

Stepping Stones

Realizing a Dream Town Hall Meetings Recap

At our three Town Hall meetings, Father Tyler gave a recap of our past history, Master Plan progress, and completed building projects. He displayed sites considered for the location of our church, presented pros & cons of each site, the process that led to the decision to acquire 7.5 acres to the north of our parking lot, and discussed next steps in completing Phase III of the Master Plan--a free-standing church.

Key Points:

- No design has been chosen for the new church
- All past work and designs for new church will be reviewed and considered
- Input for church plans will be gathered through focus groups, surveys, and meeting with parish and school staff, councils and ministry groups
- Date for construction of new church is not set
- Diocesan requirement to obtain a loan to build a church is 80% of the total cost in pledges or cash, which must be met before construction can begin
- Construction on new land will lower required site prep costs and avoid additional expense of relocating existing sports fields/playgrounds
- Construction of a flood retention pond on our existing property will not be necessary, as new land acquisition includes ownership of portion of lake
- All donations to Phase III Building Fund Land Appeal go towards repaying our loan of \$553,210.75 for the land
- After the loan is retired, all donations will go towards our new church
- At our current level of giving to the building fund, loan would be repaid in 4 years
- An increase in our current level of giving will enable us to pay off loan much sooner and move more quickly into the final phase of our parish's Master Plan--construction of new church

Thank you to:

- Everyone who attended a Town Hall meeting or a Land Tour
- All the wonderful volunteers who helped stuff envelopes for the direct mail, set up, clean up, and serve at Town Hall meetings
- Everyone who donated beverages for the Town Hall meetings
- Everyone making a donation to building fund collections and online
- Everyone who is praying for the success of Phase III

We also appreciate all of the input, comments, and questions contributed at the Town Hall meetings. In upcoming Stepping Stones columns, we will publish questions and answers.

Please prayerfully consider what part you will play in the success of *in the final phase of our parish's Master Plan--construction of our new church.*