



Dear St. Fabian Family,

I am starting my 10th year with you as business manager. When I arrived, we were completing the Gathering Space, a major addition to our worship space. Can you imagine life at St. Fabian without it now? In that time, I have gathered in the church meeting room countless times, meeting with our Finance Council, Buildings and Grounds Committee and other leadership groups for the material good of the parish, always seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit. And then the pandemic slowed us down, but not for long. We learned so much from it, such as livestreaming our worship and events in our sanctuary all over the globe. Today, our calendar is packed like never before. We use the social halls so often that the carpet is worn out. We are drawing new people to our campus for Liturgy, Bible studies and various presentation series.

The addition of the Gathering Space in 2013 and this post pandemic busyness has created difficulties that have become necessary to address. We need additional meeting space and to make it easier for guests to locate the entrance to the social hall; currently it is quite hidden from the parking lot and visitors get confused. The social halls are long overdue for a revamping and upgraded technology. As configured, it is common practice for foot traffic to move through the sanctuary disrupting prayer and distracting those who are before the Blessed Sacrament. Most importantly, this proposed new space will eliminate this traffic by not only connecting the Gathering Space to the social hall and kitchen, but also giving the social halls a new, high visibility entrance. As a bonus, this connection is not just an expensive hallway, it gives us another vital meeting space.

A lot of work has gone into this proposal, and I am pleased we were put in touch with a brilliant architect. Please know that we would welcome your input by serving on the Buildings and Grounds committee or the Finance Council. There is more information on our "Heart" webpage. (QR code below.)

Ten years later, and I still look forward to coming to my dream job. We can be proud of what our founding families did in beginning St. Fabian 65 years ago building the Church, the first portion, and later improving the school that flourishes today. We are not done. Christ is at the heart of our sanctuary where we worship and encounter Him in the Eucharist. Our Gathering Space prepares us to be with Him. Our social halls and kitchen are used to deepen our faith and fellowship. Let's build to connect those spaces effectively and restore the sanctity of our sanctuary.

Respectfully,

Paul Pyrkosz

