

# Survey of Parish Needs

Thank you for being open to providing honest feedback. The accuracy of your input will aid us greatly in our planning. Please complete the survey assuming COVID-related restrictions do NOT prevent us from being together in-person.

## WORSHIP

1. 1. How often do you typically attend Mass?

*Mark only one oval.*

- ☐ Christmas and Easter and maybe a Mass here or there
- ☐ Quarterly
- ☐ Every six weeks or so
- ☐ Monthly
- ☐ Twice a month
- ☐ Weekly (Sundays)
- ☐ Some weekdays and Sundays
- ☐ Daily

2. 2. Which Weekend Mass do you typically attend at St. Paul?

*Mark only one oval.*

- ☐ 5:00 PM Saturday (Vigil)
- ☐ 8:30 AM Sunday
- ☐ 11:00 AM Sunday
- ☐ Varies week to week

3. 3. What would be an ideal time for you/your family to attend Mass, IF we were to restructure the Mass schedule? (i.e. 5:30 PM Saturday, 10:00 AM Sunday, )

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4. 4. What obstacles to attending Mass at St Paul do you/your family regularly face?

*Check all that apply.*

- ☐ Long-term Illness / Physical limitations
- ☐ Transportation to Mass
- ☐ Frequently out of town on weekends
- ☐ Work Schedule
- ☐ Baby's sleep schedule
- ☐ Conflict with sports activities
- ☐ Conflict with social activities
- ☐ My children are too distracting during Mass
- ☐ Other people's children are too distracting during Mass
- ☐ Lack of motivation or desire to attend
- ☐ General sense of busyness or time stress
- ☐ Feelings of doubt or anger toward the Catholic Church
- ☐ Frustration with CURRENT St Paul leadership -- Pastor, staff, etc
- ☐ No Obstacles

Other: ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

5. 5. What motivates you to prioritize attending Mass at St Paul?

*Check all that apply.*

- ☐ The Eucharist
- ☐ The homily
- ☐ The music
- ☐ The liturgy produces feelings of comfort, support, courage or strengthening
- ☐ The liturgy produces feelings of clarity and helps me to align my actions to the will of God
- ☐ A sense of community
- ☐ Being invited by other parishioners to attend
- ☐ A sense of obligation
- ☐ Modeling the faith for children or others
- ☐ Not a strong priority right now

Other: ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

6. 6. How could we improve your Sunday experience at St Paul?

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## COMMUNITY

7. 1. Do you (or your children) currently belong to any of the organizations or serve in any of the ministries connected to St Paul, listed below? Please check all that apply.

*Check all that apply.*

- ☐ Catholic Daughters
- ☐ Knights of Columbus
- ☐ Men's Club
- ☐ St Paul's Youth Group
- ☐ Catechetical Ministry (Serving as Catechist, or other role with Religious Education Programs)
- ☐ Men's Faith Group
- ☐ Prayer Group
- ☐ Bilingual Prayer Group
- ☐ St Vincent de Paul Society
- ☐ Prayer Shawl Ministry
- ☐ HOPE Ministry
- ☐ St Paul Clinic in Honduras (Gala, mission trips, etc)
- ☐ Altar Care Ministry
- ☐ Altar Server Ministry
- ☐ Art and Environment Ministry
- ☐ Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- ☐ Liturgical Drama Ministry (Living Stations, Nativity Pageant)
- ☐ Liturgy of the Word for Children Ministry
- ☐ Lector Ministry
- ☐ Music Ministry
- ☐ Sacristan Ministry
- ☐ Usher Ministry
- ☐ Parish Council
- ☐ Finance Council

Other: ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

8. 2. Would you like to learn more about any of the following organizations or ministries? Please check all that apply.

*Check all that apply.*

- ☐ Catholic Daughters
- ☐ Knights of Columbus
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Other: ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

9. 3. Are there any new organizations or ministries you would like to see at St. Paul (or former ministries you would like to see restored)?

