

Growing an Engaged Church 2021-2024 Pastoral Plan Survey Results

In March, we asked you to share your opinions about St. John Neumann's to help us develop objectives that reflect our community as we construct our 2021-2024 Pastoral Plan. We received over 700 responses to the survey, and here are the results from the multiple-choice answers we received. We sincerely thank all who took the time to fill out the survey! Your help has been indispensable to the formulation of our new Pastoral Plan.



Demographics

1. How long have you been attending SJN?

Less than one year (12)

1-5 years (122)

6-10 years (106)

11-15 years (93)

16-20 years (101)

21-25 years (87)

More than 25 years (187)

2. What is your housing situation?

I live by myself or with roommates (104)

I live with my spouse/partner only (311)

I live with my children (with or without my spouse/partner) (255)

I live with my parents (with or without my spouse/partner) (10)

I live in a multigenerational household (3 or more generations) (25)

3. What is your primary language at home?

English (698)

Spanish (6)

Other: (4)

5. What is your age?

18 to 25 years old (34)

26 to 35 years old (28)

36 to 45 years old (104)

46 to 55 years old (125)

56 to 65 years old (174)

66 to 75 years old (150)

More than 75 years old (93)

Family Mass

6. Do you have children under 18 living with you? (If no, skip ahead to question #12.)

Yes (265)

No (439)

7. How much do you agree with the following statements?

	Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Undecided	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree
My children have many ways they can get involved at SJN.	7	18	55	127	33
SJN is a family-friendly parish.	5	7	10	105	122
SJN is a good place for my children to grow in their faith.	4	6	24	123	89
SJN is a good place for my children to get to know other Catholics their age.	5	19	68	113	41

8. Which children-focused ministries are you familiar with? (choose all that apply)

Altar servers (105)

Children's Liturgy of the Word (144)

Youth ushers and greeters (74)

Youth lectors (58)

Youth music groups (82)

Faith Formation (Family, Children's, Rooted, and Teen) (203)

Adapted Religious Education (42)

Vacation Bible School (110)

9. Before the pandemic, have you attended Family Mass?

Yes (175)

No (66)

I don't know what Family Mass is. (21)

10. If no, why not? (choose all that apply)

Family Mass is not at a good time. (31)

My child is too young for Family Mass. (15)

My child is too old for Family Mass. (34)

Our family is happy at one of the other Masses at SJN. (53)

11. What is most appealing to you about Family Mass? (choose all that apply)

Being in a family-friendly environment (121)

Giving my child or our family an opportunity to be more involved with Mass (87)

Having a more child-focused Liturgy of the Word (for example, readings and a homily more focused on children) (142)



“If there is one word that we should never tire of repeating, it is this: dialogue. We are called to promote a culture of dialogue by every possible means and thus to rebuild the fabric of society.”

Pope Francis

Ministries and Worship

12. Which ministries at SJN have you participated in (in any way: as a leader, as a volunteer, supporting a fundraiser, etc.)? (choose all that apply)

Community-based ministries (such as, 50+, Knights of Columbus, Mother’s Group, Young Adults, etc.) (176)

Music-based ministries (such as, choirs, instrumental, etc.) (61)

Liturgical-based ministries for adults (such as, Albs and Altar Linens, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Liturgy Committee, Wedding Coordinators, etc.) (137)

Liturgical-based ministries for children (such as, altar servers, Children’s Liturgy of the Word, etc.) (70)

Faith Formation for adults (such as, small groups, JustFaith, RCIA, etc.) (181)

Faith Formation for children (such as, catechists, high school youth ministry) (278)

Service-based ministries focused on the parish (such as, Care for Our Common Home, Meal Ministry, Racial Justice Ministry) (141)

Service-based ministries focused on the community and beyond (such as, Hypothermia Prevention Shelter, Niño Jesus, Prison Ministry, etc.) (315)

13. How much do you agree with the following statements?

	Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Undecided	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree
I have been primarily involved with ministries focused on my age group or stage of life (such as, Young Adults, Mother's Group).	85	152	212	151	49
I would like to be involved in the parish more, but I can't because of work responsibilities.	82	138	199	198	38
I would like to be involved in the parish more, but I can't because of family responsibilities.	86	177	204	150	39
SJN is a place where I can grow my faith.	18	10	59	310	282
I would consider myself a leader in the parish community.	150	260	182	58	12
I primarily come to SJN for Mass only.	111	195	83	223	62

14. If you serve the parish, how are you most active?

I am involved as a volunteer. (199)

I donate money, food, etc. (264)

I am a volunteer and I donate money, food, etc. (245)

15. If you are NOT an active ministry volunteer, what are your barriers to volunteering?

	Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Undecided	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree
I don't have enough time.	34	90	143	147	62
Ministry events conflict with my schedule.	36	90	185	154	26
There isn't a ministry that I'm interested in.	78	158	192	48	12
I don't know SJN's ministry options and opportunities.	74	181	124	100	10
I don't know how to get started and/or there don't seem to be opportunities for new volunteers.	76	148	144	110	13
I don't have childcare.	170	127	100	58	21

16. Are you happy with your level of parish involvement?

Yes, I'm involved with the parish as much as I want to and can be. (467)

No, I am involved too much and feel too busy. (7)

No, I am not involved enough and would like to be involved more. (234)

