

November 21, 2022

7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Meeting to discuss construction of new office/meeting space/Adoration Chapel

Parishioners invited to attend meeting in church with Father Mike, parish council members and financial council members

Father Mike opened with prayer. The council members and nursery school board members introduced themselves.

Father Mike presented the problems with the current parish office building that need to be remedied as soon as possible:

- Mold
- Lack of energy efficiency and insulation
- Lack of handicap accessibility
- Possible presence of lead and asbestos (originally a farmhouse built in the 1930's)

Items Discussed

Topic 1 - A dedicated meeting space - The new space will add much needed meeting space for the various ministries at St. Raphael's. Currently the ministries meet in the upper rooms and parish library. These spaces are not always available.

Topic 2- Installation of an Adoration Chapel in the new space – A small chapel with room for about 12, which will be open and available to the public 24/7. A show of hands indicated majority of persons gathered voted FOR the adoration chapel

Topic 3- Funding and need for setting up a strategic plan for capital improvements

Questions and issues raised by parishioners

- Does the church have a strategic plan in place for capital improvements?
- Is there need for a capital campaign to fund this project?
- Should the mold issue in the parish office building be remedied as soon as possible before undertaking any other work?
- Could the chapel be an extension of the church?
- Will an RFP be issued (request for proposals)?
- Need for sprinklers in the school pre-school area
- Need for a playground for recess and not use the blacktop

Responses

- ❖ Church does not have a strategic plan in place for capital improvements.
- ❖ Financial council members confirmed that the project will be funded with monies available. Estimated cost about \$2 mil.
- ❖ Father hopes to get the project going in the next 6 months so does not make sense to fix just the mold issue before the start of the project

- ❖ Might be more cost effective to add chapel to new space than add to church.
- ❖ Father indicated that John Dufief (not sure I got the name right) will be handling the RFPs
- ❖ Will investigate installing sprinklers as soon as possible

Action Items

- Convey opinions of the parish to the Architects
- Architects to meet with the City of Rockville to present project plan
- Outcome after meeting with the City of Rockville to be discussed at next meeting

Meeting closed with prayer.