

St Michael Church

2021 Activity Center Survey Results

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Parish Activities Center Questionnaire

SUMMARY

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122 Surveys submitted

1. Are you in favor of building a new parish activities center that meets the needs of the religious education program?

Yes 78(64%) No 18(15%) Undecided 25(20%) Unanswered 1

- Yes, if its multi-functional. Possibly able to rent out for showers etc...
- Set w/ standard finishes that meet needs of parish, but careful of excessive expenses. Set up in a way to be added onto if needed in future.
- To be called a Parish Activities Center, it needs to meet the needs of all parish activities, not just religious ed.
- We feel that the St Mike's Place is inadequate, but we 'd like to understand the evaluations of current facilities.
- Absolutely not! We have St Michaels Hall, the elementary, and HS. Lets utilize what we have instead of spending the money to build something new. Renovate St Mikes! It's a historical structure, fix it up.
- What's wrong with the Hall?
- As long as we don' tear down the chapel to build it.
- Utilize St Michael's Hall in which the church spent ¾ million dollars on not many years ago.
- We should always have money in reserve in case of major upkeep or repair to our church. We do not need activity Center, not in the past, not now and not in the future. We have enough buildings for our needs and enough to financially maintain. Lets not dig ourselves into a hole we can't get out of.
- It needs done! As a CCD teacher I'm well aware of how difficult it is to teach CCD in the small rooms at ST Mikes Place. Our kids deserve better! It tells kids our faith is not that important if we are not willing to invest in a good facility.
- Acquisition of property south or north of St Michael Hall would allow expansion of that facility to better meet religious needs and additional church related activities.
- It would be great to have a central location for our students.
- Some day State Of Ohio will not allow Religious Activities in a public High School Building.
- (Yes) at St Mike's Place location.
- (Yes) but do not take up any handicap parking....elderly can not walk far.

2. Do you feel it's a good time to start such a project?

Yes 54(44%) No 37(30%) Undecided 30(25%) Unanswered 1

- Feeling with Covid some people have lost jobs or had hours cut, so income wont allow to donate right now.
- Pandemic and economic uncertainty.
- Am concerned that some families finances are really tight due to lay offs right now. Could affect fundraising.
- Economy is unstable right now.
- With the country in the place it's in, now would not be a good time. Taxes are going up like you wouldn't expect.
- Ther's a lot going on right now...sooner vs later – yes. This year...prob not.
- We need one, under one roof.
- It doesn't get any cheaper.
- Wait until the Pandemic is over. Material costs are high, job insecurity.
- I feel its important to get some big \$\$ donors, b/c it might not get funded totally by the average parish member /family.
- There is no good time to do anything . I feel it is something we can accomplish now.
- During a pandemic with many unemployed it may be a good time to plan and delay starting until more employed.
- Might want to wait until pandemic turns around in 2021.
- Is it needed? Yes. Will it be challenging to raise funds since so many people were affected by the pandemic? Yes
- There is never an ideal time but interest rates are low. Materials costs are high – at least at the moment, so maybe once materials costs are stabilized and lower.
- To many unknowns with the economy.
- The economy is in question right now with the election of Biden. Now is the time to save! The covis pandemic also caused the economy to take a hit. People are struggling.
- Covid 19 should be taken into consideration. It is not a good time to keep spending money.
- Economy is still in rough shape.
- I favor no due to the situation w Covid 19 but on the other hand we can not wait forever to start a project like this.
- Many people are unemployed and the last I checked there is a pandemic, Shelby county is #1 is lead of spread out of 88 counties in ohio.
- Not with all the uncertainty right now but hopefully soon. We think it' s good to start now but don't know if people would pledge \$ now.
- Covid has impacted supply chains and increased the cost in multiple areas particularly building items(lumber being a big one). There is also a lot of uncertainty that remains around the economy especially with the change in

president. It wont hurt to explore the project, but realistic expectations and awareness about what is really going on in the world related to the pandemic is important.

- The January 7 letter sent with this survey stated that the economic downturn in 2009 was one of the reasons to postpone the project. We are likely on the cusp of an economic downturn at this time.
- We have been needing it for 20 years+!
- Our church community is continuing to grow and we need to plan now for the future.
- (No) not with the state of the economy right now.
- Will we have someone to run it in 10 years?
- Not until we see how our economy is affected by covid 19/new president.

