

## St. Benedict survey results

What mass do you attend regularly?

12 survey' from the 0800 mass

50 survey's received from the 0930 mass

1 survey received for both masses

	Average	Good
<b>Overall benefit of the Mass to you?</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>Sermons</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>Length of Mass</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>Music</b>		<b>51</b>

**Suggestions:**

**How can sermons be improved?**

It's all good! Thank you and God Bless you all!

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| I don't know   | Relate to everyday life                |
| Short and to the point   | The sermons are ok                     |
| Peace and goodwill   | Keep the style of involving the people |
| Sermons are a little off track   | Q & A time after sermone topic         |
| Relate the sermons to the scriptures   | Stick to the Gospel                    |
| Sermons are easy to understand and asks if have questions                                      |  |
| Current things and how they impact our life and relate to the gospel                           |  |
| Take out the personal views  | What should be the topic of sermons?   |
| Sometime can be a little shorter   | Teach on our faith                     |
| Keep it easily adaptable   | Open                                   |
| Should be God inspired   | Shorter-too long                       |
| Stick toGospel/Epistle   | Readings related to today's issues     |
| Give assignment for the week   | Apply homily to everyday situations    |
| Relate to our daily living and highlight the take home message                                 |  |
| Stick to scripture make it all about Christ not anything else unless related (not individuals) |  |

Break it down a bit more so people can understand better  
 More stronger message like when the deacon reads the gospel  
 Topic of sermons are ok                      Current Events  
 Use the missalette                              Scriptual if nothing  
 Every day living                                How we live today in relation to the topic  
 The Gospel-words of Jesus you will never go wrong  
 What's going on in the community and the world. But not the community most of the time.  
 Relate the sermons to the scriptures      Take key point of the gospel and make it relevant  
 These are hard times                         Combocurrent events and explanation of the gospel  
 Just what you are doing, tying the readings Faithfulness, sin, purpose  
 Strictly what's in the missalette          Applicable to living  
 Be on the readings or on ther topics that pertain to the church  
 All topics that concern people in these times from A to Z  
 Should be God inspired                      What ever the Gospel is pertaining to  
 Today's troubles like how to be happy    Relate to my life, relationships  
 Family relationships                         God, faith, faithfulness, love, family always a lesson  
 Bible of current events                        Things that pertain to the mass  
 Gospel/Epistle                                 Scripture readings and translate to everyday life  
 Love of self and others as Jesus would like us to  
 Teach us about the God within us        Gospel as it applies to today's situations  
 Life strife, trials and tribulations and hope    How to share love, giving & living a christian life daily  
 Families, relationships, spouses and their children  
 Parenting, contraceptics and church teaching  
 Focus on Catholic responsibility

## Recommend how music can be improved?

Our music is good	Not Sure
The music is all ready good	People singing louder with more conviction
A different leader	Provide the lyrics so we can sing too
Selections are good with a new selection introduced every now and then	
Let people rejoice in their own way- clapping, crying or just saying amern sometimes.	
It's good the way it is	
Quiet and reverence during communion, more community singing, songs people know.	
Incorporate a mix of music to the Gospel songs	
Encourage others to join the choir, member of the church sing with the choir	
Shorter song after communion-need silence not clapping	
More praise and worship	Music supplement the theme of readings
Have the organ in use	Keep it light and not loud

## How can mass be improved to enhance your spiritual growth?

mass is ok	Not sure	Reverence
I like it overall for my spiritual growth		Say it so I can understand
Longer than needed		Stay on point
Train altar attendants to participate in the mass		
Altar boys		The mass is uplifting as is
Education/teaching of the sacrifice of the mass-Rubrics/old testament/new testament		
Talk about how the sermon relates in our life today		
More mediation time		More bible
Do a mass		Bible Studies, follow up assignments
More unity in the church		Church memebers should not be so divided
Encourage individual participation		Focus on the presence of God
Center on mass and not prasing individuals		
Encourage devotions to saints, talk about the lives of seven saints for the week		
Less distractions- take children away during the gosel and homily		

## **Other Comments :**

**When we said the Creed after each major part church members should say I believe and not just go through the motions.**

**Put the Statue of the Holy Mother back on the alter.**

**Do more traditional songs sometimes**

**Leave things alone.**

**We all need to take more ownership in our parish**

**Get kids more involved**

**I enjoy church very much**

**Bring back the old Jesus statue**

**These services and Fr. Ken are the only reason I continue to even try to struggle with our troubled church**

**The sermons are the highlight of my week.**

**Let announcements happen without fear or guilt.**

**The cryroom needs to be used more**

**I 'm praying for St. Benedict's**

**Let's just enjoy the Masses and leave it alone. Let's stop te bickering and try to improve on St. Benedict's.**

**Some of the best sermons where when attending funerals**

**What is the church doing about the future plans of St. Benedicts What is the 5-yr plan?**

**Great job, keep up the good work. God has blessed us.**

**Continue asking for money contributions to enhance our church**

**One Mass to pull the parish together**

**Thanks to Fr. Ken for his ministring to our church and community. Thanks to the finance committee for pulling us thru the year.**

**Fr. Ken makes you feel special and I have been healed in this church and I know God holds this church close to his heart. Thank you**

**Involve other members other than the Knights and Ladies of Peter Claver.**

**Skip announcements after communion.**

**Focus on unity too much church division**