



PLANNING STUDY *Fact Sheet*



OUR DYNAMIC AND EXPANDING PARISH

From humble beginnings in 1919, when Murfreesboro Catholics hoped and prayed for a church to call their own, to present time, in which we find ourselves experiencing an era of extraordinary growth and renewal in Middle Tennessee, the Saint Rose of Lima Catholic Church family has stayed true to our core values: to know, love and serve the Lord Jesus Christ, as well as proclaim his love to the world.

For more than one hundred years, beloved and forward-thinking leadership has nurtured faith, fellowship, service, and education among our parishioners. They have also sought practical and necessary solutions to provide space and care for our flourishing parish, which now proudly numbers 3,000-plus registered individuals and families.

In 1953, the school was established. Over the years, our school, like many others, faced economic pressure and fluctuations in enrollment. After a period of closure, the parish responded to the growth in Murfreesboro by reopening in 1999. Through prayer, hard work and a strong commitment to Catholic education by our parishioners, this was accomplished. With high academic standards, a dedicated faculty, and a faith-focused environment, students develop a keen appreciation for their Christian identity and are endowed with a moral compass to help them navigate life as confident disciples.



While our church and school are filled with the best of programs, services and people, our facilities are no longer adequate. Lack of updates, inaccessibility and deferred maintenance have created a backlog of projects. We have outgrown our space and need more room for the ministries and celebrations that our rapidly growing Catholic community desires. For this reason, we are proposing new construction and major renovations to our campus to meet the needs of our current and our future families. These proposed projects will help us more effectively fulfill our role as missionary disciples and continue ***“To be the place of encounter with the fullness of Christ in this community.”***



OUR CHALLENGE

The acquisition of new property, coupled with significant growth in the county and within the parish, has created opportunities to address present needs and accommodate future development.

In 2020, the parish invested in a master planning process. The strategic planning committee was comprised of members from the pastoral council, the stewardship committee, school administration, and finance board. William Heyer, Architect, in conjunction with Schooley Caldwell, was tasked with developing the plan. During the process, parishioners expressed broad and solid support for the following priorities:

- *A new gym*
- *Reconfigured athletic fields and parking*
- *A community center*
- *Increased room for events and ministries, particularly the Food Pantry and Backpack Food Ministry*

The parish has also outgrown its existing church. A new larger church should be considered that offers seating for at least 1,000 people, beautifully designed as a public beacon of our Catholic faith in Murfreesboro. It would include a narthex, sacristies, parish offices, restrooms, meeting rooms and a columbarium.

Once the components of the plan were determined, the team divided them into phases.

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THE BROADER CHURCH IN MIDDLE TENNESSEE

Our diocese is at a pivotal time in its long history. The unprecedented growth in our area presents many new opportunities for advancing the mission of the Catholic Church in Middle Tennessee. Under the dynamic leadership of Bishop J. Mark Spalding, the diocese recently launched *A Legacy of Faith, Hope and Love* Campaign to support Catholic education, priestly vocations, the outreach ministries of Catholic Charities and parish growth and expansion. Every parish is participating in this \$50 million fundraising effort.

Our Legacy Campaign Pledge **\$1,139,791**

For those parishes whose needs and dreams exceed what their 25% parish share would fund, the diocese has granted special permission to allow for a “combined campaign”. Saint Rose of Lima is among a handful of parishes who are conducting a separate effort to raise funds primarily for their own church and school. In exchange, we have agreed to make a diocesan campaign pledge on behalf of the parish, which is equivalent to our *Legacy* goal (minus the 25% parish share).

PARISH AND SCHOOL VISION

PHASE ONE – Athletic Fields and Meeting Space

Estimated Cost: \$607,000

This project would include:

- Reconfiguration of the athletic fields, moving the fields north to account for expanded parking, clearing the trees north to the fields as necessary, and rearranging the fields so that baseball and soccer fields no longer overlap.
- Addition of new parking lots.
- Renovation of the Marian Center, which will house the Food Pantry, Bridge Ministry and the Backpack Food Ministry as well as meeting rooms.

PHASE TWO – New Gym

Estimated Cost: \$3.2 million

This project would include:

- A regulation-sized basketball court.
- New restrooms.
- Spaces available for concessions, offices, storage and large events.
- Locker rooms.

PHASE THREE – Meeting Space, Kitchen and Cafeteria

Estimated Cost: \$2.2 million

This project would include the:

- Demolition and renovation of the interior in the existing meeting and office spaces to create new kitchen and cafeteria.
- Construction of new school offices and covered arcade connecting to the new gym.

PHASE FOUR – New Church

Estimated Cost: \$21 million

This project would include the:

- Demolition of the existing gymnasium, kitchen, Jo Call Room, and existing parish offices.
- Construction of the new addition including the church with its narthex and columbarium, arts and music rooms, library, meeting rooms and parish offices.
- Renovation of the old church into a new social hall, new memorial grove and entry plaza.

OUR NEXT STEPS

To achieve our goal of implementing the master plan, we are preparing for a major capital campaign. But first we need to hear from you. With the help of the Steier Group, a Catholic fundraising firm based in Omaha, our parish is conducting a planning study. Over the next several weeks, we will invite everyone in our faith community to participate in a brief interview, complete a mail questionnaire, or fill out an online survey. The planning study will allow us to gauge potential support for these projects and determine a realistic fundraising goal, so that we know how much of the master plan can be accomplished and in what timeframe.