

Can I give through my estate plan?

Yes and we encourage you to remember St. Mary parish in your bequests for our future just as you keep St. Mary in your thoughts today with your annual support and capital gifts. Please talk to your lawyer, accountant or other certified financial advisor about the documents required for us to count and value your bequest or other revocable gift toward the Legacy Campaign. Also, please tell the volunteer who visits you about your intention or write a note on your pledge card. Someone will contact you to help.

What if I want to give to one of the other Master Plan projects?

We will gladly accept gifts and pledges for our other capital projects, but other phases will not be started until Phase 1 is paid for and any debt acquired to fund Phase 1 is retired. We will earmark your gifts for the specific project you have in mind and use it for the project when the time comes. In addition to the project you want to help fund in the future, we hope you will kindly consider a gift of some amount for Phase 1 today so the parish can expediently move forward to the next phase.

What if the campaign raises less than \$3 million?

The parish is in a good financial position to consider other funding in order to make up for a shortfall.

Does the Diocese of Rockford approve of this plan?

The Rockford Diocese recognizes the critical need of Phase I. They have approved a two-story build. Construction begins after completion of the Legacy Campaign and final approval from the diocese regarding financial arrangements to repay the loan. A bridge loan will be necessary to cover construction costs during the period that pledges are being collected. The parish is in good financial position to consider other funding in order to make up for a possible shortfall. We will continue to communicate and meet with the Diocese to ensure our plans move forward.

How will the parish be informed about campaign progress?

Informational meetings and other events will be held during the campaign to keep information available to all parishioners. Information will also be posted on the website (www.stmaryscamore.com) as well as provided in church bulletins and announcements at masses.

The Church of St. Mary Legacy Campaign Phase 1 of the Faith Formation Center

FAQs



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Frequently Asked Questions

What does Phase I include and how much will be raised?

Phase 1 is the construction of three classrooms, Religious Education and School offices, refurbished rest rooms for the entire school and possible unfinished second story.

Phase I of the Faith Formation Center was decided upon as our first capital project of the Master Plan for two important reasons. 1) Phase 1 lays the groundwork for future phases of the Master Plan. 2) Phase 1 represents an urgent need. It replaces the space we are losing in the Murphy Building since the current lease with Ventas expires after the completion of school year 2010 and a past attempt at a buy-out failed.

As with all construction projects, details of the project design could be modified for a variety of reasons including site preparation test results.

The Legacy Campaign seeks to raise \$3 million to fund building of Phase 1 of the Faith Formation Center.

Why is the Faith Formation Center the first of the Master Plan priorities?

Phase 1 of the Faith Formation Center was decided upon as our first capital project of the Master Plan for two important reasons. It replaces the space we are losing in the Murphy Building and lays the groundwork for future classrooms and the gym.

What are the other projects of the Master Plan?

The other capital projects of the Master Plan include:

- Faith Formation Center completion
- New Gymnasium, as well as multi-purpose space, Cafeteria, Music/Choir Room.
- New Parking Lot
- Church Link to Faith Formation Center, Rest rooms for Church, new Sacristy.
- Church Expansion including construction of new chapel for daily use.
- New Rectory

How were the Master Plan priorities determined?

- In 2005-2006 St. Mary's learned that we would likely lose our lease for the Murphy Building in the near future. Efforts were then started in the fall of 2006 to review all parish needs.
- After careful review by the Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC),

a town hall meeting was held to present the LRPC initial recommendation and findings.

- Surveys and interviews were done to gather parishioner and staff input regarding short and long-term needs of the parish as presented by LRPC.
- Overwhelming support was given to the LRPC from the parish to proceed with making replacement of lost space in Murphy Center a priority.
- After a feasibility study was completed, the first phase was finalized based on need and affordability.

When will the gym be built?

The gym is a priority, but due to the loss of space in the Murphy Building, replacing the classrooms must be done first. The gym will be built in Phase 2. There needs to be enough parishioner financial support to finish classrooms on the new second floor because the second floor classrooms will replace others that will be lost when the 1920 portion of the school is demolished to make room for the gym.

Where will the computer room be?

We plan to go to wireless computers in the future or will combine the computer room and library.

Do we have the Murphy Building space until the new build is completed?

We have a lease for the Murphy Building until August 2010. They could serve notice and ask us to leave sooner as in any lease agreement, but we feel confident that we will have that space until the end of the agreed to time.

When will building of Phase 1 of the new Faith Formation begin?

As soon as \$3 million in pledges is raised and we have Diocese approval.

How will the funds be raised? How will the campaign be run and for how long?

- Every parish family will be contacted to be a part of the Legacy Campaign.
- A pledge card will be completed and turned in to the Parish Office.
- The campaign pledges can be paid over a five-year period.
- Pledges may be paid in one installment or several installments over five years or less.
- Pledges may be paid by cash, check, EFT or credit card.