

Summary of Meeting on March 10, 2026

7:00pm at Ashland Brewing Company

Parish Council Absent Members: Cole Kalkowski, Karen Stille, and Anthony Weaver

Additional People present: Kevin Clark, Father Matya, Steve Bird (American Philanthropic)

The meeting opened with the prayer for St. Mary and St. Joseph Parishes.

Steve Bird presented the findings of his feasibility study research that included responses from approximately one-third of the parish families (St. Mary's and St. Joseph's) via personal interviews and responses to an online survey.

A third of the parish responded either via interview or survey:

- 80% of those who responded showed overall support for the idea of a new church. (This is a high and positive number.) Steve gave a breakdown of the points of favor of the respondents.
- There were some objections/concerns included in the responses. Most came from size, scale and perceived cost of project (not stylistic decisions to do with new church preliminary drawings)
- \$3.6-6.2 was Steve's estimate on how many million in-parish donations we would raise in a capital campaign.
- 2 options:
 - o Move forward with the same plans knowing that significant capital needs to be raised beyond this estimate
 - o Revise current plan and design and then group with an altered plan to move forward
- Either way, progress has been made and we move forward knowing new information.
- The council will meet again in a month to brainstorm next steps

The meeting closed with a blessing from Fr. Matya.