

# High School FIRE Survey RESULTS

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One goal we have in our Sunday evening FIRE is that you LEARN more about our Church & our Faith.  
(head – knowledge)

Name something you learned this year about Church &/or Faith...

- Although it was because of SNL, I learned how to lead people in faith.
- I learned about Mass and how to deal with people from outside the faith.
- Yeah, well I have learned how to sing better and I loved DJs bible study groups.
- I learned to be patient. I learned the Divine Mercy Chaplet.
- That it may be a personal thing, but it helps when you surround yourself with others on the same path!
- I learned that you should not discriminate against people just because of the way some people are.
- I learned that there are many different church seasons.
- How important it is to know about your faith.
- Grow closer to my friends and the church
- Where do I begin? For one thing, I learned that Catholic means “universal”.
- About what takes place in history.
- It is important to have balance and a center in your life.
- I learned to not judge other people.
- I honestly can’t remember anything huge.
- I learned about God’s love for me.
- Throughout the year I have learned about how to become a better person.
- More about friendship with God!
- This year learning about Jesus and Modern Media opened my eyes and helped answer questions about the bible, being a Christian, and watching movies.
- The Chaplet of Divine Mercy and the Benedict’s speech on love helped me to learn more about deeper things in my faith and little aspects that are important in my life too.
- I’ve learned more about the life of Jesus and the Passion.
- I learned about how practicing my faith can affect how other people practice their faith.
- Be a leader, follow Jesus.
- I learned how to be more open with talking and sharing about my faith.
- We more reflected than learned...
- That God is always there when you need him.
- Friendship, how much you need people to be there in difficult moments.
- That we can come together and support.
- The devil will win some battles but God will always win the war.
- I learned that you should always welcome people.
- I learned how to trust God as I am going on to college next year.
- I learned to be more careful about praying and caring about God. Coming to either church or CFF weren’t only about physical presence but spiritual and emotional.
- That we are all made in Gods image.
- How to do certain things in the church.
- Where the dinosaurs fit in to the bible and how old the earth is.
- The timeline of the bible.
- Follow Jesus.
- How to save my money.
- I learned more about myself.
- I learned what the Divine Mercy Chaplet is and I also learned about the Holy Trinity.
- To accept the things you have because it’s all a gift from God.
- I have learned more about how the bible is set up and what is in it.

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Another goal we have is that you GROW in your relationship with Christ. (heart- relationships)

When you look over the past year, how have you grown in your faith life?

- Over this year, I have finally accepted Christ as my savior – that is extreme growth.
- I think I've grown because I like going to Mass more and I understand what they are talking about.
- From 8<sup>th</sup> grade to now, I have learned a ton. I am so much closer to God!
- I have grown more in my self reflection and with God.
- I have prayed more and had more to pray about.
- I've grown in my responsibility and understanding of God and my duties to him.
- I pray a lot more every night and a lot more intensely.
- Yes, at times, overall I have.
- I have definitely been more attentive to the mass and learned more by doing so.
- I have and it was great.
- I think I've grown a lot in my faith. I've learned more about the bible, and now I pray a lot more frequently.
- I have grown closer to God.
- I have learned a lot about the importance of prayer and I realized a lot about how I am often disconnected with God.
- I have started to think about the important things in life.
- I really feel like I have grown in faith because I am always look forward to church, CFF and SNL.
- I am more mature about all of it.
- I have grown through my faith through understanding and I have grown closer to him.
- Yes, I feel a ton closer to him. CFF has taught me a lot more about my faith.
- I have grown more appreciative of mass and how it teaches me. I don't glaze over what's going on.
- I have become stronger in my faith.
- This past year there have been a couple of hurdles, tough things that went on, but turning to prayer, friends and scripture have helped a lot. So, I believe I have been growing closer.
- I was a little lost in my relationship with Jesus for awhile, and by attending FIRE, slowly my relationship with him is starting to grow again.
- I've spent a lot more time at church and with God.
- I don't think so, or maybe I just haven't noticed.
- I have grown a lot this year in my faith. I was my brothers Confirmation sponsor, lead groups at retreats and strived more to volunteer in our community and help other people.
- I have become more open and outgoing in large group situations.
- I have become more involved in the Catholic faith.
- Yes, I feel closer to Jesus than ever before.
- I started going to church every Sunday, and my faith has grown a lot!
- To incorporate media of modern day into strengthening my faith like the Facebook workshop.
- I always feel closer to God on retreats and I did this year on the fall retreat.
- It grew in comparison to the years before. I have become more closer to Him by putting Him first on everything.
- I have grown in that we should respect ourselves and others.
- Yes, I used to be pushed away but now I feel closer.
- I don't know.
- Not really, honestly.
- I like coming to FIRE more.
- Yes, I understand more about the Catholic faith.
- I have gained a better prayer life/relationship with God.
- I grew in my understanding of how God can help me through hard times.
- Yes, it's easier to pray and know what to pray.