3. Are you willing to financially contribute to a campaign to fund the building project?

Yes 78(64%) No 23(19%) Undecided 20(16%) Unanswered 1

- Maybe set up a weekly direct deposit fund, like we have for church. Like 20\$ a week = 1040 per year.
- Depends on cost and plans.
- Not sure an outside company collection company would be well received by our community.
- We prefer a one time assessment and request for funds.
- Our bill and needs come first.
- I would be willing to help finance the project but I would like to wait until covid goes away so that it is not a factor.
- Remember there are other charities that we like to donate to.
- If the project significantly alters the historical architecture of our beautiful church, NO! If the project promotes a structure that the archdiocese could make into a catholic grade school, NO! If the project utilizes a practical expansion to St Michael Hall, possibly.
- Can Monthly, semiannually, or annual payment be an option?
- 3 Year 1000 per year.
- Planning on it but the timing is not great now.

4. Would you be interested in serving on a committee to help with this project?

Yes 21(17%) No 72(59%) Undecided 25(20%) Unanswered 3(3%)

*Names of those who volunteered being kept private at this time.

5. Do you have special skills to contribute to a project like this? If yes, please list skills.

- Home improvement
- School projects
- Boy Scouts
- Manage sales and engineering projects.
- Electrical Engineer, project management,
- Business owner, carpentry, design cad experience
- Would like to help with building design and layout, not fundraising.
- Use volunteer labor as much as possible to save money. Will give more people an investment in the project.
- I studied finance in school. I helped with organization fundraising projects. If not me, I still think it's important to have a young adult on the committee as we are the future of the church & depending on plans in conjunction with ..(Illegible) can use the space for small groups or other functions.
- 16 year commercial HVAC.
- 24 year school board member, served as board representative to most of other on site construction meetings during the building of the elementary school. Church beautification committee, dealt with a number of church entry areas.
- Catechist 25 +years, Was on previous new building committee for this project in early 90's and 2005. I feel I have an eye for design.

6. Do you have any recommendations of people who may be a good fit for this type of group? If yes, please list name, skill and contact information.

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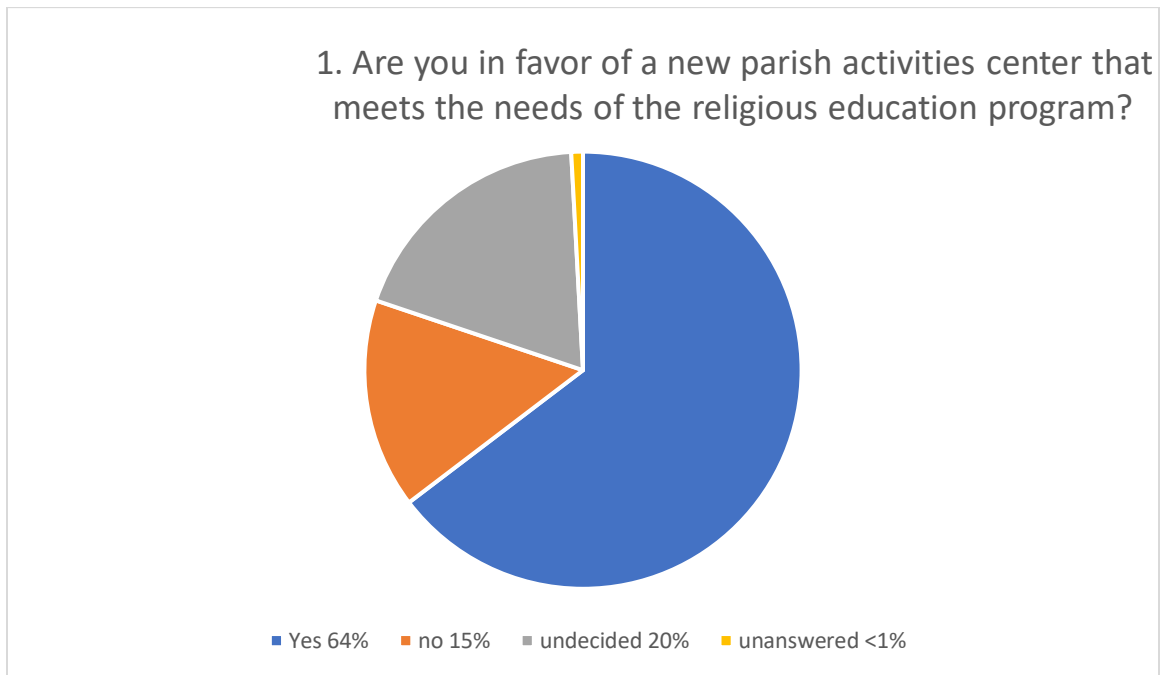
7. Additional Comments:

