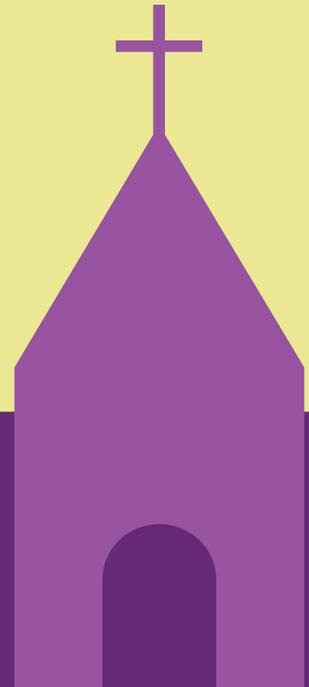


St. Joseph's Church

Town Hall Meeting

July 20 & 21, 2019

**Fr. Eli Gieske &
Dcn. Dan Goshey**



Overview

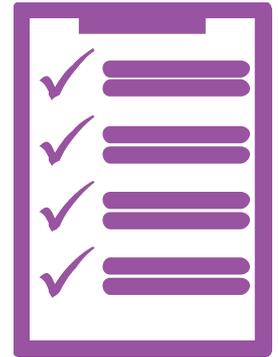
As you will see in this presentation – or may have already seen in our building process chart, we have already taken some important steps in our process of building a new Saint Joseph Parish campus.



Overview – Future Planning Commission

We assembled a **Future Planning Commission**

- Members from the two merging parishes
- Developed a guiding principal list for new building project
- Visited nearby parishes who have recently completed building projects
 - Met some of their key parishioners and staff who played a role in their process
 - Learned about some of their challenges and rewards
 - Learned about some pitfalls and some blessings as well.
- Determine if existing properties might be suitable for new church
 - Spend about a year discussing, examining and praying over our options -- it was determined we needed more land to accomplish what we felt God was calling us to do



Overview – Future Planning Commission

- Search for suitable land



- With the conclusion of that work, the Future Planning Committee was dissolved and a new committee was formed as well a Prayer Guild.



Overview – New Groups

The Saint Joseph Prayer Guild



The Building Committee



Overview – St. Joseph Prayer Guild

Before we even had our first Building Committee meeting, we asked volunteers to form a Prayer Guild.

- Parishioners who made a promise to spend additional time in prayer for all other committees, committee members, and the entire process.
- They have agreed to various forms of prayer and sacrifice including assembling in the adoration chapel to pray for us **DURING THE MEETINGS** when possible and prudent.
- Seek the intercession of Saint André Bessette
- Seek the intercession of the Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph among others.
- The prayer guild is kept up to date after each meeting and given some specific intentions about what to pray for next.
- They have been praying for us as we prepared to address you today, and for this gathering to be fruitful and helpful.
- They are praying now even as we gather here.



Overview – Building Committee

This Building Committee meets two times per month for now. We have been working on five main tasks so far.

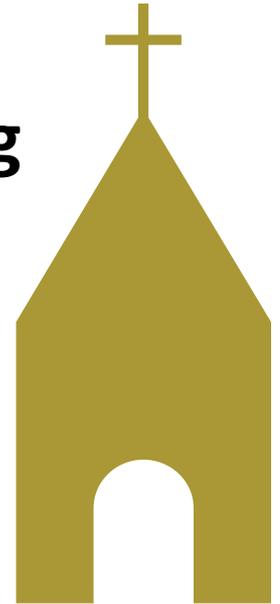
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Task 2 – Needs Assessment Part II

Task 3 – Needs Assessment Part III

Task 4 – Establishing a Fundraising Committee

Task 5 – Tour other church facilities

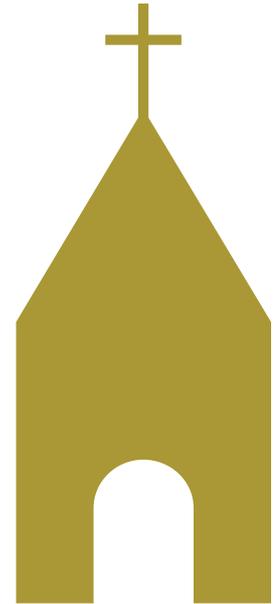


Overview – Building Committee

Task 1 – Needs Assessment Part I

Interview parish groups and service providers

- Rather than relying on our own assumptions, we felt it wise to consult with various entities who use our parish facilities.
- We identified about 30 groups or individuals, who perform ministries and services, we wanted to talk with to better understand their own needs and wishes.
- We will then assemble a master list and prioritize these needs and hopes.