17. Among these forms of prayer, which ones would you like to explore more? (Choose all that apply)

Lectio divina (66)

Taizé (153)

Liturgy of the Hours (66)

Adoration (110)

Rosary (158)

Divine Mercy chaplet (77)

Contemplative prayer (224)

18. I wish I knew more about: (Choose all that apply)

How to grow in my faith at SJN (236)

How to serve my parish (159)

How to serve my community (237)

How to get to know people at SJN (237)

19. How familiar are you with the following?

	Not familiar at All	Somewhat Familiar	Very Familiar
Salesian spirituality	205	346	120
Catholic Social Teaching	107	363	195
Social justice initiatives at SJN	175	377	110

20. Thinking about multiculturalism, which statements do you agree with? (Choose all that apply)

I would like more bilingual/multilingual Masses. (57)

I would like more cultural Catholic celebrations (for example, Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass) (140)

I would like more general cultural celebrations (for example, meals) (220)

I think SJN is already doing a good job incorporating multiculturalism into parish life. (418)

Pandemic

22. How connected have you felt with the parish using technology (such as, electronic communications, social media, the parish website, etc.)?

I feel very connected. (190)

I feel somewhat connected. (369)

I don't feel connected at all. (120)

23. What new pandemic-related initiatives at SJN would you like to see continue after the pandemic? (choose all that apply)

Some ministry meetings, events, and programs held over video chat (such as, Zoom) 225)

Some small group faith formation held over video chat (such as, Zoom) (164)

Some livestreamed/recorded Masses (389)

Some livestreamed/recorded prayer services (218)

Electronic-only bulletin (no paper) (224)

New service opportunities

24. When will you feel most comfortable returning to in-person events at SJN?

I am currently comfortable with coming to Mass in person, but nothing else. (172)

I am currently comfortable with coming to any in-person events at SJN. (68)

I will be comfortable when the most vulnerable populations are vaccinated. (58)

I will be comfortable when any adult who wants the vaccine is vaccinated. (143)

I will be comfortable when children under 16 are vaccinated. (51)

I will be comfortable when I am vaccinated, regardless of who else is vaccinated (87)

I will be comfortable when COVID-19 cases are below a certain point, regardless of vaccination distribution. (126)

Communications

25. How do you consume news and information?

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Very Often
Print sources (print newspapers, newsletters, books, etc.)	36	121	187	163	167
Electronic articles, blogs, e-newsletters, etc.	12	35	137	252	244
Social media	88	107	144	136	102
Videos online	49	128	224	120	54
TV (traditional or web-based)	22	77	154	204	125
Podcasts and audiobooks	123	141	158	98	50
Apps	80	129	163	117	78

26. How would you prefer to receive information about parish life? (Choose all that apply)

paper bulletin (163)

online bulletin (348)

emailed newsletter (390)

specific emails from my ministry (171)

social media (111)

direct text (57)

parish app (124)

Other:

Stewardship: Giving

27. How do you donate financially to the church? (choose all that apply)

I give through electronic giving. (357)

I give at Mass. (356)

I give to second collections (electronically or at Mass). (224)

I give to ministry calls for donations. (165)

28. How often do you donate financially to the church?

Weekly (377)

Monthly (179)

More than once throughout the year (106)

Rarely (43)

29 How many second collections do you donate to?

All (181)

Some (414)

None (105)

30. Do you have any barriers to donating more to the church financially? (Choose all that apply)

I'm already giving as much as I can afford. (234)

I would like an easier way to donate money (such as electronically). (43)

I would like more transparency in where my money is going. (106)

Donating to the church is not important to me or I would prefer to donate my money elsewhere (27)

I don't have any barriers to donating to the church financially. (308)

31. I already take advantage of electronic giving: (Choose all that apply)

For weekly giving (312)

For second collections (84)

For ministry fundraisers and service projects (112)

I didn't know SJN had electronic giving. (91)

32. Which of the following existing financial information do you read? (Choose all that apply)

Annual report (283)

Quarterly reports (113)

Bulletin stewardship information (432)

33. What financial information would you like from SJN? (Choose all that apply)

I would like weekly numbers in the bulletin (how much money in and how it compares with our budget) (267)

I would like a detailed quarterly report about SJN finances in the bulletin. (145)

I would like a detailed quarterly presentation or video message about SJN finances. (49)

I would like a detailed annual report about SJN finances in the bulletin. (228)

I would like a detailed annual presentation or video message about SJN finances. (97)

Other:

Stewardship: Environmental

34. Which environmental initiatives do you think SJN is *already doing well*? (Choose all that apply)

Reducing its use of single-use plastics (198)

Reducing its use of paper (217)

Reducing its carbon footprint (143)

Reusing resources that SJN already has (198)

Educating parishioners about Care for Our Common Home/Laudato si' (193)

35. Which environmental initiatives could SJN be doing better? (choose all that apply)

Reducing its use of single-use plastics (79)

Reducing its use of paper (111)

Reducing its carbon footprint (90)

Reusing resources that SJN already has (76)

Educating parishioners about Care for Our Common Home/Laudato si' (147)

36. I am interested in participating in a listening session about the following parish areas:
(choose all that apply)

Stewardship (77)

Community (193)

Service (196)

Formation (94)

Worship (108)

(Please note that free-form questions have been removed, but that the multiple-choice questions have remained numbered as they were in the original survey.)