

TRANSITION OF EXISTING GYM INTO PARISH ARTS & ACTIVITY CENTER



Currently, most plays and other performances are held in the Marcy Center, which has limited seating capacity. The fine arts program continues to grow at St. Dominic. For many, these skills are a lifelong journey. Renovating the existing gym to include a stage would allow for better sight lines, larger seating capacity for events not suited for the layout of the church, lighting, sound, and priority scheduling of these events. Other ministries, such as Youth Ministry may be able to attract speakers or hold events etc. that require more of a “stage” or room set up, not currently available on our campus. The space would accommodate events requiring extensive set-up or covering a number of dates. The existing floor would remain.

SCHOOL EXPANSION



Our school will continue to attract families to the Parish. Christian Formation programs, held in school classrooms, will continue to grow. Pre-school and kindergarten programs will also increase. This growth will further tax the space limitations in the school building. A two story expansion outside the Northeast Wing would allow the two first grade classes to move to the upper level and allow further growth in the pre-school and after-school area. Lower level space could provide for a variety of uses including school offices, conference rooms, classrooms, etc.

MARCY CENTER UPDATE



The Marcy Center is heavily scheduled by a variety of groups. This is a primary meeting area. Groups often use the space for major events highlighting their respective ministries. Replacing the flooring with a lower maintenance option would enhance the appearance of the Marcy Center. Development of a more permanent space for nursery capabilities is needed. Updating the kitchen area to allow preparation and/or warming of food would enhance events. Possible uses could be for gatherings after funerals, welcoming events, smaller dinner events, etc. This space would be utilized by parishioners of all ages.

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Dear Parishioner,

April 2008

As you may be aware, the Parish Council commissioned a planning project called Vision 2012 to help guide the St. Dominic faith community in our future development. After receiving feedback from parishioners through surveys and visioning sessions, a dedicated team of parish staff and fellow parishioners created 12 Vision Statements. From these statements, Vision Area Implementation Teams (VAITs) were formed to develop the action steps to help us reach our goals.

This communication is to inform you about the developments in the Building and Grounds Vision Area.

Building and Grounds Vision 2012 Statement

Our parish campus will be appealing and inviting, well maintained, and up-dated to meet the needs of our mission and programs.

- A review of the current campus (Church, Parish Center, Rectory, School, and grounds) will determine the long-term maintenance needs of our facilities. The team will gain an understanding of current and anticipated needs for space.
- Project teams will develop options that best utilize and enhance current space, investigate any potential major remodeling projects, and analyze potential building projects.
- All projects will be evaluated and prioritized based on their costs, available funds, and their ability to enhance the worship experience and faith education of all parishioners as well as attracting new members to our faith community.

The Building and Grounds Vision Area Implementation Teams spent many hours identifying needs, determining potential projects, and helping to create a Master Plan for the St. Dominic campus. The Parish Council recently approved the Master Plan. We are unveiling it to you in the following pages. Our hope is that completion of some of these projects can become part of the goal of the upcoming Faith in our Future Capital Campaign (www.faithinourfuture.org). More information and opportunities for discussion will occur as part of the Campaign in the Fall of 2008.

Please note, the projects in the Master Plan are not listed in any specific order, nor is there a defined timeline for completion of any particular project.

These are exciting times for St. Dominic Parish. As a Catholic faith community we are entrusted to build upon the wonderful history of our parish, to serve God by serving each other, and to offer our gifts to strengthen our community today and for those who will follow in our footsteps.

May God continue to bless you and all of us at St. Dominic.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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MASTER PLAN FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

PLAN OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this document is to delineate the St. Dominic Master Plan for Capital Improvements (Master Plan). The goal is to identify new buildings and improvements to the existing buildings that would not be considered normal maintenance. General overviews of the projects are listed. The final versions of any of the projects would be determined by building project teams consisting of professionals, lay people, and parish leadership. While this is a living document and subject to modifications and additions, this plan is designed to be the road map we follow as funds become available. Final approval for implementation will be the responsibility of the Parish Council, currently installed at the time, with guidance from the Finance Committee, and in accordance with all Archdiocesan and Parish Policies and Procedures. Regular review of the Master Plan is the responsibility of the Parish Council.

RESEARCH

In 2006, following the parish celebration of its Golden Jubilee, the Parish Council commissioned a parish planning project called Vision 2012 to develop the principles to guide us into the future. Based on feedback from our parishioners and thanks to the help of dedicated staff members and many volunteers, 12 Vision Statements and corresponding Action Plans were presented and subsequently approved by the Parish Council. Additional discussions with parish leaders and parishioners led the Parish Council to create a team to develop recommendations regarding the buildings and grounds needs for our parish.

PARISH BENEFITS

St. Dominic is a vibrant parish today. It is our sacred trust to ensure it will be in the future. The projects identified in the Master Plan are geared towards enhancing the ministries offered at St. Dominic and that of the greater Church.



INTERIOR CHURCH UPDATE AND EXPANSION



Parish membership continues to grow. One priority from Vision 2012 is to increase Mass attendance. The existing nave has served the congregation well for over 25 years but is now showing the wear and tear of a quarter century of use. The worship space needs to be updated and seating capacity expanded. This project would include new flooring, new radial pews, upgrading the lighting and sound systems, and an expansion of seating capacity by remodeling the current crying room area. This change will enhance worship of parishioners and guests by providing a more welcoming design, make it easier to fully participate in the Liturgy, and allow for larger attendance on a weekly basis as well as on Christmas, Easter, and other special occasions.

SOUTH NARTHEX



With a view of the Prayer Gardens, this new space would serve as a welcoming point for church and other activities and a transition from the everyday world to one of prayer and worship. The expanded narthex would be a gathering place before and after Mass, for weddings, funerals, and other events. It would allow exhibits from various ministries to be displayed on the same level as the church. This transitional space would allow the nave to be a place of reverent silence as appropriate. The narthex would provide opportunities to hold other functions and events in an area within a religious setting, yet outside the worship area. The space could serve as a quieting area during Mass as well as allow for overflow seating for Mass when required, such as during Christmas and Easter seasons.

NEW GYM



Athletics help to foster a sense of community and can aid in keeping people, especially youth, teens, and young adults tied to the parish. The current gym is well above usage capacity. Teams are currently renting space at other facilities. Children take advantage of programs offered at other churches, including non-Catholic locations. A new gym would provide groups, including school, Lifelong Faith Formation, teens, and adults, more opportunities to participate in a variety of programs. The facility would hold one main court, but also allow for two full-sized courts that could be used concurrently with each other making tournaments a possibility as well as allowing practices at more appropriate times. Programs could be created to serve all parishioners and attract new members.

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