Building onto our past to FILL the ♥ of St. Fabian

Dear Faithful Parishioners,

The ability to meet easily and have access to all the spaces that make up St. Fabian Catholic Church are vital to St. Fabian Catholic Church's ability to nourish the lives of its parishioners. Often people use our sacred space, the Church itself, as a conduit to the Social Halls and Kitchen. The Gathering Space is *not* connected to the Kitchen or Social Halls. For this reason, it is difficult to locate the Social Hall entrance, particularly for visitors who are often invited to these spaces.

The idea of using the greenspace in the heart of the campus to create a new Event Center addresses the various needs the church has for both accessibility as well as gathering at the heart of the campus. Due to the many groups and meetings that the church hosts, this additional event space is necessary to support our growing and changing ministries. Additionally, updating the Social Hall spaces has been an item on the on the "to do" list for so long. For these reasons, "*Building onto our past to FILL the heart of St. Fabian*" has come to life.

This Concept Includes:

- A new entrance to the social hall that is visible from the parking lot

- A new 2,500 sq' Event Center that will connect the current social halls and kitchen to the Church Gathering Space

- Dramatic renovation of both small and large social halls

- A raised ceiling and natural light for the hallway that currently leads to the kitchen and social hall

- More mechanical storage space that is in high demand

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

May God Bless You!

Monsignor Timothy Hogan, Pastor

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Q/A:

How much is in the parish savings account held with the Archdiocese? There is nearly $500K in unrestricted savings. We are fortunate to consistently grow our savings when we exceed the annual Catholic Services Appeal.

What do our Endowments fund? Since 2019 the parish and school each have an endowment. The School Endowment presently generates $25K in annual distributions which is used for tuition assistance and annual salary increases for our dedicated teachers. The Church Endowment has been reinvested every year. During the campaign the $20K Annual distribution from the Church Endowment will be used to support the campaign.

How does this affect the Catholic Services Appeal? For 2022 we have exceeded the target of $120K. The monies currently being received in excess are returned to the parish *without* being assessed 7% and will be directed toward the campaign. In recent years, we have balanced the budget without a CSA overage. This allowed us to cover improvements or repairs that were not planned in the budget.

Why is creating the Heart of St. Fabian so important? It is necessary to restore the sanctity of our sanctuary. Presently, it acts as a pathway because the sanctuary provides a route from the parking lot to both the kitchen and Social Halls as well as an indoor pathway from the Gathering Space to the kitchen and halls. People who are praying are interrupted by foot traffic and deliveries that are transported through the sacred space. Because of this, there is difficulty calendaring events with the spaces presently available because of the dependency of one space to get to another. A new Event Center will be a welcomed addition for our busy campus.

Why are we doing this now when construction costs have never been higher? The Social Hall entrance and renovations have been on the Buildings and Grounds Committee's improvement list since 2014. When exploring these ideas, the Building and Grounds Committee first investigated making the Social Hall entrance a little grander and connecting it to the gathering space door that is to the right of where caskets are placed. The cost for this project approached $1million and in the end all that was gained was a hallway. With the pandemic behind us and the parish and school finances stable again, it is the time to accomplish this goal. We are seeking three competitive bids and will establish a Maximum Guaranteed Price.