- Probably put it off long enough.
- Undecided on how we feel about tearing down church house.
- Building should be named Shoup Center.
- Will contribute if I agree with what's being built.
- I feel the new building should not be connected to church to preserve it's history and look.
- Not in favor if building reduces or eliminates accessible, close easy access parking.
- Wait until Covid is under control and stock market is more stable.
- K12 is not the be all and end all of the church's mission. I believe worship is more important. Please do not limit access of less mobile parishioners.
- Need to see the plan and costs.
- In my opinion I would wait to make sure the carpet and pews are financially taken care of. Materials are sky rocketing right now. Hopefully it will come back down.
- We feel we need to utilize the buildings we have now better.

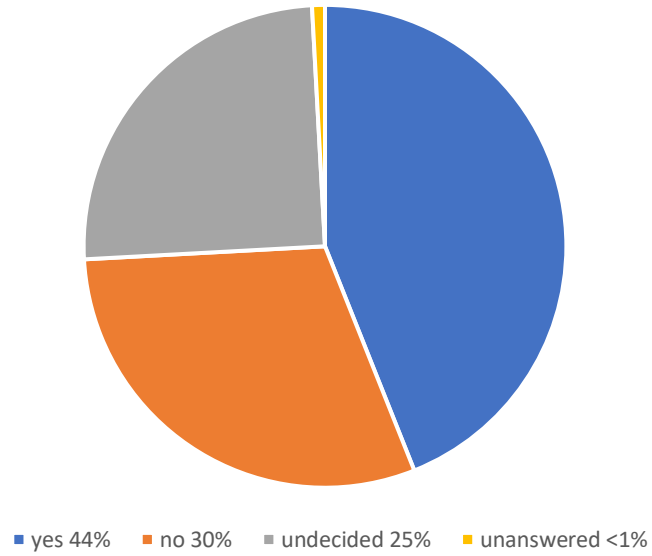
- Spending 786,000 on the hall seems a little over board. Was someone watching the expenses of this project?
- I am not writing lengthy additional comments because I am too upset about the decision regarding the pews, but please note the exclamation points. There is a big difference between wants and needs.
- There is never a good time to start.
- It would be beneficial to know the following:
 - Is the enrollment of 555 students a large increase?
 - What is annual cost to rent school space?
 - Is there an estimated cost for upgrading St Mike's place?
- Please do not revisit the 2009 plans. I saw them and cost of the building. I'm not sure why every employee needs his/her own office.
- If a new building is erected, it should be where the old St Mike's Place is now. It can be longer and wider to make more classroom!
- We don't like the plans for the center or the location. Would contribute if things were changed.
- With the pandemic and political unrest and new president, we feel this is a terrible time to look into building right now. Also, was not impressed with the plans the last time. Too much office space and little classroom. Shouldn't it be the other way around? Also, we feel the handicap parking will suffer greatly as they will have to travel farther to get to church especially in inclement weather!
- Please consider having a gym for CYO and youth physical activities, would be a nice addition too. Could also hold over night retreats there.
- Will the architecture match the church? Where will it be located? How about parking? Handicapped for church? Will it be for CYO basketball?
- Be financially responsible!
- It seems to me the church has forgotten the values of why it was created. We should not be spending 3 to 4 thousand a day to operate. Perhaps a staff reduction.
- How much is being torn down? Chapel? St Mike's Place? Rectory? Please share plans!!!
- It needs a good, modern gathering space, smaller than the Hall, better accessible than the Legion.
- Very much in favor.
- We really need this building!!!
- I think you will have a tough time convincing a lot of the church members. Maybe a video (less than 5 minutes) explaining benefit/concerns of a new building. Do we have any \$ currently set aside for this?
- I feel it should be a separate building and not connected to the church or Parish Office Center.
- Glad this is being undertaken. Long overdue.
- Definitely need to change design to incorporate all parish activities, some of which did not exist in 2009. Use local companies. Do not pay prevailing wages. Keep Archdiocese out of this project.
- Be upfront to the Parish- Plans and progress. Do not tell us afterwards.

