



The parish survey is now complete and available online by visiting our website www.saintjohntheevangelist.com and clicking the “Parish Survey” link. The survey is completely non-intrusive and very easy to complete. It took me only six minutes to complete my survey. We ask that every member of every household complete the survey. Yes, this includes your children also as they may have different views than their parents. Remember, this is YOUR opportunity to convey YOUR thoughts as to how you feel the parish is performing and where you would like to see us move in the future. Although 100% participation is only a dream, we would like to buck the trend and greatly exceed 50% participation which is what the experts claim to be a viable sample.

We are making a concerted effort this weekend to give every parish family the opportunity to fill out the information card which has been published the last several weeks in our bulletin. We once again ask that you please fill out the card (which will be in your pew) so that we may update our records and obtain your email address. With your information, we will directly email you the link to the parish survey so that you may simply click and answer the questions. You may also visit our website and find the survey link there. For those of you with no internet access or capability, there will be a hard copy of the survey offered in an upcoming bulletin. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in completing the information card. Please write legibly as the email addresses are very important in our attempt to create enhanced communication with you all.

For those of you that read our parish bulletin on a weekly basis, you are most likely amazed (or disenchanted) at the amount of content. The size of the bulletin has grown exponentially over that past several years and at times, our weekly publication reads like a novel. We are constantly inundated with requests to include solicitations for anything and everything. The number of requests has quite frankly spun out of control. We are implementing a new policy for inclusion of advertisements in our bulletin. If the advertisement is not affiliated directly with a ministry of St. John the Evangelist or directly supporting one of our parish ministries, we will not include the advertisement or solicitation in our bulletin. We trust that you will understand and appreciate the need for this new policy.

Many of you have commented and/or complained over the past several years at the “market” that often exists outside of the church front doors during the weekend Masses. In the past there has been any number of ministries soliciting their goods before and after Mass. We are going to do our best to limit this activity to no more than one ministry per week so that our parishioners are not inundated when they leave Mass. Peter Heaney (Director of Community Life) will be responsible for coordinating any ministry activity taking place outside of Mass. You may email Peter at Peter@saintjohntheevangelist.com to coordinate your weekend.

Since 1998, I have been present outside of Mass on SuperBowl Sunday selling “squares” in preparation for the big game. I will once again be selling my wares this Sunday and look forward to seeing you all before and after Mass. The cost for a square is \$5 or \$10. Over the past 12 years, I have made winners out of many of you so please stop by and see me. The proceeds from this year’s Super Bowl Party will be used to benefit our Youth Ministry program. For the party on Sunday, doors open at 5:00 pm and game time is tentatively slated for 6:18 pm. You may still purchase tickets for the party on game day.

Next Saturday (February 13th) we will host a Parish Ministry meeting in the Ballroom of the PLC at 1:00 pm. Have you designated a lead representative from your ministry to attend? If your ministry wishes to be recognized as a ministry of St. John the Evangelist, we expect representation at this meeting. I look forward to meeting with these representatives and better understanding the many facets of all of our parish ministries.

In His work together,

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