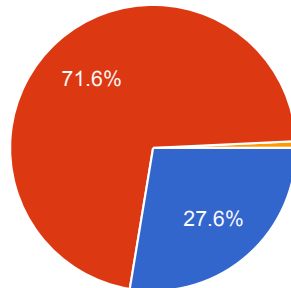


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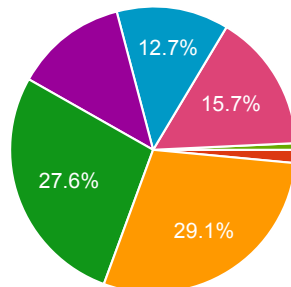
Summary

Gender



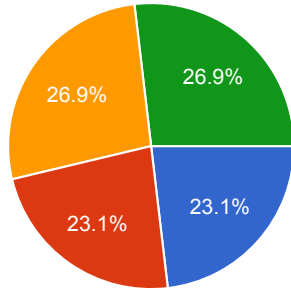
Male	37	27.6%
Female	96	71.6%
Prefer not to answer	1	0.7%

What is your age range?



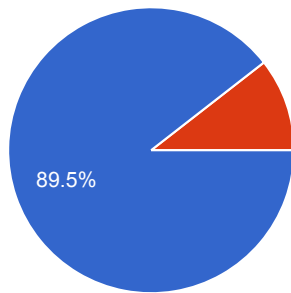
Younger than 18	0	0%
18 - 24	2	1.5%
25 - 34	39	29.1%
35 - 44	37	27.6%
45 - 54	17	12.7%
55 - 64	17	12.7%
65 or older	21	15.7%
Prefer not to answer	1	0.7%

When did you join St. Boniface parish?



Within the past 6 months	31	23.1%
6 - 12 months ago	31	23.1%
12 - 24 months ago	36	26.9%
Over two years ago	36	26.9%

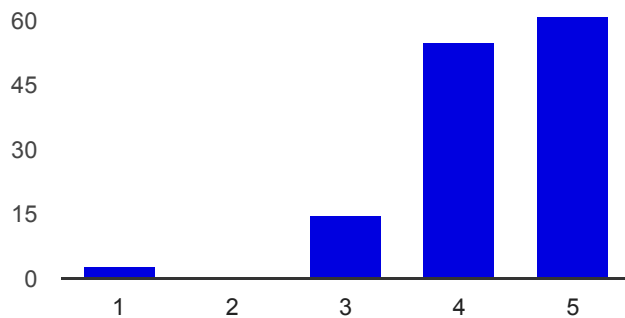
Did you attend a newcomer's meeting, held the second Sunday of each month?



Yes	119	89.5%
No	14	10.5%

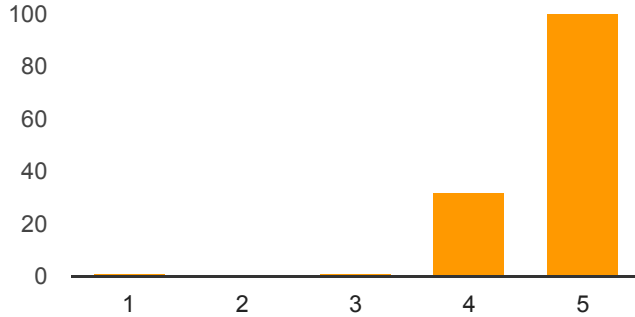
Please rate the following statements:

St. Boniface is hospitable and works to include newcomers.



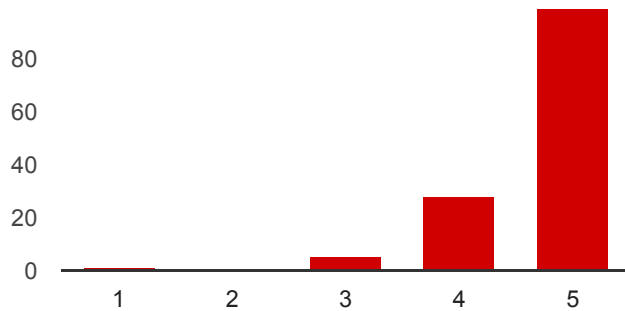
Strongly Disagree: 1	3	2.2%
2	0	0%
3	15	11.2%
4	55	41%
Strongly Agree: 5	61	45.5%

I would feel comfortable inviting others to visit St. Boniface.