- I'm not in favor in demolition of the parsonage for this project. Maybe our church and school could reach a deal on a land swap. Which could include purchase of land from Poepelmans.
- We think there are some with very valuable input who may be missed on this survey due to being out of state during the winter.
- The hall was built for this and now is not a good fit. Religious education should be the focus, I believe. For kids, adults, now and in the future.
- I fell all this parish does is spend money! Replacing the carpet in the church is necessary, but new pews??? I am done! There is no reason those pews needed replaced! Maintain, absolutely, replace, wasteful spending! This parish does a lot of that.
- In favor of project but I think building materials are too high at this time.
- There are too many plants and bushes around there. That's a sign money is not spent wisely!
- Wait and see what happens with the new government. It could go into tailspin, could be a recession.
- With covid 19 there have been many businesses impacted financially. Some impacts have been positive whereas most have had a negative overall impact. I can't say right now is the best time to be asking the community for \$\$\$ Just a thought.
- Not many years ago we had the priest and volunteers to assist the church, now we have on payroll business manager and too many other employees paid.
- We have the parish hall that sits empty all week, use that as your activity center. The handicap lot is perfect right now. Don't take it away. We don't need this expense at this time. Our parish has enough to maintain. You don't just put up a building and the expense stops. There is upkeep and repair and another person on the payroll to clean it, where does it end?
- Cost- right or wrong, we have heard comments about past projects (St Michaels Hall, front entrance renovation) being extravagant and excessive. Those decisions are in the past but some believe that needs vs wants are not appropriately decided on major spends. The church is a non-profit organization that is 100% dependent on its parish families for support. It may be best to see if the project could be done in phases and strong oversight on scope and managing spend will be important.
- Redskin Memorial Park was done with a lot of volunteer labor which helped it greatly escalate it's time table. Hopefully there are members of the parish that could donate time and talents the same way.
- Please refer to the 2/4/17 letter written to address this issue at that time. Note that I requested the opportunity for additional discussion on the issue. I do not recall being contacted. Thank you for reviewing these comments.
- Would love to see this completed! I think the youth of this parish deserve it!
- In original prints it looked like it was attached to house and chapel. If so, it might be too far for handicap to get into church. Would it have a small banquet room to rent out for showers, etc?
- Maybe reach out to Redskin Memorial Park committee to see how they handled forming a committee, fundraising and financial options.

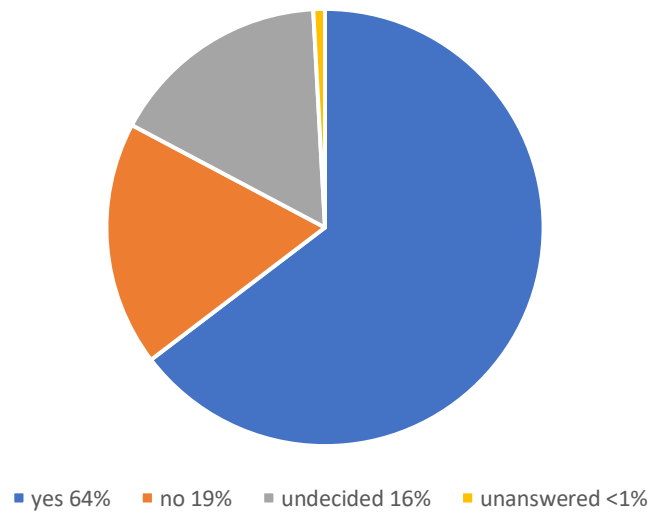
- Thanks for all the parish committees do.
- Do not remove the Rectory (Parish Office).
- I think it would be best to wait a year.
- We will support a reasonable building.
- Let's slow down. Let's see how 2021/2022 pans out before diving in.



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