

Adult Formation Survey 2024



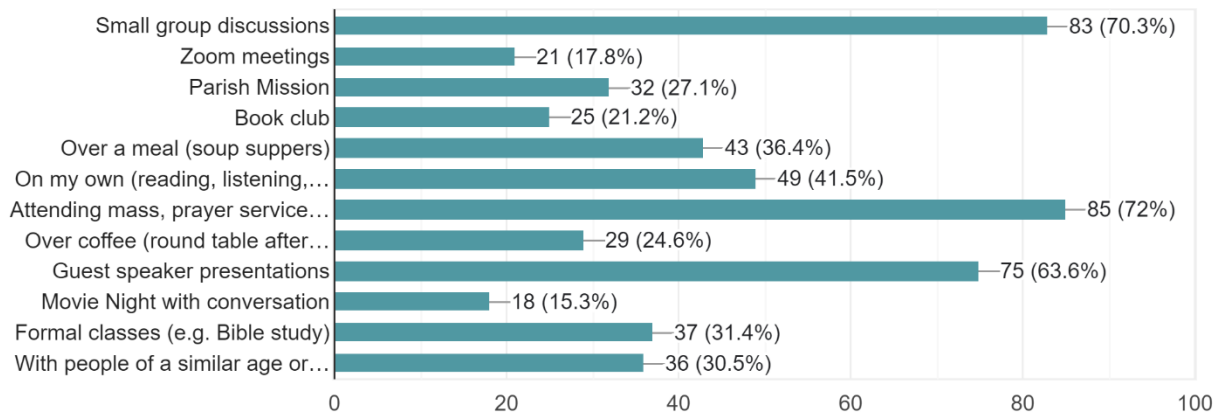
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Adult Formation Committee



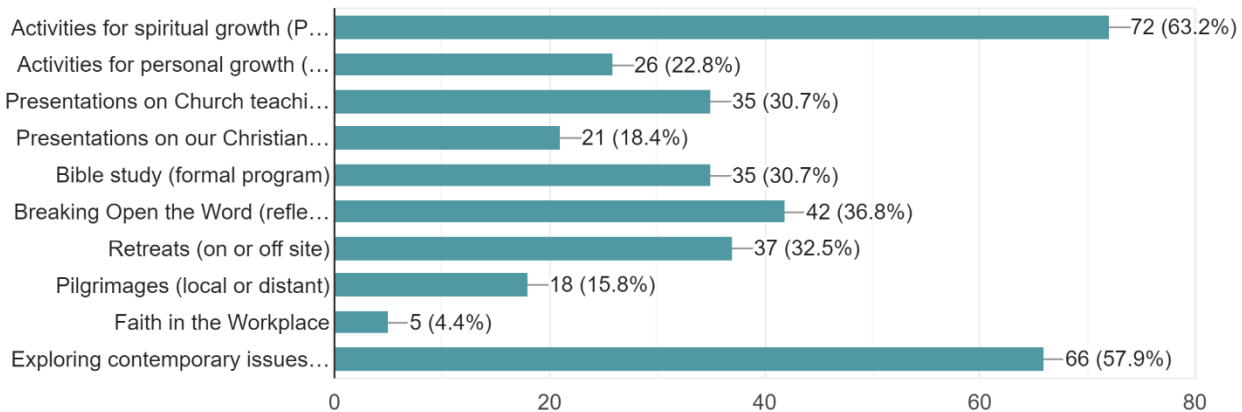
1. Preferred format to engage in personal growth or enrichment. (Check all that apply)

118 responses



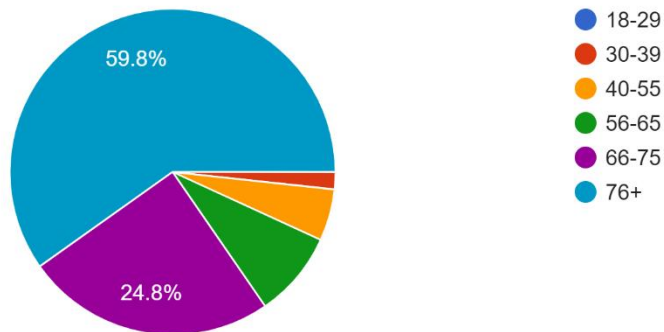
2. Things that would help me most at this time in my life. (Check all that apply)