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A third goal we have is that you LIVE your faith – LIVE what you believe. (hands – action)

How are you living your faith? How are you being Christ in the world?

- I have tried to reflect Christ in everything I do.
- I try to tell people about church and Christ and tell them how much fun retreats are and how much closer I feel with God.
- I still go to church every Sunday and I am participating more as well.
- I'm living my faith by being an example, by praying and being involved in church.
- I am trying to be the best person possible by exhibiting kindness, compassion, and as much selflessness as possible.
- I attend church and do good for others.
- I am living my faith by just being more willing to talk about it to people.
- I still try!
- Because I know my faith better, I can tell others more about it.
- I don't know. (2)
- I believe in everything happens for a reason, and that God has a plan for me. It helps me to cope with stress and to learn to trust in a higher power.
- I am trying to live my faith by making the right choices. I want to be a good example on others.
- I try not to spread rumors or be mean towards people even though I need to improve.
- I am helping at the food pantry at church and I am really trying to be a better person.
- Yes, I try to help others as much as I can.
- I'm planning on joining the Knights of Columbus.
- I am living my faith by volunteering. I try to help others when I can. My friends who are not Christian or another Christian church like to ask questions about my faith and beliefs.
- I try to encourage my friends in their faith to grow and try new things. I try to represent our church to the best of my ability and share my faith with others.
- I help people as much as I can.
- Yes, I have been trying so hard to spread the good word.
- I strive to help other people whenever I can whether at church, school, with friends and in my community.
- I volunteer in many ministries at church and the community and I'm in a bible study at my school.
- Helping others when they need it.
- I am going to church and CFF and I'm evangelizing. (3)
- Supporting my friend in joining the church.
- Wearing a purity ring.
- Faith Formation, church on Sundays, my mom and I and my best friend volunteered at the Special Olympics hosted by K of C. It was eye opening. I did it!
- Living through telling others about the faith.
- By talking to Him, by accomplishing my promises that I have made to Him. I have been obedient to be a truly daughter of him.
- By helping out and going on retreats.
- I don't know.
- Well, play at church.
- By helping and volunteering (4)
- Yes, I am on SNL and I will either do PM /SNL next year.
- I'm helping people through their hard times by bringing them to Christ and praying with them.
- I pray when I need help or I hear of someone who needs help. I'm kind and helpful.
- When someone makes \_\_\_\_\_ about doing a stupid choice, telling them to think it through.
- Taking action, performing community service like Knights of Columbus.

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### 12. Do you feel cared for and loved by your Church? (explain)

- Yes, whenever I am at church, I feel comfortable.
- Yes, I feel like if I have questions, I can ask someone.
- Yes, I love our church. (2)
- Yes, but I also feel like I could get much more personal with people.
- Yes, I feel the love.
- Yes, people are nice.
- Mostly, FIRE is getting better and better every year.
- I don't know.
- In some ways, I feel like as a whole, our church doesn't support the youth group except the leaders here each week.
- Yes, all of the teachers have been helpful and care for us.
- Yes, but sometimes they almost seem impersonal like it's for everybody, not specifically focused.
- Yes, because I have made so many friends here and they really care about you as a person.
- Yes, I love our community.
- Yes, I am always involved.
- Definitely, I can tell that a lot of time and effort goes into FIRE, everyone is friendly open and accepting.
- Yes definitely! I have gone here all my life and I've always felt supported.
- Yes, everyone here is great!
- Yes I always feel welcome and loved by close friends.
- Sometimes...I feel like there isn't enough attention towards the youth of our church. We need more support.
- The faith community here is amazing!
- Of course, majority of the people are kind and I like being involved.
- Yes, ushers support me in everything.
- Sort of, some of the people are just plain rude.
- I don't know. These questions are hard.
- Yes, I keep coming back.
- Yes, we are all accepted and the people here want me to grow in my relationship with God.
- Yes, it is quite compassionate.