

## Feasibility Study Update

In case you missed it, at all Masses on the weekend of February 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

The feedback from the 350+ parishioners was overwhelmingly positive. All parishioners were invited to complete a simple questionnaire sharing what excited them about the proposed building project and what concerned them. The top 3 most frequently mentioned items that excited and concerned parishioners are listed below:

### Top 3 Items that Excite Parishioners about the Potential Building Project

1. United on one campus with flexible, multi-use space that will be used by and for the benefit of all ministries of the parish.
2. The Catholic school! It is configured to meet current enrollment and growth while not being excessive. The new school will help to keep the 129-year tradition of Catholic education in our community alive for the next generation.
3. Amazing value for the dollar...exciting to see that everything proposed is possible for less than it cost to build the church!

### Top 3 Items that Concern Parishioners about the Potential Building Project

1. Is it affordable? Can we raise the money?
2. How does our clustering with St. Boniface impact these plans?
3. Fear that it might not happen.

These are reasons to be excited, and, these are legitimate questions/concerns. Briefly, regarding affordability: we are in the middle of a feasibility study to determine how much money can be raised. A presentation will be made to the pastoral and finance councils in April answering this very question. Regarding clustering with St. Boniface, here is the information that was shared in the bulletin in October, 2015 and captures what Fr. Tim and John Borgen shared at Masses during that same:

“Over the past year, leaders of St. Gabriel and St. Boniface pastoral councils including Fr. Tim and Fr. Loyola and representatives of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee have continued to discuss the future of our respective parishes and what collaboration means. The conversations have resulted in the following agreements: Both parishes will continue to operate their respective parishes, schools and ministerial programs. When personnel vacancies occur, parish leadership will consult with one another to see if there are opportunities to share personnel. And, in accordance with the Vision 2020 plan of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, the parishes will eventually be served by one pastor. However, there will continue to be two priests serving the sacramental needs of both parishes.”