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Holy Family Parish

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Options for Stepping Forward

To Be Discussed at Town Hall Meeting

The time has come for Holy Family to consider its next steps. We would like parishioner input on the direction we should take, based on the following four options. Keep in mind that we will not build a new church soon.

Stay the Course

We continue moving in the direction we set with the current master plan, building a 1,500-seat church for approximately \$10 million dollars. A redesign could result in cost adjustment up or down. We would maintain current facilities at 96th Street for offices, classroom space and parish hall. It would take at least four additional campaigns to get the church built.

Change our Starting Point

Instead of starting with a church, the parish builds a multipurpose facility for approximately \$4 million after two to three more campaigns. We would maintain current facilities for worship, religious education and offices, expanding programs, while earning some income from renting the multipurpose facility. A new church is constructed after four more campaigns with offices and classrooms, using the current master plan.

Change to Accelerate our Move

This option changes course by starting with a larger multipurpose facility for about \$5 million, including offices, religious education classrooms and space for 900 to 1,000 people to worship. It's expected to take two to three additional campaigns before breaking ground. The 96th Street property would be sold to help pay for the new facility. A new church is built after at least four additional campaigns. The master plan would be adapted to accommodate the changes.

Change Direction

Unlike other options, this one takes a 180-degree turn from the master plan. Instead of moving, we expand the 96th Street facilities by enlarging the church, classrooms and parish hall to the east. Raising funds for this option is expected to take two to three campaigns. It might be

possible to build a multipurpose facility to the west of the parking lot in two to three additional campaigns. *This property does not have ample space for a school.* Undertaking this option would require some master planning. We could sell all or part of the property at 106th and Woodland to help raise funds.

Where Did We Get Our Numbers?

Cost for Option 1 is a rough estimate that SFS Architecture made in 2008. Rough estimates for Options 2 and 3 came from Bill Cordaro of Church Development. Figures for the number of necessary campaigns were based on our past abilities to raise \$1.2 to \$1.5 million per campaign, with the diocesan requirement to hold at least 50 percent of the cost in cash and an additional 25 percent in pledges. Numbers will vary based on the economy and the timing of the work.

WHAT'S OUR NEXT STEP?

Holy Family will hold three Town Hall meetings to inform you about options for taking the next step in our building program. These sessions also will help us take the parish's pulse.

Please join us for one or more sessions to learn more.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7 – 9:30 A.M.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14 – NOON

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20 – 6 P.M.

PARISH HALL



Discipleship And Mission

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Did you know there's more than one way to share your treasure with Holy Family?

Many of us are blessed to contribute to the parish regularly. During these difficult times, it's a sacrifice. As we hold on to our "nest egg" or what is left of it, let's look at options for sharing your treasure with Holy Family in the future.

Making a donation in your will offers several ways to contribute to your charity. A cash gift is the simplest and most obvious. But if you own stock, real estate, jewelry, art, etc., you might be willing to donate a gift in kind, instead of cash.

You may designate Holy Family as a beneficiary on a certificate of deposit, annuity or life insurance policy. You may split the beneficiaries, so a small portion can go to your charity, allowing the bulk of the proceeds to go to family, if you desire.

Charitable gift annuities and charitable remainder trusts allow you to donate and receive a fixed income

for life with the balance going to your charity, hopefully Holy Family!

This fall Holy Family parishioner Joe Bartkoski will tell you how to leave a legacy to family and charities through MyLegacy, a Prudential product. MyLegacy gives you the benefit of an increased legacy, a money-back guarantee, free access to your money, tax advantages, now and later, and penalty-free withdrawals for hospice or nursing home care. When you select Holy Family Parish as a beneficiary, it receives a donation in the future.

Please understand that these are all just suggestions. We all wish we had more to give, were able to provide for Holy Family's future, and secure our families' futures – to leave a legacy.

Watch the bulletin, website and Facebook for information on upcoming informational sessions. In the meantime, if you wish to discuss how you can leave a legacy at Holy Family, please contact me.

TEN WAYS STEWARDSHIP BEGINS AT HOME

At Holy Family, we talk about making stewardship a way of life. Do you know that stewardship begins at home? Let me lead you through a Stewardship House Tour – my Top Ten! Think about the rooms where you live that you call home. Are they examples of stewardship in your household?

