

The St Therese Faith Formation Committee conducted a survey in February 2010 to gather information from the parish about current and possible future faith formation opportunities for parishioners. **Thank you** to all who responded to the Faith Formation Committee survey. Here are some highlights of the results.

Children's Ministries – These are ministries for children who are pre-Kindergarten through 5th grade. You are satisfied with the preparation our children get for First Reconciliation and First Communion and their knowledge of Catholic teachings. One area you felt needed improvement was providing service opportunities for our children within the Sioux Falls community. Many of you sung the praises of Bridget Dahlin, our K-5 Religious Education Director, and the volunteers involved in children's ministries.

Youth Ministries – These are ministries for youth who are in 6th through 12th grade. You said this program's strongest point was the service opportunities our youth have in assisting with Mass ministries and religious education of younger students. You told us the Confirmation program needs improvement. You also told us more information is needed about diocesan opportunities like summer camp, World Youth Day, and SEARCH retreats. You want more service opportunities for youth within the Sioux Falls community and on mission trips.

Adult Ministries – You told us communication about activities that are available at St Therese Parish needs to improve. You said you were most interested in learning more about the Bible and our Catholic faith. You also want more activities centered around the seasons of Lent, Easter, Advent, and Christmas. Other areas of greatest interest you identified were having a motivational speaker, a Bible study, and a family movie night.

Vocations Ministries – This ministry involves more than just encouraging the call to the priesthood and religious life and supporting our priests and religious. We all have a calling to grow in holiness no matter our life situation. You pointed out that most of the opportunities for faith growth in our parish revolve around children and youth. You expressed the need for more opportunities for adults to grow in holiness.

Some of the common threads seen throughout the whole survey were a desire for:

- better communication about available opportunities to grow in faith
- more knowledge about the Bible
- more adult learning opportunities
- more service opportunities within the Sioux Falls community
- more social events

A paper copy of the survey is available for parishioners at the parish offices. Please ask one of the staff for assistance. Please contact Faith Formation Committee Co-Chairs Michelle Pellman (582-2525) or Twyla Steinberger (339-9882) with specific questions concerning survey results. **Again, thank you very much to all who participated in the survey.** The Faith Formation Committee is currently forming goals for the coming year based on your input.