

Did you participate in a Focus Group or our Parish-wide Survey and share your thoughts for the design of our new church? Eager to know what your fellow parishioners said?

Here's the news!

**Thanks to all who participated in the focus groups and parish-side survey regarding the design of the new church!** We had excellent participation! From the results of the data, we learned that parishioners have some common desires:

- \* A timeless, permanent, and unmistakably Catholic church
- \* A church that is vibrant, welcoming, and Christ-centered
- \* A church that can evolve to meet all parishioners' needs
- \* Shared spaces that are functional for many different groups to utilize

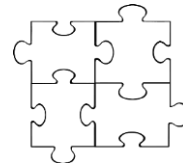
Parishioners also mentioned some specific design elements that are important to them.

*(Note: While we will surely be constrained by architectural design, financial concerns and liturgical requirements, all efforts will be made to include these elements into the design).*

Stone or brick exterior	Central tabernacle	Statues
Stained glass*	Dedicated cry room	Exterior St. Joseph statue
Prominent crucifix*	Long, central aisle	Holy water fountains
Steeple	Landscaped grounds	Sanctuary lamp
Stations of the Cross	Bell tower	Separate Adoration Chapel
Large vestibule or narthex	Level hard surface floor with elevated altar	Shape of church -There was a tie between cruciform and semi-circular layouts.
Choir loft located in the back		
Small baptismal font near the altar		

\*Both interior and exterior

### Next Steps-Putting It All Together



- *Retire loan for land before beginning construction of new church.*  
**Loan Amount:** \$553, 211.75    **Loan Balance:** \$201,129.50
- *Early pay-off of the loan for land, where our new church will be built. If we maintain our current rate of giving and thus our current pace of extra payments against principal, we will repay our loan balance in 1 year.*
- *Encourage greater donor participation to the Building Fund Land Appeal. A higher level of participation and support will enable us to move more quickly in the final phase of our parish's Master Plan--construction of our new church.*
- Develop preliminary design plans for the construction of our new church.
- Begin search for architects with liturgical abilities.

While there are many details to be determined, we are off to a great start! It's a very exciting time for our parish! Stay tuned for more updates as the Design team begins its work in earnest.

Look for our Stepping Stones columns in the bulletin for all the information, news, and progress updates.