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10. 4. Have you participated in any Adult Faith Formation programs offered by St. Paul? (i.e. Bible Studies, Book Clubs, small group programs)

*Mark only one oval.*

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No [If, no go to question 6]

11. 5. If yes, what motivated you to participate in Adult Faith Formation?

*Check all that apply.*

- ☐ Someone invited me, personally, to join them
- ☐ An interest in the specific topic
- ☐ Positive past experiences
- ☐ To be with others socially
- ☐ To deepen my faith/ to deepen my understanding of the teachings of the Church
- ☐ To better align my life choices toward living the faith

Other: ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

12. 6. What types of obstacles prevent you from participating (at all, or more frequently) in Adult Faith Formation?

*Check all that apply.*

- ☐ Don't know any of the other people participating
- ☐ Work conflicts with times programs are offered
- ☐ Family conflicts with times programs are offered
- ☐ A general sense of busyness or time stress
- ☐ Lack of interest
- ☐ Feelings of doubt
- ☐ Feelings of anger toward the Church
- ☐ Feeling content or comfortable with current knowledge of the Faith
- ☐ No obstacles

Other: ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

13. 7. In the past 5 years, have you (your children) participated in any of the following sacramental preparations at St. Paul?

*Check all that apply.*

- ☐ Baptism Preparation
- ☐ First Reconciliation/First Holy Communion Preparation
- ☐ Confirmation
- ☐ Marriage Preparation
- ☐ RCIA or RCIC (Right of Christian Initiation for Adults or Children)
- ☐ None of the above [Skip to Question 10]

14. 8. Did your experience in sacramental preparation. . .

*Check all that apply.*

- ☐ Deepen your understanding of the teachings of the Church?
- ☐ Deepen your faith?
- ☐ Motivate you to better align your actions with living the faith?
- ☐ Create the feeling you just needed to check the boxes necessary to receive the sacrament?

Other: ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

15. 9. Please offer any details you wish to share about positive experiences in sacramental preparation or describe any ways in which your sacramental preparation experience could have been improved?

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16. 10. Do you have children between the ages of 3 and 18?

*Mark only one oval.*

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No [Skip to question 14]

17. 11. Are ALL of your children (3-18 yrs old) either already Confirmed in the Church, or currently enrolled in Religious Education (Atrium, home study, mainstream classroom program, RCIC) at St Paul?

*Mark only one oval.*

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ No, but all of my children 3-18 yrs old are enrolled in Catholic Schools
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

18. 12. What obstacles, if any, have you faced in enrolling your child (3-18) in religious education at St Paul, OR in committing to regular attendance at Religious Education classes, OR in consistently providing religious instruction at home using the St Paul Home Study program?

*Check all that apply.*

- ☐ Not Applicable/ All children 18 and under already Confirmed in the Church
- ☐ Unaware religious education was available for 3-6 year olds
- ☐ Unaware of the home study option
- ☐ Do not feel compelled to participate in religious education other than sacramental preparation
- ☐ Cost is burdensome
- ☐ Transportation issues
- ☐ Parent's work conflicts
- ☐ Child's sports or activity conflicts
- ☐ General sense of busyness or time stress
- ☐ Parent's doubt or anger toward the Church
- ☐ Child's doubt or anger toward the Church
- ☐ Child's lack of interest
- ☐ Child's refusal to participate or objections to participating based on experience of the curriculum/past enrollment, specifically
- ☐ No obstacles

Other: ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

19. 13. What could we do as a Parish to better serve the religious education needs of your children?

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20. 14. Are you in high school or do you have a high school age child?

*Mark only one oval.*

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No [Skip to question 17]

21. 15. If yes, do you or does one or more of your High School age children participate in St Paul's Youth Ministry?

*Mark only one oval.*

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

22. 16. How could St Paul Youth Ministry better attract or serve you or your child?

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23. 17. If St Paul formed a Young Adult Ministry (college students through early 30s) would you be interested in participating in any of the following?