Strongly Disagree: 1	1	0.7%
2	0	0%
3	1	0.7%
4	32	23.9%
Strongly Agree: 5	100	74.6%

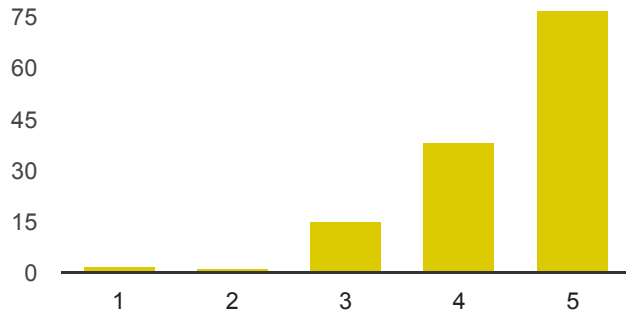
I am happy to be a member of this parish.



Strongly Disagree: 1	1	0.7%
2	0	0%
3	6	4.5%

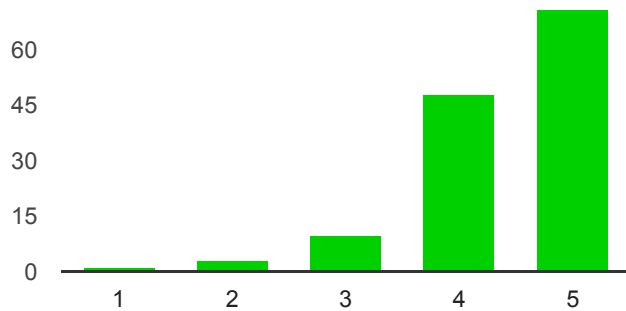
	4	28	20.9%
Strongly Agree:	5	99	73.9%

Our parish welcomes and involves those who are different from us.



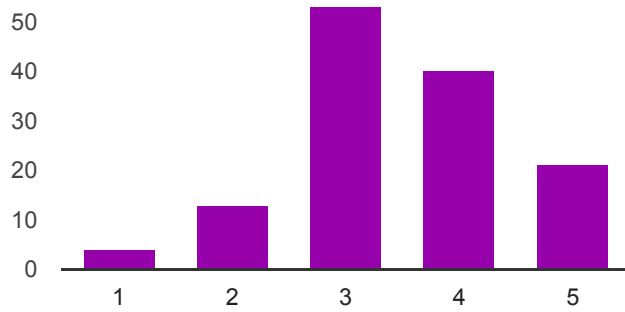
Strongly Disagree:	1	2	1.5%
	2	1	0.8%
	3	15	11.3%
	4	38	28.6%
Strongly Agree:	5	77	57.9%

We cultivate a strong sense of community within our parish.



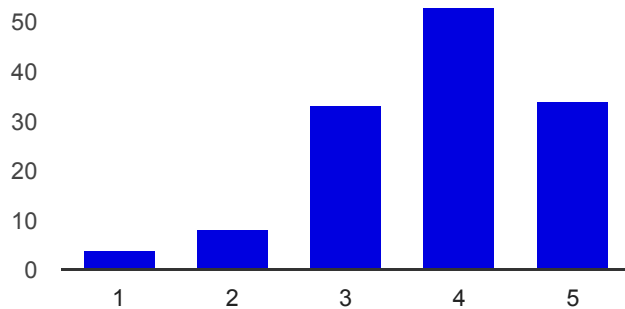
Strongly Disagree:	1	1	0.8%
	2	3	2.3%
	3	10	7.5%
	4	48	36.1%
Strongly Agree:	5	71	53.4%

At St. Boniface it is typical for members to seek out visitors to welcome them.



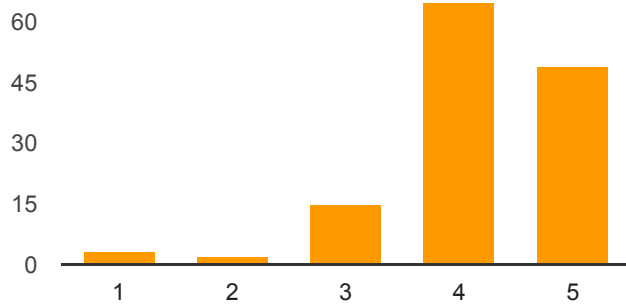
Strongly Disagree: 1	4	3.1%
2	13	9.9%
3	53	40.5%
4	40	30.5%
Strongly Agree: 5	21	16%

If I had a concern about something in this parish, I would know where to take it.



