



## MASTER PLANNING EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### Overview

Since the construction of the current St. Michael Catholic Church, the parish has planned add social, educational and ministry space, with the goal of relocating the parish school to the site in the future. Church construction debt and the economic downturn in the late 2000s conspired to delay any further development on the site, but in 2017 parish leaders and staff began to re-examine facilities needs and usage and explore the feasibility of expanding the campus. Following a visioning retreat and consultation sessions with parishioners, in late 2018 St. Michael Catholic Church contracted with Golden Valley-based ATS+R ([atsr.com](http://atsr.com)) to lead a master planning process for the parish. The goal of this process was the creation of a long-range vision for the development of the parish's Frankfort Parkway campus—more than 40 acres of property surrounding the church and rectory.

### Strategic Anchors

During parish consultation sessions, several broad principles emerged, which have since been refined into three strategic anchors that ground our master plan and decision-making as a parish:

- **Expand Engagement:** The Catholic Church exists to save souls, and St. Michael is no exception: We are called to invite all people to a personal encounter with Jesus, alive in our church and school, our communal life and sacraments. 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 parish, one family, living for Christ, and our actions and decisions must reflect that union.
- **Preserve Intergenerational Discipleship Rooted in the Sacraments:** The grace that sustains our community across that generations begins and ends in the sacraments, by which we enter God's family and lived as brothers and sisters in Christ. This sacramental life must be sustained—and deepened—for all parishioners, regardless of age or state in life.

These strategic anchors anticipate continued growth, the relocation of the parish school, and a deep desire to serve our parishioners and the broader community beyond Sunday worship and the sacraments.



## **Prioritized Expansion**

The master plan lays out development priorities for the Frankfort Parkway campus, in four phases, although it is not necessary that all of these phases occur in sequence. (See the map on the next page for additional detail.)

