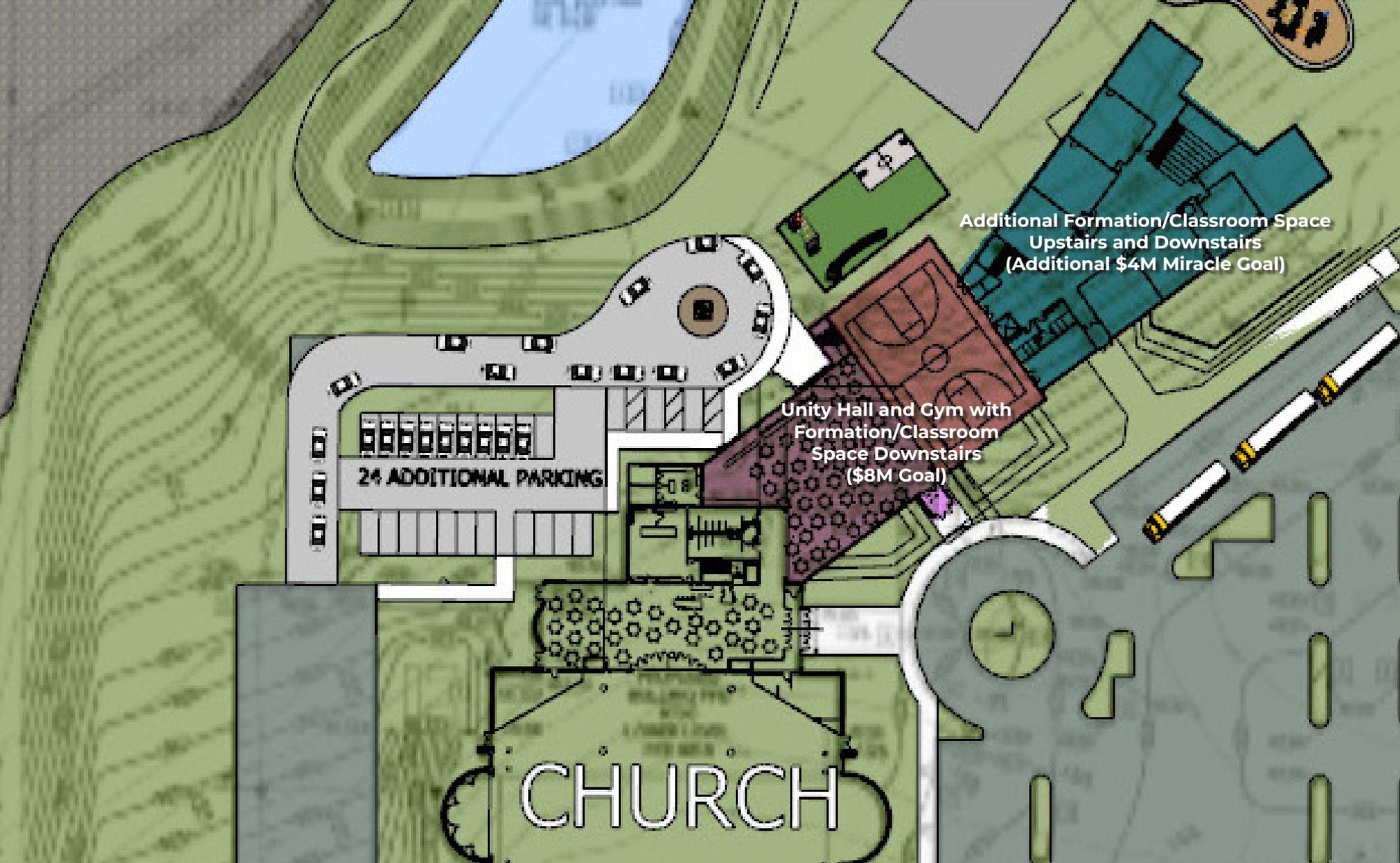


BOLD FUTURE CAMPAIGN: Preliminary Design (October 2020)



BOLD FUTURE PROJECT OVERVIEW

Since the construction of the current church, we have planned to add social, formational and ministry space, with the goal of reuniting our school and church in the future. In 2018, the parish contracted with Golden Valley-based ATS+R (atsr.com) to lead a master planning process and create a long-range vision for the Frankfort Parkway campus—40+ acres of property surrounding the church and rectory.

Strategic Anchors

Several broad principles emerged, which have since been refined into three strategic anchors that guide our decision-making:

Expand Engagement. We are called to invite all people to a personal encounter with Jesus, in our church, our school and our community. This mission is from Christ and is not optional.

Foster School/Parish Unity. Our campus is divided, but the Body of Christ is not. St. Michael Catholic Church and School are one family, living for Christ, and our actions must reflect that union.

Preserve Intergenerational Discipleship Rooted in the Sacraments. The grace that sustains us derives from the sacraments, by which we enter God's family and live as brothers and sisters in Christ. This must be sustained and deepened for all parishioners, regardless of age or state in life.

Immediate Needs

We are already feeling the squeeze. The lack of flexible, indoor space is choking the growth of Youth Ministry; our gathering area is too small for large funeral luncheons or hospitality after Mass, let alone parishwide or diocesan events; and we have no space suited to formation. Our school has been retrofitted and renovated for decades to keep it serviceable.



† Archdiocesan proxy to proceed with planning
Proxy is a form of legal permission from the Archdiocese to pursue specific transactions or investments.

‡ Archdiocesan proxy to begin construction
This requires 50% of the cost of the project in hand and pledges covering 50% of the remaining debt.

These immediate needs do not account for future growth or our desire to draw current parishioners into deeper discipleship.

Priorities and Project Details

Master planning identified three main priorities: a parish “family room” for large gatherings and events; multipurpose space for ministry, formation and activities; and the reunification of our church and school on one campus.

Unity Hall, Multipurpose Space and Formation Space (\$8M Campaign Goal): This would provide a parish “family room” in which we could to celebrate, mourn and grow in faith together, as well as flexible-use activity space and smaller spaces for discipleship groups, formation, faith sharing and other ministries.

Additional Formation Space (Additional \$4M to reach \$12M Miracle Goal): This would enable us to build an additional wing of formation/classroom space and explore moving the school to our church campus.

Now Is the Time

The timeline above shows our ideal path forward, including a proposed senior living community we are pursuing with an external partner. Our goal of \$8M and our miracle goal of \$12M are challenging, but not impossible—and achieving our miracle goal could enable us to move our school and sell the current school and preschool properties.

On the other hand, if we are unable to expand our facilities and move the school in the next three years, it will likely be another decade before we can explore a second expansion—10 years of increased construction costs, potentially higher interest rates and ongoing investment in our current school buildings. Such a delay will cost the parish millions of dollars over the next decade and could make moving the school too costly to consider.

Our best bet is to invest in our facilities today. For more information on the proposed expansion project, contact parish administrator Dave Ferry at dferry@stmccatholicchurch.org or 763-497-2745.