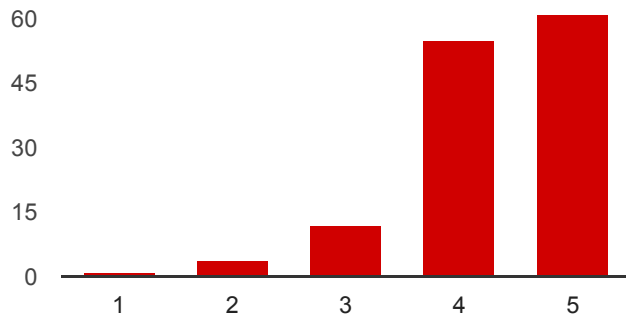
Strongly Disagree: 1	4	3%
2	8	6.1%
3	33	25%
4	53	40.2%
Strongly Agree: 5	34	25.8%

I know how to get involved here.



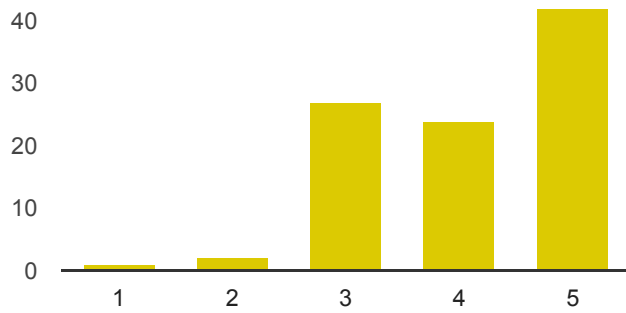
Strongly Disagree: 1	3	2.2%
2	2	1.5%
3	15	11.2%
4	65	48.5%
Strongly Agree: 5	49	36.6%

This parish encourages my learning and spiritual development.



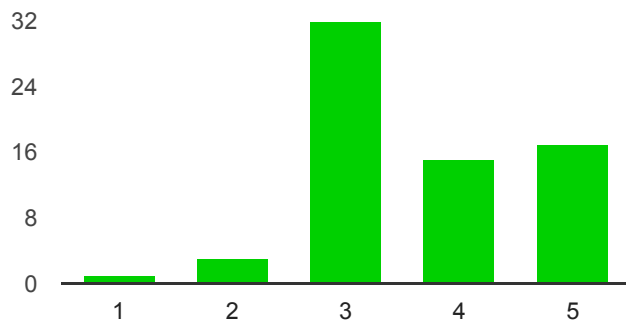
Strongly Disagree: 1	1	0.8%
2	4	3%
3	12	9%
4	55	41.4%
Strongly Agree: 5	61	45.9%

Our Faith Formation Program is appealing to my children.



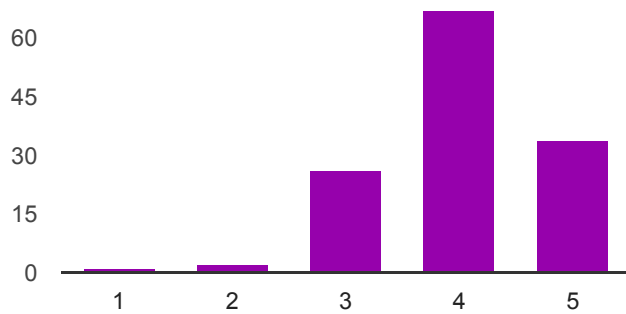
Strongly Agree: 5 **42** 43.8%

The St. Boniface Youth Group is appealing to my teenagers.



