

Feasibility Study Update

In case you missed it, at all Masses on the weekend of February 13th and 14th Fr. Tim and parishioner John Borgen provided the parish with an update regarding the potential building project for St. Gabriel and the corresponding feasibility study. After the Masses, all parishioners were invited to Fr. Hanel Hall for fellowship and to see a conceptual/schematic architectural drawing that a committee of parishioners, representative of all ministries of the parish, put together. It is an attempt to balance the objective contained within the #1 recommendation of the Needs Assessment Process with being fiscally responsible and prudent.

Long-time parishioners, Ken and Mary Kokalj, thought that the recent presentation of the St. Gabriel conceptual building plans went very well. Mary commented, "The plans are comprehensive and address the various parish needs beyond the school - religious education, additional offices for the church, more meeting rooms for adult education and room for larger parish activities." With a smile, Mary added that she was "especially happy with the full service kitchen!" Ken and Mary will support this building project and hope that other parishioners will likewise look to the future of St. Gabe's and "Go for the gold!"

New parishioner Jim Healy and his family who joined St. Gabriel just 4 months ago had the following to say:

When about his reaction to the building plans, he said, "They are awesome. It's important to have the school and the church on one campus. The new school building may increase enrollment in the future." Like some other parishioners, Jim thinks that "Catholic schools provide students with a strong moral compass." Although Jim and his family are already providing support for the church, he noted that "we will find a way to financially support this project."