>14068</td>
<td>Getzville</td>
<td>15</td>
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<tr>
<td>14120</td>
<td>North</td>
<td>13</td>
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<tr>
<td>14072</td>
<td>Grand Island</td>
<td>10</td>
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</tbody>
</table>
Religious Characteristics

Almost three-quarters of respondents identify themselves as active Catholics since birth.

- One in seven respondents (15 percent) identifies themselves as returned Catholics.
- Seven percent of respondents identify as Inactive Catholics or non-Catholics.
Ministry Involvement

About four in ten respondents (43 percent) report being involved in at least one parish ministry or activity.

| Number of ministries or activities you are involved with at this parish? (N = 968) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| None | 57% |
| One | 21 |
| Two | 11 |
| Three or more | 11 |
| Mean | 1 |
| Median | 0 |

For the remainder of this report, where appropriate, respondents who are involved in one or more ministries or activities at the parish will be compared to those not involved in any ministries or activities at the parish.
Mass Attendance

Eight in ten of those responding in-pew at the parish report attending Mass almost every week or every week.2

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>About how frequently do you currently attend Mass?</th>
<th>Saint Katharine Drexel Parish</th>
<th>Adult Catholics Nationally*</th>
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<tr>
<td>Never or rarely</td>
<td>&lt;1%</td>
<td>32%</td>
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<tr>
<td>A few times a year</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>24</td>
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<tr>
<td>Once or twice a month</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Almost every week</td>
<td>38</td>
<td>11</td>
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<tr>
<td>Every week</td>
<td>43</td>
<td>20</td>
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<tr>
<td>More than once a week</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>3</td>
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</table>


- About one in ten (12 percent) of respondents report attending Mass once or twice a month or less.
- Half of all respondents (50 percent) report Mass attendance weekly or more often.

Differences by Involvement

Respondents who are involved in one or more parish ministry or activity are more likely than those not involved in a parish ministry or activity to report Mass attendance weekly or more frequently.

| Mass Attendance by Involvement in Parish Ministries |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Weekly or more frequently                     | None | One or More |
|                                               | 44%  | 61%         |
| Almost every week or less frequently          | 56   | 39           |

2 The discrepancy in Mass attendance between Saint Katharine Drexel Parish and adult self-identified Catholics nationally is largely a result of this survey being an in-pew survey.
Differences by Generation

Those of the youngest generation are most likely to report less frequent Mass attendance.

- Four in ten respondents in the Millennial generation (between 18 and 27 years old) report Mass attendance every week or more frequently.

- Almost one in five respondents (17 percent) in the Post-Vatican II generation (between 47 and 28 years old) report Mass attendance twice a month or less frequently.

- More than nine in ten respondents ages 48 and older report almost every week or more frequent Mass attendance.
Relationship to the Parish

The majority of respondents name this parish as their primary place of worship.

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parish Membership</th>
<th>Percentage responding “yes”</th>
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<tr>
<td>Is this parish your primary place of worship?</td>
<td>88%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Are you registered in this parish?</td>
<td>71%</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>


- More than four-fifths of respondents consider Saint Katharine Drexel Parish their primary place of worship.
- Seven in ten (71 percent) respondents are registered in the parish.3

On average, respondents have attended this parish for 12 years.

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<th>Years Attending This Parish</th>
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<td>Maximum</td>
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- Half of all respondents have been attending the parish for less than six years, while the other half has attended this parish for more than six years.
- Almost 40 percent of respondents have attended this parish for four years or less.
- Three in ten have been at this parish for five to ten years.

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3 Saint Katharine Drexel Parish respondents were more likely than the national average of Catholic adults to be registered in the parish. However, this is largely due to the survey being administered in-pew.
Almost one-fifth have been attending this parish for 20 years or longer.

### Differences by Generation

_Differences by Generation_

_Seven in ten respondents in the Millennial generation report Saint Katharine Drexel Parish is their primary place of worship. Nine in ten respondents of each other generation report that this parish is their primary place of worship._

### Parish Relationship by Generation

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parish Relationship by Generation</th>
<th>Pre-Vatican II</th>
<th>Vatican II</th>
<th>Post-Vatican II</th>
<th>Millennial</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Is this parish your primary place of worship?</td>
<td>91%</td>
<td>90%</td>
<td>90%</td>
<td>73%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Are you registered in this parish?</td>
<td>85</td>
<td>75</td>
<td>71</td>
<td>37</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Average number of years attending this parish</td>
<td>19</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

- Those respondents 67 years old or older are most likely to report being registered in the parish.
- While almost three-quarters of the youngest respondents report that this parish is their primary place of worship, only slightly more than one-third is registered in the parish.
Differences by Mass Attended

Respondents at the Sunday, 8 pm Mass are the most likely to report being registered in the parish.