114 responses



3. Check age range as they apply to you:

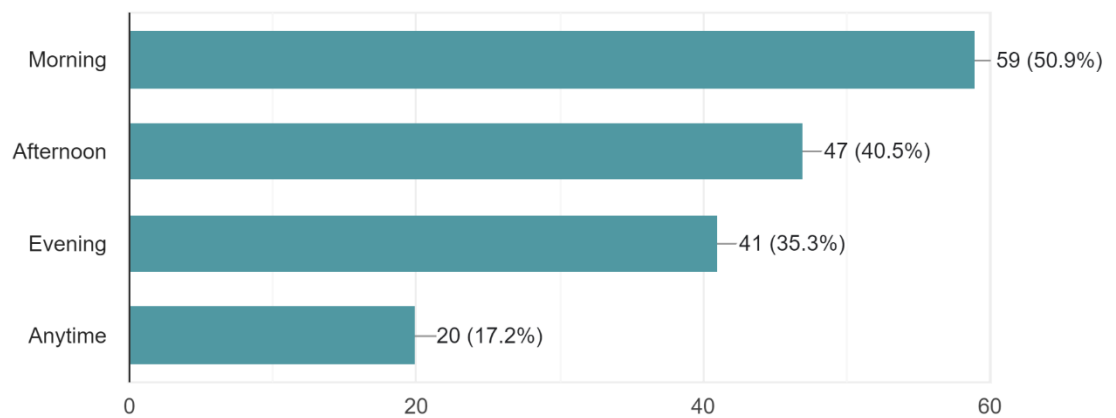
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Age Group	Responses
18-29	0
30-39	2
40-55	6
56-65	10
65-75	29
76+	70

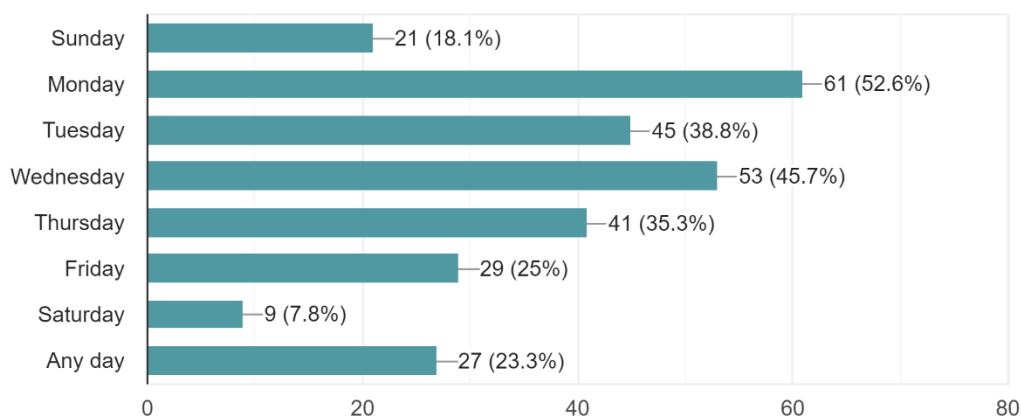
4. Time of day I am most likely available to attend programs or enrichment opportunities: (check all that apply)

116 responses



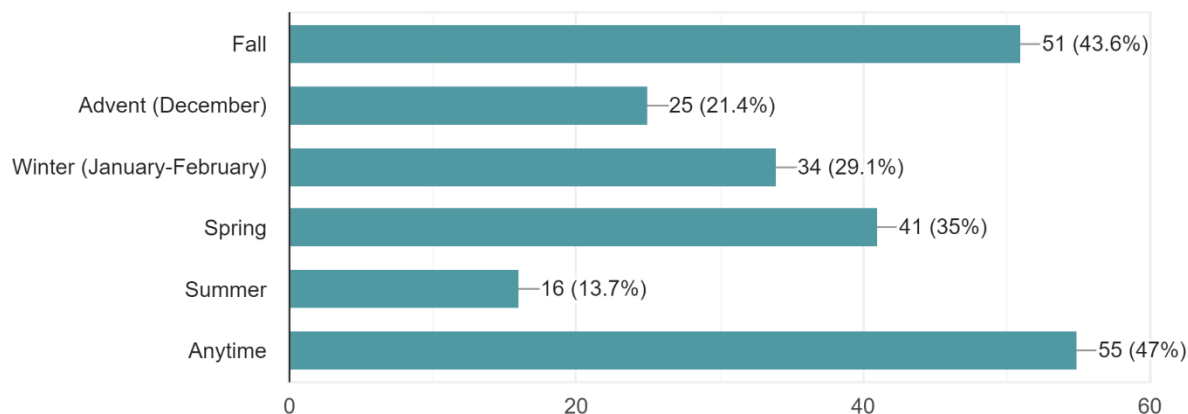
5. Day of the Week (check all that apply)

116 responses



6. Season of the Year: (Check all that apply)

117 responses



7. Here are some additional suggestions not previously mentioned:

27 responses

1. Parish wide program like "Welcome" from Dynamic Catholic
2. Possible parenting classes, especially with a focus on spiritual growth, and faith sharing
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4. I would love to learn about contemporary theology.
5. On Sunday between Masses only. Weekends for an occasional retreat.
6. Presidential Politics, Environmental Issues, Hunger in the Ville, Christ in Our Decision Making
7. Something on Sunday between the masses
8. In my opinion you have it covered. Thank you.
9. Mindfulness or other meditation training and practice; Church history, esp. transformational teachings, Councils, schisms and their causes.

