

**Mobility Access to Church Facilities:**

Is the parking area convenient and easily used by people with mobility impairments?

Yes No

- Clearly marked reserved parking spaces
- Paved access pathway to buildings
- 4-foot wide curb cut to sidewalk

Is at least one entryway to each facility accessible to people with mobility impairments (parishioners and guests who use wheelchairs, canes, crutches, walkers or are unsteady)?

Yes No

- Ramp
- Ramp has hand rails on both sides
- Ramp has non-slip surface
- Lift device
- Elevator
- Steps have continuous hand rails
- Doors open easily or automatically
- Doors are at least 32 inches wide
- Smooth transition between doorway and floor surface

Are these areas accessible to people with mobility impairment?

Yes No

- Sanctuary
- Confessionals
- Choir area
- Parish Center
- Parish Administration Building
- Restrooms/Water fountains
- Telephones

Are there one or two pews 32" apart for use by people who use crutches or walkers?

Yes  No

Have several pews been shortened (preferably in various locations) enabling people in wheelchairs to sit with family/friends?

Yes  No

**Visual Access to Worship and Activities:**

Which of the following does our parish use to make worship and activities accessible to people with visual impairment?

Yes No

- Large print material  
(Worship aids, Hymnals, Bulletins, Newsletters, Signs)
- Braille material
- Audio cassette material
- Audio description

Are the following areas well lighted?

Yes No

- Parking area
- Approach and entryways to buildings
- Body of Church
- Sanctuary
- Parish Center

Are the facilities accessible to persons with visual impairments?

Yes No

- Free of hazardous over-hangs and protruding objects
- Clearly marked abrupt changes in level

**Other Access Issues:**

Has there been a survey or is there a place on the parish registration form to ascertain if any parishioners have allergies or chemical sensitivities to such things as the wheat host, paint, perfume, cleaning fluids, etc.?

Yes  No

Have accommodations been made to enable such persons to participate in worship?

Yes  No

**MINISTRY ACCESS:**

To your knowledge, people with disabilities serve in which of the following ministries:

<b>People with impairments of:</b>	<b>Mobility</b>	<b>Vision</b>	<b>Mental Hearing</b>	<b>Retardation</b>	<b>Other</b>
Altar Servers	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Catechist	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Eucharist Minister	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Greeters/Ushers	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Lectors	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Parish Council	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Parish Staff _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Youth Ministry	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Service Groups (K of C, Circles, Youth service groups, etc.)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Special Ministries (Bereavement, Money counters, RCIA, etc.)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

*Thank you for completing this survey!*

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**Parish Accessibility Survey**

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**Auditory Access to Worship and Activities:**

Does our parish use the following to make worship and activities accessible to people who are deaf or hard of hearing?

- |     |     |  |
|-----|-----|--|
| Yes | No  |  |
| ___ | ___ | Assistive listening devices<br>(Infrared, Audio Loop, FM System) |
| ___ | ___ | Sign / Oral interpreters   |
| ___ | ___ | Written text of verbal presentations                             |
| ___ | ___ | Captioned audiovisual materials                                  |

Are the following devices available and in working condition?

- |     |     |   |
|-----|-----|---|
| Yes | No  |   |
| ___ | ___ | A visual emergency alarm system in the Church and Parish Center                             |
| ___ | ___ | A Telephone Device for the Deaf in parish administration center and staff familiar with use |

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**AUDITORY ACCESS TO WORSHIP AND ACTIVITIES:**

Does our parish use the following to make worship and activities accessible to people with hearing impairments?

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
|                          | Yes                      | No                       |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Assistive listening devices<br>(Infrared, Audio Loop, FM System) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Sign / Oral interpreters   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Written text of verbal presentations                             |
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