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<th>Registration by Mass Attended</th>
<th>Percentage responding “yes”</th>
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<tr>
<td>Are you registered in this parish?</td>
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<tr>
<td>Saturday, 4:30 pm</td>
<td>77%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sunday, 8:30 am</td>
<td>48</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sunday, 10:00 am</td>
<td>76</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sunday, 11:30 am</td>
<td>70</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sunday, 8:00 pm</td>
<td>83</td>
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Religious Education Activities

One-fifth of respondents (21 percent) have children who attended religious education classes at the parish in the past five years.

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<th>Faith Formation Activities</th>
<th>Yes</th>
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<td>Have any of your children attended Saint Katharine Drexel School in the past 5 years?</td>
<td>7%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Have any of your children attended religious education classes here in the past 5 years?</td>
<td>21</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Have you attended adult religious education classes here in the past 5 years?</td>
<td>21</td>
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- One-fifth (21 percent) of respondents report attending adult religious education classes at the parish in the past five years.

- Less than one in ten respondents (7 percent) report a child attending Saint Katharine Drexel School in the past five years.
Section II: Parish Strengths

This section of the report describes areas of the parish with the most positive responses. Each of the areas detailed below may be considered a strength of the parish, as reported by its parishioners.

Overall Satisfaction

Almost eight in ten respondents say that in general, the Masses and liturgies at Saint Katharine Drexel Parish are “excellent.”

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<tr>
<td>Saint Katharine Drexel Parish overall</td>
<td>&lt;1%</td>
<td>&lt;1%</td>
<td>17%</td>
<td>82%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Masses and liturgies in general</td>
<td>&lt;1%</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>21%</td>
<td>78%</td>
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</table>

- Respondents overwhelmingly evaluate Saint Katharine Drexel Parish as “good” or “excellent” overall.
- There are no significant differences by level of involvement in parish ministries.
- There are no significant differences by generation.
Liturgical Aspects

The quality of the preaching at the parish is “very” or “somewhat” attractive for 99 percent of respondents. Homilies are rated as “excellent” by eight in ten respondents.

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<td>The quality of the preaching</td>
<td>&lt;1%</td>
<td>1%</td>
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<td>The quality of the music</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>5</td>
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| Please evaluate these areas of weekend Masses in general. |

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<td>Music overall</td>
<td>&lt;1%</td>
<td>3%</td>
<td>13%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Homilies</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>19</td>
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<tr>
<td>Weekend Mass schedule</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>2</td>
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- Almost three-quarters of respondents find the quality of the music very attractive. Likewise, 85 percent of respondents rate the music overall as “excellent.”

- Almost eight in ten respondents (78 percent) rate the weekend Mass schedule as “excellent.”
Evaluation of Parish Leadership

More than eight in ten respondents report the leadership provided by the pastor is “excellent.”

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<td>Leadership provided by the pastor</td>
<td>&lt;1%</td>
<td>1%</td>
<td>15%</td>
<td>84%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Friendliness of the parish office staff</td>
<td>&lt;1</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>14</td>
<td>83</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ministry of the professional ministry staff</td>
<td>&lt;1</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>23</td>
<td>75</td>
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<th>I would feel comfortable talking with the pastor.</th>
<th>Strongly Disagree</th>
<th>Somewhat Disagree</th>
<th>Somewhat Agree</th>
<th>Strongly Agree</th>
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<tr>
<td>Parishioners are encouraged to have a role in decision-making in my parish.</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>24</td>
<td>69</td>
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</table>

- Four-fifths of respondents (83 percent) report that the friendliness of the parish office staff is “excellent.”

- Three-quarters of respondents (75 percent) report the ministry of the professional ministry staff is “excellent.”

- Seven in ten (69 percent) respondents “strongly agree” that they would feel comfortable talking with the pastor.