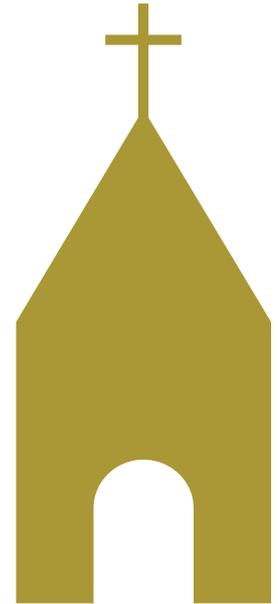


Overview – Building Committee

Task 2 – Needs Assessment Part II

The Town Hall Meeting

- As part of the Needs Assessment, we wanted to hear from **you** about **your** hopes and needs, as well as receive helpful advice and address any concerns you may have.
- A subcommittee was formed to develop and present this Townhall Meeting.
- We devised a Question and Answer guide which was made available at the masses last weekend so you could look it over during the week and get any clarification you might need today.



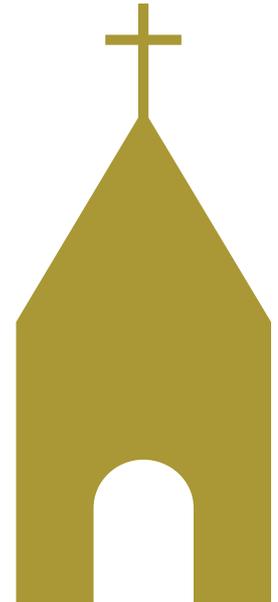
Overview – Building Committee

Task 3 – Needs Assessment Part III

Revision and prioritization of needs

Taking in what we learned from the 30-ish groups we interviewed, and combining it with your feedback at this meeting, we will come up with a prioritized list of our goals. This will identify:

1. **Things we must have** – Basic requirements
2. **Things we'd like to have** – Additional features that would really be very helpful and beneficial
3. **Luxuries** – Things that we could live without just fine, but would be wonderful if we could do it



Overview – Building Committee

Task 4 – Establishing a Fundraising Committee

This is in process now

- Identify other parishioners who might be willing and talented to help
- Start interviewing feasibility study and capital campaign companies

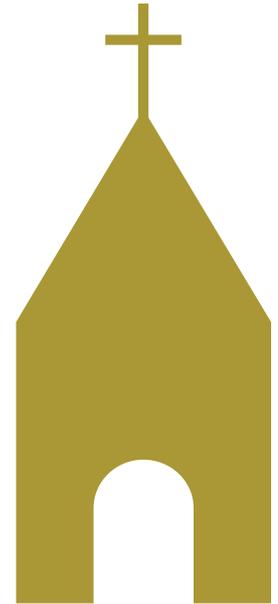


Overview – Building Committee

Task 5 – Tour other church facilities

We are in the process of setting up appointments to visit other churches and their facilities in the area.

- We want to see the layouts, beauty and functionality of the church, the office space, gathering and meeting spaces, kitchen, classrooms, rectory, outdoor areas, parking, accessibility, audio/video technology etc...
- We also like to ask if these facilities have any recommendations or regrets.



Overview

What can you do?



What can you do?

Pray

That's the most important thing

- Pray for us. Pray for the project.
- Pray for your fellow parishioners.
- Pray for yourself – that you will be open to what God is asking of you in this journey

- Even consider joining the prayer guild



What can you do?

Plan

Though the capital campaign has not begun (there are steps we will outline in this gathering) you can still start giving or start considering bequests etc.



What can you do?

Participate

- There will be opportunities in the future to help out with committees, subcommittees, task forces ...
- There may be opportunities to work, to feed, to serve...
- Start talking with the other members of your household about what the future needs might be during this process and after. Though you may not have any specifics yet, try to foster an attitude of involvement in your home.



What can you do?

Pray. Plan. Participate.

Important Note About Giving

Though you are welcome to start giving now, we are not asking you to start giving yet. We want to show you more specifically what the church would be like before we ask you to commit.

If you do choose to start giving now...

- Make SURE the contribution is marked specifically for the building project.
- Unless the contribution is designated for the building project, it will be considered a part of our normal income and we could be assessed at a higher rate for the UCA.



Overview

**That wraps up the overview –
next we will go over some of the details about:**

1. Where we are in the building process
2. What the rest of the process looks like
3. Open the floor to questions and discussion