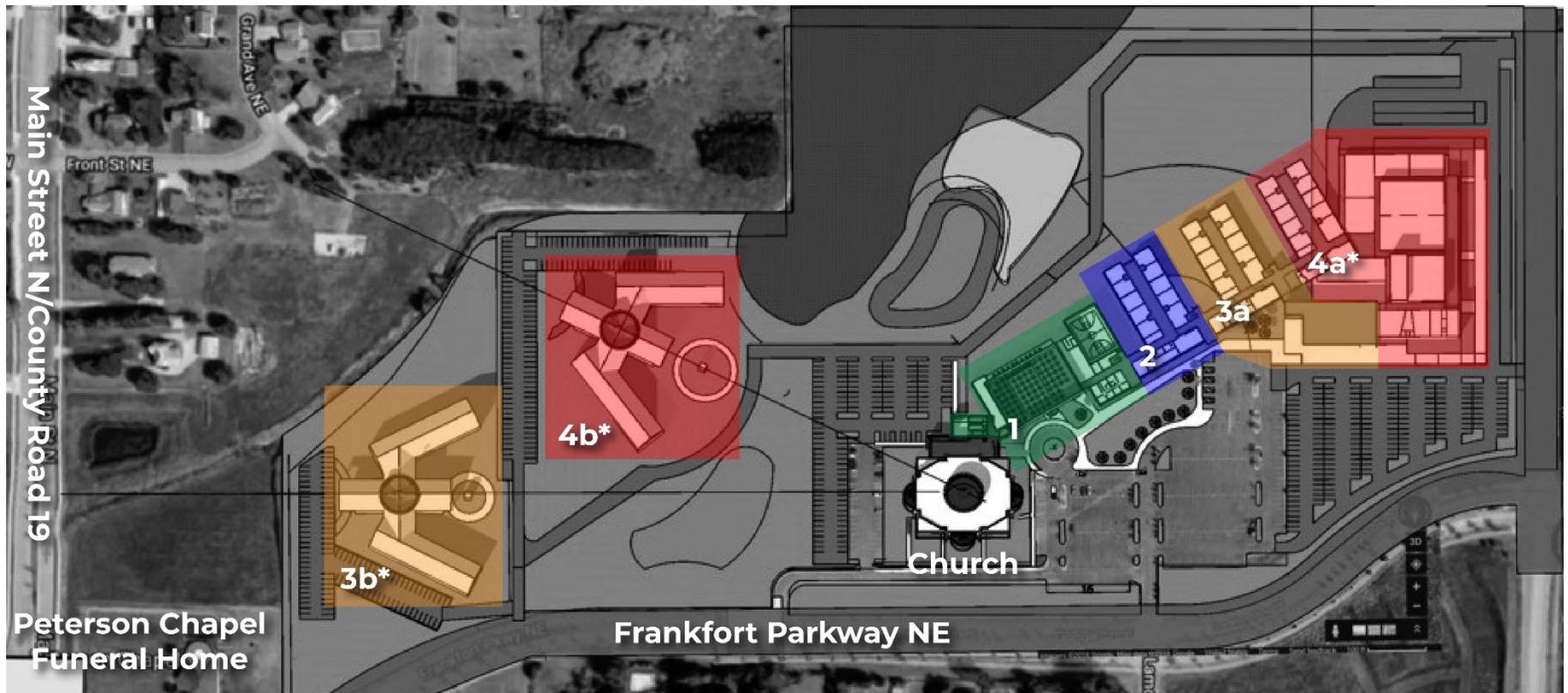
- **Priority 1: Social Hall and Multipurpose Space**
  - This additional space would enable us to celebrate, mourn, learn and share the faith as a parish family.
  - It would also provide flexible-use indoor activity and small-group spaced for our growing ministries.
- **Priority 2: Shared Classroom Space for Faith Formation and St. Michael Catholic School (StMCS) Grades 7-8**
  - These classrooms would permit expansion of the LIFT (Learning In Faith Together) program and the relocation of StMCS grades 7-8 to the Frankfort Parkway campus.
  - This would enable StMCS Preschool to move to the school so we could sell the current preschool building.
- **Priority 3a: Classroom and Cafeteria Space for StMCS PreK-6**
  - These classrooms, along with a full-size cafeteria and school kitchen, would enable the rest of the parish school to move to the Frankfort Parkway campus.
  - Moving PreK-6 grades would enable the sale of the current school property.
- **Priority 3b: Catholic Senior Living Community (externally funded)**
  - A specifically Catholic senior living community on the same site as the church and school would provide a home for our older parishioners and facilitate intergenerational ministry and service.
  - We are currently working with an outside developer to pursue this at minimal cost and risk to the parish.
- **Priority 4a: Classroom, Athletic and Fine Arts Space for a Catholic High School (externally funded)**
- **Priority 4b: Religious Community or Retirement Home for Priests (externally funded)**

The master plan is meant at a long-term vision, but if resources were available to pursue all phases of the vision immediately, we would certainly do so. For more information or detail on the master plan, contact Dave Ferry, parish administrator, at 763-497-2745 or [dferry@stmcaholicchurch.org](mailto:dferry@stmcaholicchurch.org).



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## ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH MASTER PLAN: FRANKFORT PARKWAY CAMPUS

**Priority 1 (Green):** Social Hall and Multipurpose Space

**Priority 2 (Blue):** LIFT/StMCS Grades 5-8 Shared Classrooms

**Priority 3 (Orange):** School/Parish Unity and Intergenerational Campus

3a) StMCS PreK-4 Classrooms and Cafeteria/Kitchen

3b) Catholic Senior Living Community\* (actively pursuing)

**Priority 4 (Red):** Strategic Partnerships

4a) Catholic High School: Grades 9-12 Classrooms, Gym and Fine Arts\*

4b) Religious Community or Clergy Retirement Community\*

*\*Funded by external investors and partners.*

*Timing and sequence of all priorities depends on funding availability.*