- More than nine in ten (93 percent) respondents “somewhat” or “strongly” agree that parishioners are encouraged to have a role in decision-making at the parish.
**Sense of Community and Belonging**

*Using several measures, nearly all respondents report feeling welcome at Saint Katharine Drexel Parish.*

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<th>Feeling Welcome</th>
<th>Poor</th>
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<tr>
<td>The weekend Mass hospitality or sense of welcome</td>
<td>&lt;1%</td>
<td>2%</td>
<td>13%</td>
<td>85%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Parish efforts to invite you to participate in parish life</td>
<td>&lt;1</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>75</td>
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<tr>
<td>The sense of community within the parish</td>
<td>&lt;1</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>29</td>
<td>67</td>
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<tr>
<th>How much did the open, welcoming spirit attract you to the parish?</th>
<th>Not at All</th>
<th>Only a Little</th>
<th>Somewhat</th>
<th>Very Much</th>
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<td></td>
<td>1%</td>
<td>1%</td>
<td>9%</td>
<td>89%</td>
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<td>What priority do you give to developing a parish sense of community?</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>19</td>
<td>77</td>
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<tr>
<td>How much did the sense of belonging you feel here attract you to the parish?</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>19</td>
<td>76</td>
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</table>

- Almost nine in ten respondents say that Saint Katharine Drexel’s open, welcoming spirit “very much” attracted them to the parish. Another three-quarters (76 percent) say that the sense of belonging they feel “very much” attracted them to the parish.

- Three-quarters of respondents rate the parish efforts to invite them to participate in parish life as “excellent.” Another 22 percent rate it as “good.”

- Almost eight in ten respondents say that developing a sense of community is “very much” a priority.
**Differences by Generation**

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<th>Feeling Welcome by Generation</th>
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<th>Millennial</th>
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<tr>
<td>The weekend Mass hospitality or sense of welcome</td>
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<td>81%</td>
<td>89%</td>
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<td>The parish efforts to invite you to participate in parish life</td>
<td>78</td>
<td>73</td>
<td>81</td>
<td>70</td>
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<td>The sense of community within the parish</td>
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<td>67</td>
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<td>62</td>
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<tr>
<td>Percentage responding “very much”</td>
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<tr>
<td>How much did the open, welcoming spirit attract you to the parish?</td>
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<td>87%</td>
<td>93%</td>
<td>81%</td>
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<td>What priority do you give to developing a parish sense of community?</td>
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<td>74</td>
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<td>How much did the sense of belonging you feel here attract you to the parish?</td>
<td>79</td>
<td>74</td>
<td>80</td>
<td>71</td>
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</table>

- Across generations, three-fourths or more respondents name developing a parish sense of community “very much” a priority.

- Some nine in ten respondents in the pre-Vatican II, Vatican II, and Post-Vatican II generations say the open, welcoming spirit attracted them to the parish “very much.” The Millennial generation responded at a slightly lower rate, with 81 percent rating the open, welcoming spirit “very” attractive.

- Between seven in ten and eight in ten respondents of each generation rate parish efforts to invite them to participate in parish life as “excellent.” Those in the Post-Vatican II generation are particularly likely to feel this way.
Section III: Opportunities for Improvement

This section of the report describes some areas of parish life that may be opportunities for improvement. While the evaluations of all aspects of parish life are generally positive overall and most parishioners report that they are satisfied, this section explores some areas of parish life in which at least some respondents are less satisfied.

Outreach and Programs\(^4\)

*Almost one-fifth of respondents find the parish’s outreach to single parents less than “good.”*

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<td>Evaluation of campus ministry</td>
<td>1%</td>
<td>4%</td>
<td>40%</td>
<td>64%</td>
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<tr>
<td>New parishioners</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>31</td>
<td>64</td>
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<tr>
<td>College-age young adults (ages 18 to 21)</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>42</td>
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<td>Those sick or homebound</td>
<td>2</td>
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<td>Children (ages 12 or younger)</td>
<td>2</td>
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<td>Single young adults (ages 22 to 35)</td>
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<td>47</td>
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<td>Married young adults (ages 22 to 35)</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>44</td>
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<td>Senior citizens (ages 65 and older)</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>12</td>
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<td>Single adults (ages 36 to 64)</td>
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<td>11</td>
<td>45</td>
<td>43</td>
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<td>Married couples (ages 36 to 64)</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>45</td>
<td>41</td>
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<td>Single parents</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>41</td>
<td>40</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Teens (ages 13 to 17)</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>50</td>
<td>36</td>
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- One in ten respondents (11 percent) rate the parish outreach to children as less than “good.” More than one in seven respondents (14 percent) find the parish outreach to teens less than “good.”

- Between 12 percent and 14 percent of respondents evaluate the parish outreach to adults, regardless of marital status, as less than “good.”

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\(^4\) For many of the questions in this section, a large proportion of respondents did not provide a response. The numbers presented here should be interpreted with care because of the missing data. These responses may be considered indicative of trends rather than representative of the opinions of all parishioners.
Differences by Generation

Evaluation of parish outreach is affected by the respondent’s reported age, with ministries most pertinent to them receiving the lowest evaluation by that group.

