

Parish School Building

As we mentioned in last week's bulletin, Mid-America Transplant Services (MTS) has expressed an interest in our Parish School Building. MTS is a nonprofit organization which provides support for the four-local organ/tissue transplant facilities. MTS manages the organ donation process including harvesting and transporting the organs and tissue to the St Louis and other regional transplant facilities.

One critical service MTS provides is housing for transplant recipients and family prior to and after actual transplant. MTS desire for our building is to rehab into apartment units for this service. This allows transplant recipients to temporarily live within a few minutes of the transplant facility while waiting for a donor match. Their plan is to develop 10 to 14 apartments for patients use. In addition, they would like the agreement to include shared use of the gym and cafeteria for some of their events.

MTS has completed a preliminary onsite assessment and is currently evaluating whether they would like to proceed with this project. If MTS decides to proceed, the entire process will likely take 1 to 2 years to complete.

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

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Parish Council - Chairperson