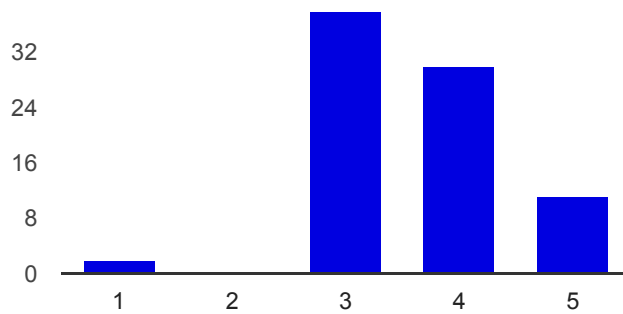
Strongly Disagree: 1 **1** 1.5%
 2 **3** 4.4%
 3 **32** 47.1%
 4 **15** 22.1%
 Strongly Agree: 5 **17** 25%

The activities and programs of this parish appeal to me.



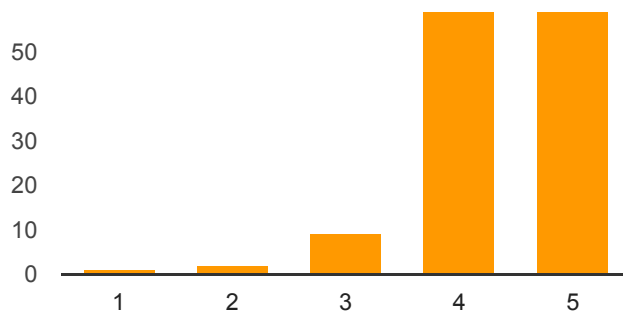
Strongly Disagree: 1	1	0.8%
2	2	1.5%
3	26	20%
4	67	51.5%
Strongly Agree: 5	34	26.2%

When I have suggested changes or improvements, I have found people in the parish ready to listen even if the change cannot be made.



Strongly Disagree: 1	2	2.5%
2	0	0%
3	38	46.9%
4	30	37%
Strongly Agree: 5	11	13.6%

I believe there is strong sense of trust between the parishioners and the parish's leaders.



Strongly Disagree: 1	1	0.8%
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	2	2	1.5%
	3	9	6.9%
	4	59	45.4%
Strongly Agree:	5	59	45.4%

Please add your comments below:

What can we do to make newcomers feel more welcome at St. Boniface?

N/A

I think you are doing a good job now.

St. Boniface does a nice job of including new individuals to the church. There is information in the bulletin on how to become involved. Great job here!

Nothing, you made me and my family feel really welcome

We connected with CRHP very early and were able to make connections, but we really don't know anyone outside that group. Perhaps it would be nice to have a gathering each year for families new to the parish. The heads of each committee could be there to answer questions and welcome the group. And all new parishioners could get to know each other.

I cannot attend the newcomers coffee. I have contacted the parish apparently that is the only way to join. Also there is nothing available for divorced or single parents

Do what you are doing, don't give up!

The newcomer meeting was nice as we got to meet other newcomers and have a conversation with all of them.

A tour of the parish facilities. Restrooms, meeting rooms, parish office would have been helpful to me. Still finding my way around the building.

Keep Fr Vince for 20 more years

Maybe reach out to newcomers and assist in coordinating a table together at some events (ie, Knights, have a hear luncheon, etc).

Use a Mentor like program to provide opportunities to get acquainted

Keep having community events where people can meet

A newcomers group that meets regularly.

I think they do an excellent job right now...

I'm not sure as I've always felt welcomed.

Have a newcomer gathering (potluck picnic) for all newcomers during a period of time (quarter or year) so the families can meet each other outside of the Sunday event.

Keep up the good work you are doing !

Partner them with a current member for transition

Pair them up with an older member of the parish as a mentor. Build a relationship with the newcomer.

Current members contacting to welcome and offer information

Continue to plan small group events where we are able to meet more of the St. Boniface community.

No comment

Have others within the Parrish reach out.

Although I filled out forms indicating my interests in various areas of the parish, no one has contacted me. On the other hand, I have done nothing to follow up with my interest areas.

Maybe partner a new family with an established family in the parish? So that you could go to events together and have a familiar face to see at mass?

Keep being encouraging and welcoming

Just welcome them and encourage them to get involved

nothing you do a good job

Nothing that I can think of!

I love the Sunday, where there are groups of activities on display and sign ups at that time.

Not sure

We were not welcomed by anyone. It would have been nice to have a family reach out to us as newcomers.

I wish there was a Newcomers group or a dinner or something to get us all to know one another.