Outreach and Programs by Generation

Please evaluate parish outreach to the following groups.

Percentage responding “poor” or “fair”

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<td>Children (ages 12 or younger)</td>
<td>3%</td>
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<td>14%</td>
<td>8%</td>
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<td>Teens (ages 13 to 17)</td>
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<td>16</td>
<td>19</td>
<td>8</td>
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<td>10</td>
<td>26</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>10</td>
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<td>17</td>
<td>14</td>
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- Respondents in the middle generational categories (Vatican II and Post-Vatican II) are more likely than those in other generational categories to report parish outreach to children, teens, single adults, married couples and single parents as “poor” or “fair.”

- Respondents in the Millennial generation are most likely to rate the outreach to single young adults as “poor” or “fair.”

- Respondents in the pre-Vatican II generation (aged 67 years or older) are more likely to report parish outreach to senior citizens as “poor” or “fair.”

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Outreach to teens is listed as a top three priority by two-fifths of respondents.

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<th>Groups Listed as a Top Three Priority for Outreach</th>
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<td>Teens (ages 13 to 17)</td>
<td>43%</td>
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<td>College-age young adults (ages 18 to 21)</td>
<td>33%</td>
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<td>Those sick or homebound</td>
<td>32%</td>
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<td>Senior citizens (ages 65 or older)</td>
<td>23%</td>
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<td>Recent immigrants to the area</td>
<td>22%</td>
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<td>Inactive Catholics</td>
<td>21%</td>
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- More than two-fifths of respondents (43 percent) place outreach to teens as one of their top three priorities.

- One-third of respondents place outreach to college-age young adults and those sick or homebound as a top three priority.

- Almost a quarter (23 percent) rank outreach to senior citizens as a top three priority.

- One-fifth of respondents place recent immigrants, inactive Catholics, single young adults, married young adults, single parents, children, and new parishioners as a top three priority.
Community-Building

One-quarter of respondents (26 percent) rate the parish’s outreach to inactive Catholics as less than “good.”

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<td>Efforts to help you meet other parishioners</td>
<td>1%</td>
<td>11%</td>
<td>40%</td>
<td>49%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Outreach to recent immigrants to the area</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>38</td>
<td>50</td>
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<tr>
<td>Outreach to inactive Catholics</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>41</td>
<td>34</td>
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- More than one in ten respondents rate the parish’s efforts to help them meet other parishioners as less than “good.”

- One in eight respondents (12 percent) rate the parish’s outreach to recent immigrants in the area as less than “good.”

Differences by Involvement in Parish Ministries or Activities

Respondents involved in one or more parish ministries or activities are more likely than those not involved in any parish ministries to rate outreach to inactive Catholics as less than “good.”

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<td>Efforts to help you meet other parishioners</td>
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- Those involved in ministry or activities in the parish are report outreach to recent immigrants as “poor” or “fair” at the same rate as those not involved in ministry or activities.

- Those involved in ministry or activities are as likely as those not involved in ministry or activities to report parish efforts to help them meet other parishioners as “poor” or “fair.”
Programs and Activities

More than three-fourths (77 percent) of respondents say they “somewhat” or “strongly” agree that they want to volunteer more for the parish.

Volunteering and Parish Activities

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<td>The programs and activities attract me to this parish</td>
<td>2%</td>
<td>10%</td>
<td>44%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Its commitment to social justice attracts me to this parish</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>31</td>
<td>54</td>
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How likely are you to…

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<tr>
<td>Attend a parish activity or function besides weekend Mass?</td>
<td>4%</td>
<td>13%</td>
<td>30%</td>
<td>53%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Invite someone to attend one of our parish services or activities?</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>27</td>
<td>50</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Offer your time and talent to volunteer activities?</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>32</td>
<td>40</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>I want to volunteer more for the parish.</td>
<td>4%</td>
<td>19%</td>
<td>43%</td>
<td>34%</td>
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- More than eight in ten respondents (88 percent) find the programs and activities of the parish “somewhat” or “very” attractive. Nearly the same proportion (85 percent) find its commitment to social justice equally attractive.

- Seven in ten (72 percent) respondents are “somewhat” or “very” likely to offer time and talent to volunteer activities. Even more respondents are “somewhat” or “very” likely to attend a parish activity (83 percent) or to invite someone to attend a parish activity (77 percent).

