

Ss. Mary and Joseph Church

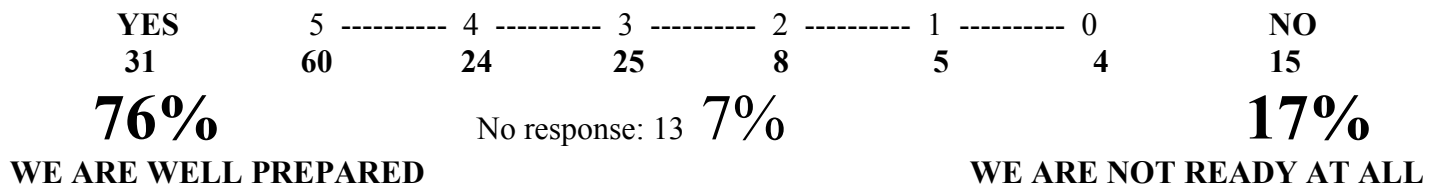
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Sunday Mass Times Survey RESULTS

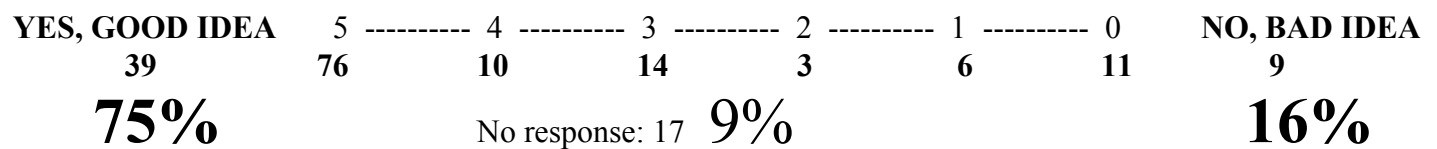
The results are in from our Mass Times Survey on June 7th & 8th! One hundred eighty-five surveys were completed and counted in time for the Tuesday, June 10 pastoral council meeting where the following results were presented:

On the front page, the desire was for users to circle a number from 0 to 5 indicating the strength of their preference. A significant number of people simply circled “yes” or “no” instead. Because the instructions were not clear data has been compiled as “YES” or “NO”, a YES vote meaning a circle around “YES” or 5, 4, or 3 and a NO vote meaning a circle around “NO” or 2, 1, or 0.

Question: From your perspective looking at the parish today, would having two Sunday Masses be beneficial to parish life? Rather than focusing on personal preferences or convenience, please consider whether in your estimation we have the personnel (priests and lay ministries), the resources, the community support, and the actual need to have two Masses on Sunday Morning. (circle one)



Proposal: If we were to add a second Sunday Morning Mass, in order to provide opportunities for adult faith formation, youth ministries, and fellowship at a convenient time for parishioners, and in order to build up the parish community, Sunday Mass times will be set to **8am** and **10:30am**, allowing approximately 1 hour between Masses in order to offer this programming. (circle one number, 0 through 5)



Alternate Times for Proposal: With the same proposal, I would prefer instead **7:30am** and **10:00am**. (circle)



Based on these results, it seems that there is a strong consensus for having a second Sunday Morning Mass. While most respondents seem to agree that having a little extra time between Masses for educational activities is a “good idea”, there is less agreement on the exact times for these activities. Thus, planning to have second Mass is underway. We will add an 8am Mass, but stay with the 10am time for now, until the second Mass is established and further planning for educational programs has taken place. At some time in the future, we will likely look into adjusting the morning Mass times to allow for this educational and fellowship period.

1. If we were to discern that we are not ready for a second Sunday morning Mass at this time, or if the parish were returned to a situation where it would be necessary to share a the services of its priest (which meant only one Sunday morning Mass were possible), what ‘start’ time on Sunday morning would best benefit the parish and its people? (circle ONE ONLY)

<u>8:00am</u>	<u>8:30am</u>	<u>9:00am</u>	<u>9:30am</u>	<u>10:00am</u>	<u>10:30am</u>	<u>11:00am</u>	<u>no preference</u>
29	5	74	19	42	1	0	8
16%	3%	40%	10%	23%	1%	0%	4%

Not counted (more than one time selected) = 7 (4%)

The distribution of responses seem to favor the 9am time slot, if it should be necessary to have only one Mass on Sunday morning. If we should have to go back to a single Mass, another survey will be taken to confirm this finding.

2. If the parish returned to the situation where it would be necessary to share the services of its priest with another parish or parishes, would you be willing to see the Saturday evening (5:00pm) Mass moved to the mission parish in order to have two Sunday Masses in Carlinville? (circle one)

<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO PREFERENCE</u>
36	114	35
19%	62%	19%

Given a choice between dropping the Saturday night Mass or the second Sunday Mass, if necessary, it seems that there is a consensus that we should not drop the Saturday night Mass.

3. Instead of a second Sunday Mass in the morning, would you be personally interested and would you personally attend a Sunday evening Mass between the hours of 3:00 - 6:00pm? (circle one)

<u>YES, ALL THE TIME</u>	<u>SOMETIMES</u>	<u>RARELY</u>	<u>NEVER</u>	<u>DON'T KNOW</u>
6	52	73	31	15
3%	28%	39%	17%	8%

No answer: 8 (4%)

It seems that there is not enough support to have a regular Sunday night Mass. By the large indication of “sometimes” and “rarely”, it seems that those who would go would do so as a secondary choice to another established Mass time, which would result in a Sunday evening Mass simply being a ‘convenience’ rather than an integral part of the parish liturgical life.

The following questions are for informational purposes only and do not necessarily imply an intention or plan for any additional changes in the Mass schedule.

- A. I would like to have evening Mass times available one or two days a week for Daily Mass so that I could attend. (circle)
 YES: 44 (24%) NO: 38 (21%) N/A: I Don't Attend Daily Mass: 80 (43%) No Answer: 8 (4%)

- B. What is the best (year-around) time for Saturday evening Mass? (circle ONE ONLY)

4:00pm: 24 (13%)	4:30pm: 12 (6%)	5:00pm: 115 (62%)	5:30pm 8 (4%)	6:00pm 4 (2%)
after 6:00pm 0 (0%)	No Preference/No Answer: 18 (9%)	Rejected (multiple answers): 4 (2%)		

- C. I would personally be interested in attending a “Farmer’s Mass” very early on Sunday morning (between 5:00am and 6:30am) during planting and/or harvesting season. (circle)

YES: 16 (9%) NO: 87 (47%) NO PREFERENCE (or no answer): 82 (44%)

- D. Separate from the regular Sunday schedule, I would be interested in having the “extraordinary form” of Mass (1962 Traditional Latin “Tridentine” Mass) available in the parish. I would personally attend: (circle one)

<u>OFTEN (weekly)</u>	<u>SOMETIMES (monthly)</u>	<u>OCCASIONALLY (1-3 times/year)</u>	<u>NEVER</u>	<u>NO PREFERENCE</u>
2 (1%)	32 (17%)	63 (34%)	62 (34%)	25 (14%)

- E. Separate from the regular Sunday schedule, I would be interested in having Mass in Spanish available in the parish. I would personally attend: (circle one)

<u>OFTEN (weekly)</u>	<u>SOMETIMES (monthly)</u>	<u>OCCASIONALLY (1-3 times/year)</u>	<u>NEVER</u>	<u>NO PREFERENCE</u>
1 (1%)	5 (3%)	25 (13%)	120 (65%)	34 (18%)