Keep up good work

Offer more than just the monthly meeting, or perhaps expand on that meeting. When we moved here and attended the meeting we provided a list of things we'd be interested in getting involved in however no one ever followed up with us. Offering a more in depth meeting so people could talk to newcomers right then or offering a 'ministry fair' a few times a year to educate and invite people to get involved would be wonderful.

Have more people greeting others as they come into church.

Introduce yourselves frequently. Find some means of making all parishioners feel welcome. It is difficult to make friends as is in most parishes. Perhaps it is me but after Mass the buddies talk and totally ignore others.

Basically this is fine. It's really up to newcomers to join.

I felt welcome from time I started...some individuals like privacy

Maybe couples or individuals that could visit people in their homes

Ways we can get involved or help with

More information on the website

If you could change one thing about this parish, what would it be?

Nothing

N/A

An easier to access children's liturgy during mass times.

I would love to see a Sunday evening mass during the summer. My family travels a lot during the summer and miss mass frequently because we don't get home until the afternoon on Sunday.

I would like to see maybe a Sunday afternoon mass time, there aren't any Sunday afternoon services offered in the Des Moines area.

More opportunities for spiritual growth. Maybe evening classes? Small faith formation groups? Connections with other religious groups that offer spiritual programming, such as the Jesuits for Ignatius Spiritual Exercises?

Have one person get me signed up. Some people are really busy

No changes!

Following the Order of Mass more closely.

Get my adult children to join.

Nothing

more animated and lively children's programming. Finding what are youth are interested in and anchoring our religious teachings around their interests. This is what Fr. Vince does in his homily each week.

Add daily morning Mass

Never lose Father Vince

Have a school

More adult faith formation classes.

Start mass on time. We could seat so many more people if the expectation would be that mass is going to start on time & we expect you to get there on time so we can appropriately seat people. Stop rewarding people who are late by roping off a section in the back of church. If we need to rope off a section let's rope off the front pews.

Start Mass on time

Getting more people involved in faith formation

Encourage the community to participate in the songs. Lately the enthusiasm for singing has weakened. Keep the music alive.

Nothing at this time

Nothing at this point in time- we are very happy with what the parish is currently doing.

none come to mind

Young professional group/social/networking

Nothing significant.

cant think of anything

parking everyone seems to back in

Maybe 1 more Sunday mass

Not sure

We would like to see the faith formation program condensed to longer meetings every other week and also wrap it up early April before sports begin.

The parish is too large for just one priest without an associate pastor or deacon- having additional leadership would help newcomers to feel more connected to leadership and also have more support within the parish community.

Music! The only thing I miss from my former parish is the music. I know I'm not alone.

Liturgy as prescribed

Happiness evidenced by smiles

More adherence to orthodox Catholic worship practices.

Have an earlier Saturday evening mass

We are too new to want to do that

Move it closer to Grimes

Earlier mass on Saturday

Maybe not quite so frequent emails? There are so many hard to read them all and pick through what is really important

A younger and more progressive music program

When you think about the ministry of St. Boniface five years from now, what do you hope we will be known for?

Great music, great priest, great unity of members

Community

Inclusion of all, regardless of walks of life

Seamlessly handling a rapidly growing parish.

It is the parish with families and babies crying at mass not coughing grey hairs waiting for funeral announcements.

Evangelizing and engaging our parishioners and community in a-typical ways. It would be great if we heard people say, "Wow, those Catholics at St. Boniface really have something special over there."

I probably won't be at this parish

Strong community involvement.

"Hope that Fr Vince is still there"!

Welcoming all people, not matter their background.

Welcoming .. Vision on mission and not programing

Kindness and service for others

acceptance

Being compassionate to those in our community and in El Recreo

Including everyone, offering lots of help/education/ connection throughout the year.

I hope Father Vince is still there

Strong, connected faith community and outreach ministry

That we are a parish that will always be there to help.

Traditional Catholic customs and ways and a tight birch catholic community.

A strong faith community with inclusive programming for all

I would encourage developing small groups or mentors for each family . Maybe groups of 10-12 that would gather after mass (whenever) once every six weeks to share their stories and have simple refreshments. A group for engaged couples meeting with other engaged couples: newly married couple meeting with couple married over 15 years; young parents tapping in with grandparents to share their stories; for example.