- However, more than a quarter (27 percent) are “not at all” or “only a little” likely to offer their time and talent to volunteer activities.
**Stewardship**

While more than eight in ten (87 percent) respondents agree “somewhat” or “strongly” that they understand the concept of stewardship, two-fifths of respondents (43 percent) disagree “somewhat” or “strongly that they contribute their time and talent to the parish.
More than one-third of respondents (34 percent) say not being aware of parish needs is “somewhat” or “very much” preventing them from volunteering more.

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<th>How much do the following prevent you from volunteering more for the parish?</th>
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<tr>
<td>Your busy schedule or lack of time</td>
<td>5%</td>
<td>7%</td>
<td>23%</td>
<td>65%</td>
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<tr>
<td>I am already volunteering as much as I like</td>
<td>31</td>
<td>14</td>
<td>27</td>
<td>29</td>
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<tr>
<td>Being a caretaker for someone</td>
<td>63</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>15</td>
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<tr>
<td>Lack of child care</td>
<td>72</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>13</td>
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<tr>
<td>Not having been personally invited.</td>
<td>55</td>
<td>17</td>
<td>17</td>
<td>11</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Not being sure who to contact</td>
<td>52</td>
<td>17</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>11</td>
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<tr>
<td>Not being aware of parish needs</td>
<td>45</td>
<td>21</td>
<td>24</td>
<td>10</td>
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- Three in ten (29 percent) respond that they already volunteer as much as they like and that this “very much” prevents them from volunteering more. However, nearly the same number (31 percent) say that does “not at all” prevent them from volunteering more.

- Caring for someone else is “somewhat” or “very much” an impediment to volunteering for more than one-quarter of respondents (27 percent). Lack of child care is an impediment for one-fifth of respondents (21 percent).

- Two-thirds of respondents say their busy schedule or lack of time very much prevents them from volunteering more for the parish.
Differences by Involvement

More than one-third of respondents who are not involved in parish ministries or activities say that not being sure who to contact “somewhat” or “very much” prevents them from volunteering more for the parish.

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<th>Impediments to Volunteering by Involvement in Parish Ministries or Activities</th>
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<td>Percentage responding “somewhat” or “very much”</td>
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<td>Involved</td>
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- Three-fourths of respondents (75%) who are involved in parish ministries or activities are volunteering as much as they like, compared to one-third of respondents (35 percent) who are not involved in parish ministries or activities.

- Almost one-fourth of those not involved with parish ministries or activities report a lack of childcare as “somewhat” or “very much” preventing them from volunteering more.

- There are no statistically significant differences between those involved and those not involved in parish ministries and activities in naming not being aware of parish needs, not having been personally invited, or being a caretaker for someone else as being “somewhat” or “very much” impediments to volunteering.
Appendix I: All Questions With Response Frequencies
Parish Life Data for Saint Katharine Drexel Parish, Nash, New York

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This appendix shows the percentage responses for each item, calculated out of 100 percent. Under the heading “NR” is calculated the percentage of all respondents that did not respond to that question, separately calculated out of 100 percent for clarity of comparison. A total of 1,022 valid responses were included in the data below.

Please evaluate these aspects of parish life.

1  2  3  4  NR
<1 <1  17  82  2  1. Saint Katharine Drexel Parish overall.
<1  4  29  67  3  2. Sense of community within the parish.
<1  1  21  78  2  3. Masses and liturgies in general.
<1  3  32  65  8  4. Vision provided by parish leaders.
<1  4  36  60 10  5. Promotion of responsible stewardship among parishioners.
  1  4  31  64  7  6. Efforts to educate parishioners in the faith.
  1  3  23  74  7  7. Efforts to promote social justice.
  1  6  40  54  4  8. Spreading the Gospel/evangelizing.

Please evaluate the following persons or programs.

1  2  3  4  NR
<1  1  15  84  4  9. Leadership provided by the pastor.
<1  1  23  75 11  10. Ministry of the professional ministry staff.
<1  2  14  83 12  11. Friendliness of the parish office staff.
  1  9  48  42 49  13. Intergenerational programs – G.O.F.
  1  5  41  53 48  14. Family/children’s faith formation.
  2  9  42  48 56  15. Youth ministry.
  1  8  40  51 43  16. Faith formation for adults.
  1  4  40  64 47  17. Campus ministry.
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18. Invite you to participate in parish life.
19. Communicate with parishioners.
20. Help you to meet other parishioners.
21. Deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ.
22. Foster spiritual growth.
23. Strengthen family life.
24. Help you practice gospel values in your daily life.
25. Respond to parish community concerns.
26. Be sensitive to the needs and concerns of the parishioners.
27. Collaborate with groups in the local community.
28. Provide opportunities for you to volunteer to help the needy.
29. Encourage you to share your time and talents with the parish.
30. Manage parish finances.

