What is the Disciple Maker Index?

The Disciple Maker Index (DMI) is a survey tool that has been developed with the input from a broad range of Catholic pastoral and lay leaders. The DMI specifically provides insight into spiritual growth for a parish, with a focus on:

- Attitude and beliefs
- Relationship and satisfaction
- Participation
- Demographic

St. David DMI results are based on the survey responses received from 395 of our parishioners. This represents about 20% of our registered members (which is a great result for a survey!). We are especially thrilled that we had responses across ALL age groupings.

Well done and thank you!

Message from Fr. Windle

I would like to thank all of you who took part in the Disciple Maker Index earlier this year. This survey was an early step in the Next Generation Parish initiative of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The survey helped us to take account of our current parish community as we plan for future generations. Presented here is a summary of our parish results. I want to thank the Envisioning Team who have been working hard these past few months summarizing our results and identifying areas of growth for the parish.

The Disciple Maker Index results aid us in discerning areas of growth for St. David Parish. Through these opportunities, we will continue to cultivate St. David as a place of praise & worship, a place of hope, and a community of faith for the next 100 years. We appreciate your continued prayers and look forward to sharing more information over the coming months.

Our Envisioning Team has been meeting and working together since September, reviewing the survey data and other inputs. What will come from this process will be our Parish Vision Statement, our Parish Values Statement, and our Parish Priorities for the next phase of the Next Generation Parish Experience. To stay up to date on our progress, please feel free to check our webpage regularly www.stdavidparish.org/next-gen.
**What have we learned so far?**

Our DMI Survey results have provided insight into the strengths of St. David as a parish as well as areas of opportunity for growth. We realize that some of the data points that we share may seem intimidating. However, we also recognize that we each are on our own journey in our relationship with God – we are not always on the same path nor the same timetable.

*What is important is that we recognize our unified goal of growing closer to God.*

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**Growing Our Faith**

Many of us want to grow spiritually and continue to practice the Catholic faith. We also see a great opportunity to better understand our Catholic faith and expand its role in our daily lives.

- **67%** would like to grow more in our faith
- **35%** have never been to confession
- **35%** practice Catholic devotions, such as praying the Rosary and novenas
- **67%** believe the Eucharist is the Body and Blood of Christ
- **83%** pray weekly as an individual
- **35%** pray weekly with someone else
- **46%** have never invited someone to Mass
- **26%** believe St. David provides opportunities to serve those in need

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**Spiritual Experience**

Diving deeper in our faith provides an opportunity to grow a stronger relationship with Christ and share the experience with others.

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Our Core Beliefs put into practice will allow us to cultivate our faith and grow our confidence to exercise our leadership helping others to grow in their own spiritual experience.