- Do you turn off the TV or computer to allow time for conversations with your family or to read a book?
- Do you have a recycling bin for your papers, cans, plastics and so on?
- Do you have a central calendar in your home, listing meetings, games, community events, etc., so you know what each person has committed to for the day/week?
- Are there healthy food choices in your pantry and refrigerator; such as whole grains, fruits and vegetables?
- Is your bedroom a place to rest and relax?
- Have you told your family that you love them and appreciate the sacrifices they make for you?
- Do you follow a budget and discuss it with the family?
- Does your home environment allow you to begin each day refreshed and ready for what God has in store for you?
- Do you have a quiet place in your home where you can pray just to "be in the moment" with God?
- How often do you step outside just to feel the breeze, listen to the birds or look out upon nature's beauty?

Take the time, time God gives you. Use it wisely. We have all been blessed with many gifts, we just need to uncover and embrace them. As Father Matthew has mentioned in his homilies lately . . . the transformation of bread and wine into the body and blood of Jesus at Mass is not the difficult part. The change that happens at the altar doesn't matter, if we don't change. Receive Communion often and Jesus will change you into himself. Allow Christ to work through you in all aspects of your life.

"Above all, let your love for one another be intense, because love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining. As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace."

What Do We Know?

While the future holds many unknowns as we consider starting another campaign, we do know the following:

- ✦ We have \$900,000 in savings with the potential to have \$1 million by the end of the current campaign.
- ✦ We have no debt. We own the 96th Street property and 60 acres at 106th and Woodland.
- ✦ Cost to prepare the land with utilities and grading is about \$1 million.
- ✦ To begin construction, the diocese requires we have 50 percent of the money in the bank with at least 25 percent more in pledges.
- ✦ Our current property, including church, educational wing and rectory, is roughly valued at \$2 million.
- ✦ We raised about \$400,000 each year in the Join the Journey and Our Family, Our Journey, Our Home campaigns.
- ✦ Parishioners contributed money for a church on the new property.
- ✦ Within parish boundaries, the population has potential for growth.

What We Don't Know

As we prepare to step forward, we are faced with several unknowns, making it difficult to take those steps. Here are some questions we are asking:

- ✦ What will happen with the economy?
- ✦ Will more land within parish boundaries be developed for housing?
- ✦ What will happen in the larger church?
- ✦ What will happen with the bishop in court?
- ✦ What will then happen in the diocese?
- ✦ How long before Father Matthew is moved from Holy Family?

How do these issues affect the parish? These questions are not likely to be answered before we take the next step. Yet, they are issues certainly to be considered.

What are Our Needs?

We want to continue ministering to parishioners and the larger community, while accommodating growth without compromising the quality of worship and ministries.

In talking with parish leadership, we have discussed the following needs:

- ✦ Larger worship space seating 1,000 or more
- ✦ More room for parish meetings
- ✦ Additional larger classrooms for religious education
- ✦ Larger parish hall, seating 500 at tables
- ✦ Gymnasium for youth and adults
- ✦ Sufficient office and storage space
- ✦ More parking

CAMPAIGN DIRECTION

The Diocese of Kansas City – St. Joseph is considering a capital campaign of its own with a kick-off in spring 2013. The diocese has a goal of \$40 million, mostly to fund a new high school in eastern Jackson County.

This presents a problem for Holy Family. The diocese has told us that if it proceeds with a capital campaign the same time we do, we are required to guarantee the diocese a percentage of our 2010-2011 fiscal-year income.

Parish income that year was \$1,356,262. Our goal would be seventy-five percent of that or \$1,017,197. Our guaranteed portion would be 90 percent of the goal or \$915,477.

Therefore, if the diocese starts its own capital campaign, Holy Family will not. In that case, the parish goal is the same, but there is no guaranteed amount.

It is possible the diocese will not hold a campaign, based on the outcome of the court case involving Bishop Robert Finn. If the diocese does not hold a campaign, the parish will step forward with its campaign.

DISCERNING OUR NEXT STEPS

I have two stories: one from Jesus, another from a parishioner.

Jesus said, “Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion?”

“Otherwise, after laying the foundation and finding himself unable to finish the work the onlookers should laugh at him and say, ‘This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish.’”

Several years ago, a parishioner told me about a decision her family had made. They started out wanting to build a new, bigger



house.

After talking about their options and looking at the challenges, as well as the intended outcome, instead of building a new house, they decided to stay in their old one and just add a few amenities.

Both stories have value to consider as we continue discerning our “next steps” as the faith community of Holy

Family.

Attending one of the upcoming town hall meetings hopefully will inspire us all to think clearly and realistically, as we contemplate the future.

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