Attract young people and bringing Catholics back to the church

That the parish has remained progressive and proactive in order to meet the spiritual and population needs of the community.

Continued improvement and growth

Our charitable efforts within our community and the difference we make.

Growing a loving and accepting parish body.

Being a progressive active parish just like it is now.

a positive impact on the community

our generosity

Strong community of people who all care for each other

Great people

Active church serving its members.

it is important to us that the culture not change when Fr Vince retires

I hope we continue our support in El Salvador.

Committment to children

Being a welcoming, active as vibrant community.

Being a warm & inviting faith community for all.

Welcoming...great outreach....

Great liturgy

Continued membership of young families

Our true adherence to not just social justice but the true beauty of Catholicism and worship

I think it has open arms and believe that tradition will carry

Continuing to have a good priest that relates to the people

Acceptance and outreach

Being understanding and accepting of everyone. Not judging but teaching good Christian values, which I think we do a great job of today. Ways to involve children and continue to keep them included

Solving the financial problems

We send out short, weekly emails about events and updates at St. Boniface. If you do not receive these emails and wish to, please supply us with your email address:

We receive these & find them helpful.

already receive them :)

Yes I get these, i really like the content and find them informative.

You have it

Look forward to the emails and enjoy the videos and new and archive pictures.

I have been receiving them and appreciate them. Thanks

This is good thing

Receive thwm

I already receive e-mails.

I receive these emails

yes

I receive them, thanks!

E-mails are good.

Already on the list

Yes I rec and would like to continue

Is there anything else you would like to share?

This is the first parish I've felt like home at. I WANT to attend church weekly, and I haven't ever felt that way about going to church. Thank you so much for bringing faith back into my heart!

Love this parish

n/a

A not applicable choice would have helped this survey. The next priest and the full time staff will decide if the overall positive experiences continue or not.

Has anyone ever thought to start a young adult formation type group? St. Francis does

this and there are so many young individuals in the parish. I think this would be great, even something for young couples!

I would really like to see a preschool.

We are so glad to have joined St. Boniface! We love it here.

Thanks to Father and the staff for all that they do!!

Your doing great job

I have greatly appreciated the kindness of St. Boniface members and feel blessed to have Fr. Vince here at St. Boniface.

The parish is awesome. We love st Boniface

I love St. Boniface!

There needs to be more talking from the leaders regarding donations of money. It appears we are behind and something needs to be done. Don't be afraid that people will be offended. We all need to step up and if we're truly Christians we should understand.

My wife & I are very impressed with the leadership of Father Vince and the church office and all its employees

The garbage receptacle at the faith formation entrance is a hazard when kids come out for pick up blocking views of oncoming cars from kids and kids from cars. Also it's not appealing at an entry. I also think it's a huge liability to have only one teacher in most Sunday school classes. There should always be two unrelated individuals responsible for safety of children and for liability of the adult in charge. If there were a situation or emergency no one is there for support.

It's an honor to be part of a parish that welcomes all - no questions asked -

We were drawn to the parish by the sermons that Father gives as they relate to our daily life. We are also pleased by the number of projects and community support that the parish participates with.

I agreed youth programs based on others comments, don't have first hand experience

I receive the e-mails and would suggest that they actually be shortened and/or sent less often. They have good info but are very frequent, maybe try and consolidate all info into one weekly summary e-mail with links so people can click and get more info in areas that interest them the most.

I like that you communicate electronically and have an up-to-date website. It makes it easy to know what is going on and get involved. Thank you!

I love the music

Family oriented, maybe more masses, the church is always full, which is a good thing.

I cannot say enough about TJ!!!! My daughter LOVES youth group and hates to miss it! I love how he gets kids involved and the conversations he gets them to have!!! We are SO blessed to have him!!!!

Is there a room where parents with crying children can go with their children and continue hearing Mass? I love children even when they cry but it is difficult to hear sermon

I'm not trying to be critical but I believe orthodoxy in our worship practices would be very attractive. We don't need to water down our faith and worship. When we adhere vs fight even in little ways we are blessed. I really do hate to see father drinking coffee in church before Mass.

I am retiring next week and want to become more involved in the church - we moved here from a small town, but our weekends are pretty wrapped up with our active grandchildren.

Thank you

Number of daily responses

