

Feasibility Study Update

The feasibility study for adding parish facilities continues to make great progress. As has been written and spoken about at Mass previously, a Needs Assessment strategic planning activity was completed during summer 2015 by a broad cross-section of more than 100 parishioners to determine the priorities for our parish as part of the Feasibility Study. The input and recommendations of the participants were focused in the areas of: 1) Prayer & Worship, 2) Faith Formation, 3) Buildings & Grounds, 4) Human Concerns, 5) Catholic School and 6) Finance & Stewardship.

The recommendations were then ranked by parishioners attending a town hall meeting that all parishioners were invited to attend. The number one recommendation was to *“Create one central campus to advance the mission of the entire parish community and for use by all the ministries of the parish including shared space to be used by school, religious education, adult faith formation, prayer and worship, human concerns, etc.”*

The programming and space needs analysis performed during the last feasibility study was reviewed and updated, again by a group of parishioners representing the six areas of focus listed above. A space plan has now been prepared by an architect hired by St. Gabriel with funds donated specifically for this purpose. Comparing the scope of the project to meet these stated parish needs with an assessment of the parish’s ability to fund such a project is currently being completed.

As the next step in this process, we would like to share with all parishioners highlights of the space needs analysis and a preliminary, conceptual, schematic space plan during and following the Masses next weekend – February 13 and 14. This is an exciting step in the process and we look forward to your feedback after Mass during fellowship in Hanel Hall.

Stay tuned to the bulletin, parish website and upcoming issues of the *Messenger* for more information. You can reach us at any time by emailing stgabrielfeasibility@gmail.com or by calling any member of the committee.