

Building Our Future Together – Parish Master Plan Update

Dear Parish Family,

Over the past year, we have been prayerfully discerning how best to serve the needs of our growing community. In an effort to welcome, worship, and witness to Christ, we are developing a **Parish Master Plan** — a roadmap for future renovations and improvements to our church and campus. We are currently working with the Diocese of Lafayette and Schmidt Associates in this effort.

Your participation in several focus groups helped us come up with guiding principles in making decisions for the Master Plan.

1. **Connectivity:** Create campus connectivity to encourage parish interaction and meaningful fellowship outside of Mass and improve synergy between activities and spaces.
2. **Interaction:** Provide multi-purpose, gathering, event, support, and outdoor play space that support various ministries, meetings, and impromptu intergenerational social interactions throughout campus and foster community outreach.
3. **Capacity:** Increase the capacity of the parish to support current needs, while accounting for future growth including: more parking, more Mass seating, a rectory that supports multiple priests, more classroom and religious education spaces, and more gathering areas.
4. **Welcome:** Enhance the accessibility, wayfinding, and visibility of the parish to allow ease of access and create a welcoming environment for people of all ability levels and types of church engagement.
5. **Enhanced Worship Space:** Address acoustical and audio-visual challenges; address space needs for children; study updating the sanctuary including a reredos and tabernacle; and allow more seating for Mass attendance.
6. **Stewardship:** Good financial stewardship of the parish's available financial resources will guide decisions about the implementation of the Master Plan.

In the months ahead, we will share more details, including visual renderings, estimated costs, and additional opportunities for parishioner input.

This effort is about more than buildings — it's about ensuring that our vibrant parish continues to be a place where faith is nurtured, families are strengthened, and the love of Christ is made visible.

Please keep this project in your prayers as we move forward with hope and trust in God's plan for the future of St. Alphonsus Liguori Catholic Church.

With gratitude,

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