Please evaluate these areas of weekend Masses in general.

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31. Hospitality or sense of welcome.
32. Music overall.
33. Homilies.
34. Weekend Mass schedule.
35. Children’s Liturgy of the Word.

Please evaluate parish outreach to the following groups.

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36. Children (ages 12 or younger).
37. Teens (ages 13 to 17).
38. College-age young adults (ages 18 to 21).
39. Single young adults (ages 22 to 35).
40. Married young adults (ages 22 to 35).
41. Single adults (ages 36 to 64).
42. Married couples (ages 36 to 64).
43. Senior citizens (ages 65 or older).
44. Single parents.
45. Those sick or homebound.
46. Inactive Catholics.
47. New parishioners.
48. Recent immigrants to the area.

Using the numbers for items 36-48 above, which three groups should the parish give most priority to for outreach?

Listed as a top three priority for outreach:

43% Teens (ages 13 to 17) 33% College-age young adults (ages 18 to 21) 32% Those sick or homebound
**How effective are these ways of communicating parish news to you?**

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**What priority do you give the following parish needs?**

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**Using the numbers for items 56-65 above, which three do you think the parish should give most priority to?**

**Listed as a top three priority**

- 53% Providing opportunities to help the needy
- 50% Developing a parish sense of community
- 37% Family/children’s faith formation
| How much do the following attract you to this parish? |
|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1    | 2    | 3    | 4    | NR  |
| 1    | 1    | 9    | 89   | 4   | 69. Its open, welcoming spirit |
| 3    | 13   | 33   | 51   | 6   | 70. The beauty of the church. |
| <1   | 2    | 16   | 83   | 5   | 71. The quality of the liturgy. |
| 1    | 5    | 19   | 74   | 4   | 72. The quality of the music. |
| <1   | 1    | 14   | 85   | 4   | 73. The quality of the preaching. |
| 2    | 10   | 44   | 44   | 14  | 74. The programs and activities of the parish. |
| 1    | 8    | 38   | 54   | 13  | 75. Its opportunities for spiritual growth. |
| 4    | 11   | 31   | 54   | 12  | 76. Its commitment to social justice. |
| 1    | 5    | 21   | 73   | 9   | 77. Its character as a diverse community. |
| 1    | 4    | 19   | 76   | 6   | 78. The sense of belonging you feel here. |

| How much do the following prevent you from volunteering more for the parish? |
|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1    | 2    | 3    | 4    | NR  |
| 5    | 7    | 23   | 65   | 18  | 79. Your busy schedule or lack of time. |
| 72   | 8    | 8    | 13   | 48  | 80. Lack of child care. |
| 63   | 10   | 12   | 15   | 45  | 81. Being a caretaker for someone. |
| 45   | 21   | 24   | 10   | 40  | 82. Not being aware of parish needs. |
| 55   | 17   | 17   | 11   | 40  | 83. Not having been personally invited. |
| 52   | 17   | 20   | 11   | 40  | 84. Not being sure who to contact. |
| 31   | 14   | 27   | 29   | 39  | 85. I am already volunteering as much as I like. |

| How likely are you to do the following in the next year? |
|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1    | 2    | 3    | 4    | NR  |
| 4    | 13   | 30   | 53   | 9   | 86. Attend a parish activity or function besides weekend Mass |
| 6    | 16   | 27   | 50   | 11  | 87. Invite someone to attend one of our parish services or activities. |
| 5    | 22   | 32   | 40   | 12  | 88. Offer your time and talent in volunteer opportunities. |
Please respond to the following about parish life.

1. I would feel comfortable talking with the pastor.
2. There is sufficient qualified parish staff (paid & volunteer) to meet the parish’s needs.
3. Parishioners are encouraged to have a role in decision-making in my parish.
4. I understand the concept of stewardship.
5. I contribute my time and talent to the parish.
6. I want to volunteer more for the parish.
7. I feel adequately informed about parish finances.
8. Current parish facilities will not adequately satisfy the needs of the parish in 10 years.
9. The parish should collaborate with other parishes in programs and activities.

98. If one of your children will likely participate in Religious Education in the next five years, what format would work best for you? Please select only one.

1. Religious Education classes for the children only, with in-class instruction, activities, and prayer.
2. Family Religious Education sessions where parents and children gather together for instruction, activities, and prayer.

