

Parish School Building

We have begun receiving inquiries regarding our Parish School Building. We have assembled a group of parishioners who will work with the Archdiocese to review any serious interest. It's critical that any potential partner's activity and desire for the building are consistent with our mission at St James the Greater, the Catholic Church, and the overall good of the neighborhood. The parish's desires for the building include that St James will continue to have access to the Gymnasium, Kitchen, Cafeteria, meeting space, parking and sufficient space for our Early Childhood Education Program. In addition, the Parish must have use of the Parking lot and playground areas.

We recently had a meeting with Mid-America Transplant Services (MTS) regarding the building. MTS is a nonprofit organization which provides support for the four-local organ/tissue transplant facilities in St. Louis, BJC, SLU, Cardinal Glennon, Children's. MTS manages the organ donation process including harvesting and transporting the organs and tissue from an 84-county area to St Louis and other regional transplant needs.

One critical service MTS provides is housing for transplant patients and family prior to and after actual transplant. MTS would like to use our building to rehab into apartment units for this service. MTS loves the exterior of the building and would like to maintain its appearance. The draw of MTS is neighborhood and its location, very close proximity to the four hospitals they serve.

We are in the very early stages of discussions and we will keep the parish informed as we progress.

John Kelley

Parish Council - Chairperson