

Building Expansion Update
May 13, 2020

Based on input from parishioners, staff, the diocese and spending time with the Lord, the capital campaign phase of this project is now targeted to be initiated early next year. While this delay is disappointing, it is providing an opportunity for the building committee to continue to work on items that need to be in place to ensure a successful project.

As a reminder, the most current sketches of this project are in our Church narthex and also available on our website for review. Questions and comments can be directed to sjdbuild@gmail.com. Your continued prayers for and support of this initiative are greatly appreciated.

Building Expansion Update
March 22, 2020

Plans for building expansion continue to progress. Meetings are being held with the Diocese Building and Finance Committees as approval from the Diocese is needed to move forward with this project. Additionally, we are working with Vanderburgh County to stay abreast of any plans for sewer projects in the area that would impact our project. Soil analysis is also being completed. Upon formal approval from the Diocese, the fundraising portion of this initiative will receive a green light. Post fundraising, activities include formalizing construction documents, local area planning review as well as review by state. Bidding and contractor selection will then follow.

Due to recent uncertainties brought on by the coronavirus, the exact timing of the capital campaign phase of the project is yet to be determined. We should have a firmer idea of when this will be moving ahead in the next 2-3 months.

Building Expansion Update
January 15, 2020

Having held Sharing Sessions with parishioners in late October 2019, the Building Committee continues to facilitate the design of a Parish Activity Center.

Utilizing parishioner input from the October sessions, the scope of the project has been revised to encompass the key needs of our Parish, which were identified as the following:

- Adequate space for Religious Education classes
- Meeting rooms for use by all parish groups and organizations
- Adding space to accommodate full day Preschool
- Improved office space
- Adding storage that adequately meets the needs of the Parish
- Liturgically enhance the sanctuary

Initial plans accomplished the above at an estimated cost of \$5M. Revised plans address a majority of the above, on a reduced scale, at an estimated expense of \$2.8M.

The revised targeted budget was arrived at through a fundraising planning study facilitated by Walsh & Associates. Our thanks to those parishioners who participated in this study.

Please utilize the question box or building committee email (sjdbuild@gmail.com) for questions or comments. Also, please feel free to contact any of the building committee members:

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Next steps include a review of these plans by the Diocese. Upon review and approval, the fundraising portion of this initiative will begin. This is an exciting undertaking for our Parish and will result in helping many people for generations to grow in their Catholic faith.

Questions/Answers:

1) What is the status of funds raised through the Diocese Stewards of God's Grace Campaign?

The Goal assigned to St. John's was \$715,468, of which the portion that our Parish would receive was \$357,734. Through 1/14/2019, the total that has been paid to the Diocese is \$746,646. The four designated projects from our Parish portion were: replace our HVAC (total expense of \$97,287, which was under the budgeted amount of \$125,000); improve sanctuary lighting (total expense of \$5,777, which was under the budgeted amount of \$37,500); building expansion plans (expenses currently total \$36,253, which is under the budgeted amount of \$120,000); increase Parish outreach (plans are still being elaborated; budgeted amount of \$75,000).

2) Will there be another Diocesan Capital Campaign?

There are no known plans for another Diocese wide capital campaign at this time.

3) How much has our Parish grown?

The number of registered parish families/singles has grown 13% since 2011 (554 registered to 625 registered).

4) Under the revised plans, will the sanctuary floor be levelled?

The revised plans do not include levelling the sanctuary floor. Adding a baptistery just inside the doors to the sanctuary is included.