*Check all that apply.*

- ☐ Not applicable to me or anyone in my home
- ☐ Social Gatherings
- ☐ Theology on Tap (Stand alone series featuring guest speakers discussing current issues facing the Church in a casual setting such as a restaurant or a bar)
- ☐ Local Pilgrimages
- ☐ National or International Pilgrimages
- ☐ Small group faith formation programs
- ☐ Bible Studies
- ☐ Book Club
- ☐ Service projects
- ☐ None of these are of interest

Other: ☐ \_\_\_\_\_



24. 18. If St Paul formed a Retirees/Empty Nester or 50+ Club would you or someone in your home be interested in participating in any of the following?

*Check all that apply.*

- ☐ Not applicable to me or anyone in my home
- ☐ Social Gatherings
- ☐ Local Pilgrimages
- ☐ National or International Pilgrimages
- ☐ Small group faith formation programs
- ☐ Bible Studies
- ☐ Book Club
- ☐ Service Projects
- ☐ None of these of interest

Other: ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

25. 19. If St. Paul formed a Mom's Club for mothers of young children, would you be interested in any of the following ?

*Check all that apply.*

- ☐ Not applicable to me or anyone in my home
- ☐ Social gatherings with child care services on-site
- ☐ Family oriented social gatherings
- ☐ Adult Faith formation programs with child care services on-site
- ☐ Family catechesis
- ☐ None of these of interest

Other: ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

**PASTORAL CARE (for the sick, the elderly, or the isolated)**

26. 1. Would you or would someone in your family benefit from any of the following services?

*Check all that apply.*

- ☐ A ride to Mass
- ☐ Holy Communion delivered to the home
- ☐ Meals delivered to the home
- ☐ Help with seasonal yard work
- ☐ Regular visits
- ☐ Periodic checking in by phone or in-person
- ☐ Receiving cards or spiritual gifts on holidays (Birthdays, Valentine's, Mother's/Father's Day, Easter, Christmas)
- ☐ Intergenerational activities
- ☐ A health fair (including blood pressure screening, aging in place safely information, etc)
- ☐ Elder Care training
- ☐ Baby sitting training
- ☐ First Aid training
- ☐ Respite for Caregivers of the sick, of the elderly, of those with special needs, or for foster parents
- ☐ None of these [Skip to Question 3]

Other: ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

27. 2. Do you know of other parishioners or area residents who are isolated and would benefit from one or more of the services listed above? (If yes, only if you feel it is appropriate, please enter their name and contact information below).

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## EVANGELIZATION

28. 1. Do you feel welcome at Mass and other Church activities?

*Mark only one oval.*

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Sometimes

29. 2. Do you experience feelings of comfort or peace when attending Mass or other Church activities?

*Mark only one oval.*

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No  
☐ Sometimes  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

30. 3. Do you feel challenged or called to better align your actions to God's will when attending Mass or other Church activities?

*Mark only one oval.*

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No  
☐ Sometimes  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

31. 4. Have you ever invited anyone to attend Mass at St. Paul?

*Mark only one oval.*

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

32. 5. What obstacles prevent you from inviting others to Mass?

*Check all that apply.*

- ☐ Do not attend Mass regularly myself
- ☐ Do not enjoy Mass myself
- ☐ Do not believe it is my place
- ☐ Fear offending someone
- ☐ Fear being judged by others
- ☐ Catholic Church is too controversial since the sex abuse scandal
- ☐ Catholic Church is too controversial based on political issues
- ☐ Everyone I know attends Mass
- ☐ No Obstacles

Other: ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

## OUTREACH

33. If you are comfortable sharing your name and email address with us, please do so below. This is not required, and we would prefer honest, anonymous feedback on all of the questions above to having your contact information but disingenuous feedback. If you are uncomfortable including your contact information below, but would like to be contacted about any of the topics above, please email Kimberly Morrison at [ministry@stpauldamascus.org](mailto:ministry@stpauldamascus.org)

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