99. What best describes you? Please select only one.

1. Active Catholic since birth.
2. Returned Catholic.
3. Catholic convert.
4. Inactive Catholic.
5. Non-Catholic.
6. NR
100. About how frequently do you currently attend Mass?

<1 1. Never or rarely.
3 2. A few times a year.
9 3. Once or twice a month
38 4. Almost every week
43 5. Every week.
7 6. More than once a week.
4 NR

101. Number of ministries or activities you are involved with at this parish?
Write “0” if none.
Mean: 0.84
Median: 0
Minimum: 0
Maximum: 15

102. Years you have attended this parish?
Leave blank if this is not your regular parish.
Write “1” if one year or less.
Mean: 12
Median: 6
Minimum: 1
Maximum: 81

103. Are you registered in this parish?

71 Yes 29 No 5 NR

104. Is this parish your primary place of worship?

88 Yes 12 No 5

105. Have any of your children attended Saint Katharine Drexel School in the past 5 years?

7 Yes 93 No 19

106. Have any of your children attended religious education classes here in the past 5 years?

21 Yes 80 No 22

107. Have you attended adult religious education classes here in the past 5 years?

21 Yes 79 No 16

108. If you are married, will/did your spouse also complete this survey?

58 Yes 42 No 35

109. Do you regularly e-mail at work or home?

80 Yes 20 No 11

110. Your home ZIP code: See Map

111. Year you were born:
Mean: 1958
Median: 1955
Minimum: 1912
Maximum: 1991

112. Gender:
38 1. Male
62 2. Female
5 NR
113. What best describes your current marital status?
25 1. Single, never married
61 2. Married or remarried.
9 3. Divorced or separated.
6 4. Widowed.
5 NR

114. Number of children or stepchildren under age 18 living with you?
Leave blank if none.
Mean: 2
Median: 2
Minimum: 1
Maximum: 7

115. Number of adult children or stepchildren living with you?
Leave blank if none.
Mean: 1
Median: 1
Minimum: 1
Maximum: 5

116. What is your primary racial or ethnic identity?
Please select only one.
1 1. American Indian or Alaska Native
4 2. Asian/Pacific Islander
3 4. Hispanic/Latino(a)
90 5. White/Anglo/Caucasian
1 6. Other
5 NR

Thank you for completing this survey.
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Appendix II: Location of Parishioners
Appendix IV: Questionnaire
Appendix V: Bulletin Insert
In January, 2009, Saint Katharine Drexel Parish distributed a questionnaire to those attending the parish liturgies over two weekends in January 2009. What follows are major findings from that survey. For more information, contact

**Major Findings**

**Parishioner Demographics**

- Grouping respondents according to age, with more than 40 percent of respondents the Vatican II generation (ages 49 to 66) is the largest group represented in this survey. One-fifth of respondents are pre-Vatican II (ages 67 and older), and one-quarter is post-Vatican II (ages 28 to 48). The Millennial generation comprises more than one in ten respondents (ages 18 to 27).

- Six in ten respondents are married. However, one-quarter are single and have never been married.

- Six in ten respondents are female.

- Almost three-quarters of respondents identify themselves as “active Catholics since birth.”

- Eight in ten respondents report attending Mass almost every week or more frequently.

- While almost three-quarters of the youngest respondents report that this parish is their primary place of worship, only slightly more than one-third are registered in the parish.

- More than 40 percent of respondents report being involved in one or more parish ministry or activity.

**Parish Strengths**

- Generally, Saint Katharine Drexel Parish respondents are pleased with their parish. Eight in ten (82 percent) rate their overall satisfaction with the parish as “excellent,” and an additional 17 percent rate it as “good.”

- Liturgical aspects of the parish are also rated highly. About eight in ten evaluate Masses and liturgies, homilies, and music as “excellent.”
Satisfaction with parish leadership is also very high. While 84 percent describe the leadership provided by the pastor as “excellent,” another 15 percent rate it as “good.” Additionally, three-quarters (75 percent) of respondents rate the ministry of the professional ministry staff as “excellent,” with another 23 percent evaluating it as “good.”

Respondents also note that they feel welcome at Saint Katharine Drexel Parish. While 85 percent describe the hospitality or sense of welcome as “excellent,” 89 percent say they are “very attracted” to the parish’s open, welcoming spirit.

Opportunities for Improvement

Outreach and Programs

Responses to the survey also suggest opportunities for improvement. One such opportunity is in the various ministries and outreach to different groups. Although most respondents rate outreach to teens as good or excellent, 14 percent of respondents rated parish outreach to teens as “poor” or “fair,” and another 14 percent of respondents rated parish outreach to senior citizens in the same way.

