

## DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX SURVEY

Discover what makes the people of Our Lady Queen of Peace parish unique in our journey of faith.



### Our Lady Queen of Peace At A Glance

**257**

Total number of surveys completed, representing **87% of the 296 mass going parishioners**

**32%**

Men who completed the DMI

**68%**

Women who completed the DMI

**73%**

Age 56 and older who completed the DMI

**17%**

Parents of school age children completed the survey

**774**

Total number of registered families at our parish.



**ALL THINGS NEW**  
STEADFAST IN FAITH • FORWARD IN HOPE

### What is the DMI?

This past Spring, parishioners here at Our Lady Queen of Peace and across the Archdiocese of St. Louis were invited to share their thoughts, reflect on their spiritual growth as well as provide parish leadership with invaluable insight regarding their parish's strengths and opportunities through a survey, the Disciple Maker Index (DMI). The DMI survey is designed to capture information regarding attitudes and beliefs, relationship and satisfaction, participation, and demographics using a quantitative tool that can be used for benchmarking and trending information.



Based on the average October Sunday Mass count from 2015-2021, about 60% of Mass-going Catholics participated in the DMI Survey. This is above the national average for other dioceses who have taken the DMI nationwide. Scan here to see the rest of the archdiocesan-wide results!

### Our Community

Last spring our parish had the opportunity to participate in the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey. More than 257 adults in our parish took the time to give their feedback. The national participation average is between 7-10 percent, so this puts Our Lady Queen of Peace above the national average.

The Disciple Maker Index contained 75-questions designed to provide an opportunity for parishioners to reflect on their individual spiritual growth and overall parish effectiveness.



*This was a very rewarding project because it engaged all the parishioners to be very candid about their beliefs, their faith and their incredibly positive views of OLQP parish life.*

*Larry Giovanni, parishioner*



# KEY FINDINGS

Our Lady Queen of Peace helps people grow closer to Jesus

*Thank you to the 87% of our Mass-going parishioners who took time to take the DMI. The survey verified the beauty of our parish family along with areas for growth. As a parish, 91% strongly believe that Jesus died and rose again, 85% believe that the Eucharist is the true body and blood of Jesus, and 88% believe that Holy Scripture is the living Word of God.*

## SPIRITUAL GROWTH

**Key Finding:**

**66%** take time for prayer daily  
**72%** go to confession one or more times a year  
**79%** are growing spiritually in their faith  
**70%** believe the parish helps them grow spiritually  
**64%** participate in a Bible study/prayer group at least once a year

**Areas for growth:**

Look for ways to engage the **28%** who never go to Confession.

## TRUE PRESENCE

**Key Finding:**

**85%** believe in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist  
**64%** worship at Eucharistic Adoration at least a couple of times a year  
**89%** attend Mass at least weekly (9% go to Mass daily)  
**53%** agreed that the Mass helped them grow spiritually

**Areas for growth:**

Research ways other parishes have fostered spiritual growth and increased Mass attendance.

## SERVICE

**Key Finding:**

**83%** agreed we are a welcoming parish  
**73%** say that music helps deepen their participation at Mass  
**86%** believe we do a good job in communication  
**85%** think we have ample opportunities to serve the community  
**Over 90%** are involved in at least one ministry  
**Area for growth:** Since we had very few youth and young adults take the survey, we will do listening sessions with them to find ways to better service them.

Stay connected to the results and learn more at <<your parish website>>.



## KEY STATS

I would recommend my parish to a friend: **75%**



### Personal Faith Life:

43%: My relationship with Jesus Christ is the most important relationship in my life.

36%: I have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and am growing as a disciple.

19%: Practice my Catholic faith, but do not know Jesus personally like a friend.

2%: I consider myself Catholic, though faith is not a significant part of my life.



### SUPPORT IN UNDERSTANDING SCRIPTURE:

49% AGREE      33% NEITHER AGREE OR DISAGREE      18% DISAGREE

### FORMING AS A DISCIPLE:

67% AGREE      24% NEITHER AGREE OR DISAGREE      9% DISAGREE

### VIBRANT MASSES:

53% AGREE      22% NEITHER AGREE OR DISAGREE      26% DISAGREE

### PARISH HELPS MY PRAYER LIFE:

66% AGREE      24% NEITHER AGREE OR DISAGREE      10% DISAGREE

## *Our Lady Queen of Peace*

*Through the guidance of the Blessed Mother, we  
strive to help others to know, love and serve our  
God and each other.*

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Thanks to everyone who took time to fill out the DMI report. The results show that a lot of individuals, from our parish, took time to fill it out.

It says in our welcome letter on our WEB, that this parish is a community of believers and a spiritual family that is supportive and loving. It can be a place to grow spiritually, to put your faith in action, and to use your gifts of time and talent as disciples of Christ. The results from the survey shows that individuals feel welcome. The survey verified the beauty of our parish family along with areas for growth. As a parish, 91% strongly believe that Jesus died and rose again, 85% believe that the Eucharist is the true body and blood of Jesus, and 88% believe that Holy Scripture is the living Word of God.

Very good and what a blessing we are to each other. We do need to work on reaching out to younger families, but I know that we got some great things going already.

Father Dennis Schmidt  
Pastor, Our Lady Queen of Peace, House Springs

### **NEXT STEPS**

- DMI results have been reviewed and considered among other information to draw conclusions about the current state of the parish and parish life.
- We are awaiting further information on All Thing New from the St. Louis Archdiocese. More information will be available at the end of August.
- Listening sessions will be scheduled in our parish in October (TBD) to hear your feedback on the All Things New strategic plan presented by the Archdiocese.
- Once we know the plan, we will continue to meet to work on the Parish Purpose Statement, Values and Goals.
- The parishioners will be informed of our progress.