

Hey St. Clare –

What's the SPIRITUAL TEMPERATURE of our PARISH?

Now it's time to *savor* the results!

SPIRITUAL COMMITMENT – AVERAGE

The last few weeks we looked at *Member Engagement*, our sense of belonging at St. Clare. This week we look at the 9 items of *Spiritual Commitment*. Remember that the Youth Survey scores were compiled by Kevin Mosher (thanks Kevin!); Gallup's averages do not include Youth responses.

Topline, we can look at the “GrandMean” – the average of the averages for each of the 9 *Spiritual Commitment* Items:

St. Clare GrandMean – 4.10

National Catholic GrandMean – 4.10

National (all churches) GrandMean – 4.12

Youth of St. Clare GrandMean – 3.4

The 75th percentile GrandMean of all churches is 4.21. In other words, in order to be in the top 25% of all churches, we would need a *Spiritual Commitment* GrandMean of 4.21 and ours is 4.10. You've told us that our *Spiritual Commitment* is about average.

To begin to *catch the fever* for *Spiritual Commitment*, we plan to highlight the 9 *Spiritual Commitment* items during Lent; part of increasing *Spiritual Commitment* may be asking the questions of ourselves. Also, in the very near future we will begin a dialogue around each item of *Member Engagement*. Gallup's research shows that building *Member Engagement* also increases *Spiritual Commitment*.

Spiritual Commitment Items

	<i>Averages are on a scale from 1 (strongly disagree) to 5 (strongly agree). For example, 3.96 is closer to strongly agree than strongly disagree.</i>	National Catholic Average	St. Clare Average	Youth Average (17 surveys)
C01	I spend time in worship or prayer every day.	3.77	3.74	2.6
C02	My faith is involved in every aspect of my life.	3.91	3.88	2.8
C03	Because of my faith, I have forgiven people who have hurt me deeply.	4.01	3.96	3.4
C04	Because of my faith, I have meaning and purpose in my life.	4.31	4.34	4.0
C05	My faith has called me to develop my given strengths.	4.03	4.09	3.3
C06	I will take unpopular stands to defend my faith.	4.08	4.09	3.8
C07	My faith gives me an inner peace.	4.33	4.39	3.6
C08	I speak words of kindness to those in need of encouragement.	4.40	4.38	4.2
C09	I am a person who is spiritually committed.	4.06	4.06	3.3

Here's what you told us about outcomes....

Overall I am extremely **satisfied** with the way things are going in my personal life.

National Catholic 3.98

St. Clare 3.94

In the last month, I have **invited** someone to participate in my parish.

National Catholic 2.28

St. Clare 2.36

Weekly volunteer hours (**servicing**):

Less than 3 3 or more

National Catholic 81% 19%

St. Clare 73% 27%

Annual **giving**:

< \$2,000 >=\$2,000

National Catholic 75% 25%

St. Clare 67% 33%