Community

Some respondents also point out opportunities for more community-building at Saint Katharine Drexel Parish. More than nine in ten respondents (96 percent) note that developing a parish sense of community is “somewhat” or “very much” a priority. At the same time, more than one in ten respondents (12 percent) respond that the parish’s efforts to help them meet other parishioners are “poor” or “fair.”

Volunteering

While more than eight in ten respondents agree “somewhat” or “strongly” that they understand the concept of stewardship, two-fifths of respondents disagree “somewhat” or “strongly” that they contribute their time and talent to the parish.

Saint Katharine Drexel Parish respondents indicate that they are interested in volunteering and being more active in ministries (72 percent stated they are “somewhat” or “very likely” to do so in the next year). However, most respondents say they are impeded from volunteering more. Almost nine in ten (88 percent) respond that a busy schedule or lack of time “somewhat” or “very much” prevents them from volunteering more.

Communications

In another finding that relates to the desire for community-building listed above, 31 percent of respondents are “somewhat” or “very much” prevented from volunteering because they are unsure who to contact; an additional 28 percent are “somewhat” or “very much” prevented because they have not been personally invited to do so.

Parish communications is another opportunity for improvement. While three-quarters (75 percent) of respondents say that announcements read at Mass are a “somewhat” or “very” effective way of communicating parish news, three in ten (30 percent) say the parish website is “only a little” or “not at all” effective for communicating parish news.
Appendix V

Comparisons to the Findings for Parishes Nationally
This appendix compares findings from Saint Katharine Drexel Parish to the average responses from all parishes that CARA has worked with from 1996 to 2003. Generally, these parishes also distributed the surveys on an in-pew basis only. Only those items from the parish survey comparable to CARA’s national data are presented. For the purposes of this section, only differences of 10 percentage points or more between the findings for the parish and the national averages will be treated as significant.

Evaluation of Aspects of Parish Life

Compared to the findings for parishes nationally, St. Katharine Drexel respondents are somewhat more likely than others to rate the sense of community within the parish (15 percentage points) and efforts to spread the Gospel or evangelize (10 percentage points) as “good” or “excellent.”

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<td>Efforts to educate parishioners in the faith</td>
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<td>Spreading the Gospel/evangelizing</td>
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St. Katharine Drexel respondents are considerably more likely to give the following aspects of parish life an “excellent” evaluation: spreading the Gospel or evangelizing (42 percentage points), the sense of community within the parish (29 percentage points), and Masses and liturgies in general (27 percentage points).

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Evaluation of Areas of Weekend Masses

Certain areas of weekend Masses receive higher evaluations at St. Katharine Drexel than at the parishes CARA has worked with nationally in the past. St. Katharine Drexel respondents are more likely to give the following areas a “good” or “excellent” evaluation: the music overall (18 percentage points), hospitality or sense of welcome (14 percentage points), and homilies (12 percentage points).

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St. Katharine Drexel respondents are considerably more likely than those at parishes nationally to rate each of the areas of weekend Masses evaluated in the report as “excellent”: the music overall (40 percentage points), hospitality or sense of welcome (37 percentage points), homilies (33 percentage points), and weekend Mass schedule (27 percentage points).

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<td>Hospitality or sense of welcome</td>
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Priorities for Parish Needs

The parish’s provision of opportunities to help the needy is more likely to receive at least “somewhat” priority from St. Katharine Drexel respondents than those at parishes nationally (10 percentage points).

What priority do you give the following parish needs?

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Consistent with the findings above, St. Katharine Drexel respondents are more likely to give “very much” priority to providing opportunities to help the needy (25 percentage points). In addition, they are more likely to place “very much” priority on developing a parish sense of community (17 percentage points).

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Attitudes about Parish Life

St. Katharine Drexel respondents are more likely than those at parishes nationally to at least “somewhat” agree that parishioners are encouraged to have a role in decision-making at the parish (13 percentage points).

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<td>Parishioners are encouraged to have a role in decision-making in our parish</td>
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<td>I understand the concept of stewardship</td>
<td>87</td>
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<td>The parish should collaborate with other parishes in programs and activities</td>
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<td>I want to volunteer more for the parish</td>
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Consistent with the findings above, St. Katharine Drexel respondents are more likely than those at parishes nationally to “strongly” agree that parishioners are encouraged to have a role in decision-making in the parish. They are less likely, however, to agree as strongly that the parish should collaborate with other parishes in programs and activities.

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