

Building Update

In December 2017, two Town Hall Meetings were held to review the status of the capital campaign including building costs, mortgage picture, and the financial position of the parish. The meetings also provided an opportunity for those attending to provide feedback and suggestions for proceeding.

The cost projection for a new church building is almost \$8,000,000. The parish has roughly \$3,000,000 on hand with pledges of \$900,000 outstanding. Proceeding with a new church building at this time would result in a mortgage in excess of about \$4,000,000. Based on our current financial position and sacrificial giving trends, a mortgage of this size is not affordable. (greater financial detail is provided on the parish website).

With this financial situation, a variety of suggestions for proceeding were offered by those attending the meetings including these:

- Remodel the existing Church
- Remodel Dalton Hall
- Build a separate gym
- Do some of the deferred maintenance
- Put a shell over the basketball court

The parishioners participating at the meetings unanimously recommended, regardless of the next steps, to proceed without incurring additional debt and to operate within the capital funds on hand. We will be conducting a simple parish-wide survey offering all parishioners the opportunity to provide input to parish leadership. After the survey, these are the next steps in the decision making process.

Any funds that have been donated for specific purposes such as the ACA rebate going toward the upgrade of Dalton Hall kitchen and the jog-a-thon for the bathroom upgrade will be held until a decision has been made on the next steps.

Below is a list of the next steps we will be taking in order to reach the final decisions.

- An in-pew survey to prioritize the community desires for use of the existing funds
- Further discussion with various stakeholders to gather specific ideas
- Engage an Architect and possibly an interior designer
- Engage a Liturgical Consultant
- Gain Archdiocesan approval

We will continue to update the Parish Community as we carry out the Next Steps.