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10. Group visits to Spirituality Center (Newburg Rd,) Gethsemane, Nazareth campus (Bardstown)
 11. The format offered through SoulLife has been invaluable in my adult formation, especially as a person in their mid 60's. The traditional formative offerings (sacraments, liturgy, scripture studies, church teachings, etc) were important in building the foundations of my faith and living out of that faith, some are still a part of my ongoing formation. (Richard Rohr often speaks about this). Other offerings that were formative no longer feed growth, some no longer in synch with new medical and scientific advances and learning. Some are no longer viable and some hurtful. At some point if we are to continue to grow spiritually and not become static, we have to be willing to recognize the importance of our early formation and the awareness that our adult formation is ongoing, with new understandings of and ways of looking at earlier teachings. If we are to live into the fullness of our true self, we need to be challenged to go deeper, listen more inclusively, and allow our individual spiritual foundation to be fed, nurtured and receptive to continual growth. SoulLife has used resources over the years that have been helpful in paying attention not only to the wisdom of our tradition, including the great Mystics, but also the voices of those on the front line, the cutting edge of Catholic theology. Not in a book study way, but receiving the resources experientially. Because of this format, which didn't really fit neatly in the above survey, I have not only gone deeper in my understanding of who I am and how I can live into the fullness of my own true nature, but I can embrace the wisdom of some of our greatest teachers as well as hear the voices of our current theologians. For me this has made me feel more, not less connected to our tradition. Personally, I would love to see more offerings like the SoulLife program, or programs that invite participants to be challenged and invited to not be rigid but instead inclusive and expansive. The prayer forms and offerings listed in the survey definitely have their place in our community and for many offer rich nourishment and a broader understanding of how rich our tradition is; but as a parish honoring our early founding visions, additional offerings that continually open awareness of ourselves and how we live in this world, and help connect us to where Catholic theology is inviting us, may help us come together with a more loving understanding of ourselves and a willingness to accept and embrace those around us who come more aware of who they are as well. Legistically this would be a staffing nightmare, but my hope is that in all of the offerings that our parish community has which are a part of our own ongoing adult spiritual formation we look forward when we plan, present in ways that invite us to experience that offering more deeply, and provide opportunities for sharing and listening to expand our understandings rather than entrench them.
 12. I would be in favor of a mission, depending on who it is. Last one was not good.
 13. A study of cosmology and evolution and how they impact our understanding of God. A study of the mystics, such as Julian of Norwich, Meister Eckhart, etc.
 14. None
 15. **Inter-generational opportunities-spiritual/service/social **gathering parishioners of similar age from local parishes: St. Bernadette, St. Albert the Great, and St. Margaret Mary for spiritual, service, and social opportunities.
 16. We especially enjoy small groups- we think that is the future for our faith
 17. I enjoy Bible studdies, soup suppers, and round table discussion but right now my time is limited due to my wife's health and mobility problems.
 18. Mornings: Weekends only
 19. Please consider having bible study another day. Monday is the worst day.
 20. Conversations about doubts on issues and faith beliefs that the Church teaches. Taking classes at UofL. How to struggle w/ our questions, provokes questions. e.g Is J son of G or God? Why did Jesus die -- to redeem us from our sins or because of some other reason. INRI on the crucifix.

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21. A woman's retreat. Study women in both testaments. Study Vat II documents. Workshops on different aspects of family life, Workshops on different ways of praying.
 22. Start an Epiphany podcast about these topics!
 23. I think they are covered very nicely. Thank you for this opportunity.
 24. Love the Dynamic Catholic books given for Easter & Christmas to every person who wants one. Please continue that gift from Epiphany. Lots of people of all ages like them & read them!!!
 25. Timely issues of today!
 26. Offerings that explore values and how faith, scripture and tradition can inform our choices and decisions regarding how we live day to day, how they can help us work with difficult complex and divisive issues, and how we can live out our mission as people of God.
 27. Growing closer to Jesus: Contemplative - how to do this well, as many saints did. Early Morning time studies &/or discussion works too; solo, or with 1-3 others. What brings us closer to the heart of Jesus and His Love, Kindness, Compassion, Mercy & Forgiveness. This in turn provides a grounding for studying Catholic Social Teaching and putting this CST into practice. How to become one who lives simply that others might simply live. These are much needed to counter our fast paced, technocratic, pleasure-seeking, pain avoiding, materialistic, narcissistic, immoral culture's influence on ourselves. How do we deal with suffering & troubles in a way which forms solidarity with Jesus and His suffering for 8 billion sinners' salvation; but which doesn't "seek to manipulate" God. How do we live in a way which draws unchurched people to Jesus, as Jesus drew people to Himself? How do we become Humble, Obedient, & Loving people that Jesus loves to utilize toward His kingdom purposes. How do we learn to trust God in everything. How do we learn to sincerely welcome all sinners like Jesus did, yet without welcoming/encouraging their sin. How do we help friends in habitual/lifestyle sins from which are difficult to just leave, eg homosexual civil unions, heterosexual cohabitation - do you help them address their easier sins to build momentum toward Jesus and His help addressing their more difficult ones; or the other way, most-difficult/mortal sins first? How to love people like Jesus does when life is "messy"?