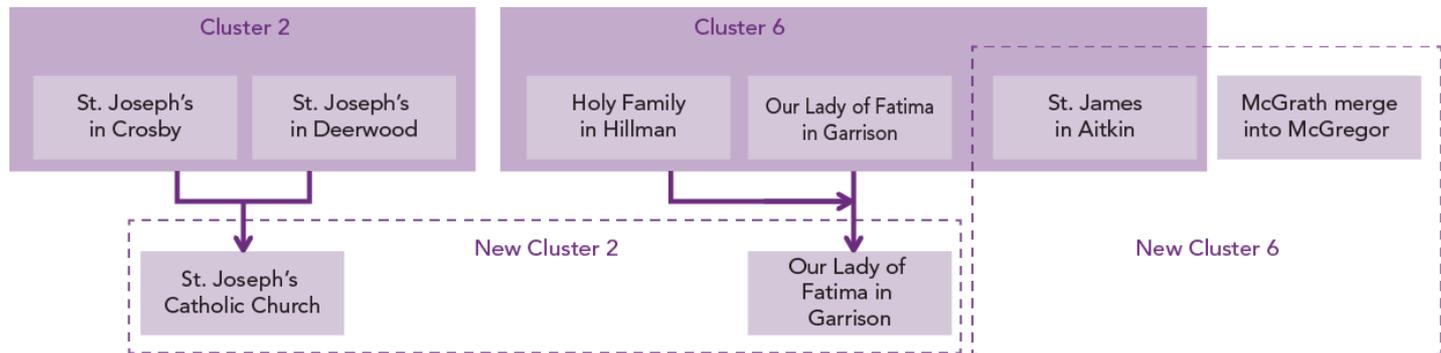


Where are we in the building process?

Diocesan Strategic Plan

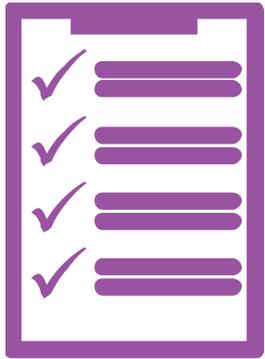


- ✓ Diocesan Strategic Plan requests that the two St. Joseph's parishes merge and build new.



Where are we in the building process?

Planning Commission



- ✓ Assemble Future Planning Commission to guide the process of assessing the viability of the two current locations.
- ✓ Tour and consult with other churches in the area, asking how they decided to build new, their building process, and what criteria they used to pick locations.
- ✓ Examine the viability of existing properties vs. a new location. *The decision to look for a new location was made.*
- ✓ Search for a new location for the new church.
- ✓ Review and select a location for the new church.
- ✓ Purchase new property.
- ✓ Visit and discuss with other parishes doing building projects to learn their process and discern what our process should look like.



Where are we in the building process?

Building Plan & Fundraising



- ✓ Assemble a Building Committee made up of members from both parishes.
- ✓ Prepare a needs assessment questionnaire. Talk with representatives from all groups and employees to determine what space is needed and how it can be best organized.
 - Prioritize all needs.
 - Seek input from parishioners on general needs and hopes for the future of the parish.
 - Reassess priorities based on parish feedback.
 - Establish Fundraising Committee.
 - Create an initial church design and submit to Presbyteral Council.
 - The design is based on prioritized needs.
 - The final design based on feasibility study results.



Where are we in the building process?

Building Plan & Fundraising

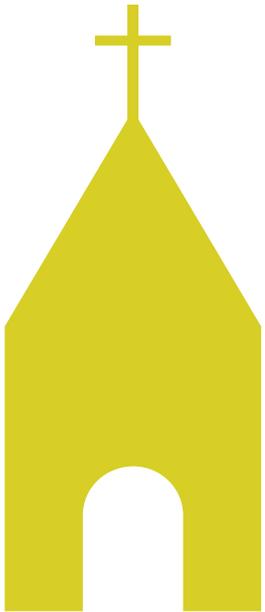


- Interview companies that could do feasibility study and capital campaign; select a company.
- Initiate and complete a feasibility study.
- Present feasibility study to parishioners.
- Adjust plans based on feasibility study and parishioner feedback.
- Seek RFPs (Requests For Proposal) from architects and contractors.
 - Select and hire architect and contractor.
- Develop more detailed building plans with the help of the architects and contractors.
- Submit plans to Presbyteral Council and seek permission to begin capital campaign.
- Start the capital campaign.



Where are we in the building process?

Build New Church



- Once we raise 75% of the cost of the total project, we can begin building.
 - Uncollected pledges are counted as 75% of their face value toward the goal.
- Ground breaking
- Build church
- Move in
- 1st Mass
- Closing of Crosby



Questions



- Q&A sheets in July 13 bulletin
- What would you like to know that we haven't told you?



Feedback

- *Contact a Building Committee member:*
 - *Mike Aulie*
 - *Steve Freese*
 - *Fr. Eli Gieske*
 - *Dcn. Dan Goshey*
 - *Joan Hasskamp*
 - *Kim Hutchison*
 - *Michelle LeMieur*
 - *Doreen Miller-Fish*
 - *Joanne Ruttger*
 - *Justin Smith*
 - *Tommy Sablan*
- *Schedule an appointment/email Fr. Eli (pastor@cuyunacatholic.org) or Dcn. Dan Goshey ([218-316-0607/dangoshey@gmail.com](mailto:dangoshey@gmail.com)).*



Thank you for joining us

