

St. Kilian Church

Feasibility Study - Summary Report

October 2018

Thanks to all parishioners who participated in the recent **Feasibility Study**. The study sought input from parishioners on plans to accomplish a variety of capital improvements and upgrades to parish buildings and grounds. A second purpose was to identify levels of financial support and potential leadership candidates for a future fund raising campaign. To date, we have received 457 responses. A summary of responses to the questionnaire is outlined below.

How long have you been a parishioner at St. Kilian's parish? **Average was 32 years.**

How would you rate your overall satisfaction with the Parish?

90% responded with Very Satisfied or Satisfied

What is your reaction to the Needs Statement? (Please review the needs statement)

71% responded "Necessary"

18% responded "Mixed"

Are there any of these projects that you feel should be given priority?

Top Comments:

Replacing the Rectory Roof is a top priority it is leaking

Prioritize the projects based on importance

Handicapped Access to the lower Church is a high priority

Safety, Security, Efficiency and Handicapped Access

Are there other areas of need not included in the work listed that you see as needed?

Top Comments:

Repair the current elevator in the Church/Very unreliable

Fix the loose railings at the entrance of the Church

Improve the Sound System in the Church

Implement a Spiritual Development Program/Evangelization

Getting parishioners back to the parish

With regard to your own involvement, would you... Give to a campaign

86% responded "Yes or Maybe"

Significant giving will be needed in order for the parish to undertake this project. If you were to consider making a financial commitment to the campaign, could you estimate the size of your gift?

A total of 135 families estimated their potential commitments ranging from \$500 to \$50,000 totaling \$567,000 in multi-year pledges.

Additional Comments?

Responses:

Have more Social activities

We are retired and living on a fixed income

To reduce cost - use parishioners or local companies

Bring in more people - Evangelize

The parish is aging - we need to encourage/invite younger families

St. Kilian's is a nice friendly parish - I am very happy here

I hope all goes well

Get a variety of bids to ensure the best price

Thank you for trying to complete this task - I will give as much as I can

AREAS OF CONVERSATION - Case Statement of Need

Parishioners recognize the need to make repairs and improve the parish buildings and grounds. Many parishioners are homeowners and understand the need for continued upkeep and maintenance and recognize that the parish has many older buildings. Many families commented on the need to replace the rectory roof, fix deteriorating sidewalks, brickwork repair and improve handicapped access to the lower Church and see these items as the top priorities followed by the replacement of the roofs on School and Auditorium. A majority of parishioners feel that ensuring safety, creating efficiencies and improving handicapped access are all top priorities.

When asked about other projects seen as a low priority, many felt that the expansion of the parking lot on the east side of the Church was unnecessary. Many commented on the hope to use parishioners and local contractors to do the work and have a written guarantee.

Project Costs/Priorities

For the benefit of parishioners, we shared an estimate of \$3.5 million as the projected cost of the proposed improvements. Many parishioners asked for a detailed review of the cost of each of the projects and want the parish to be fiscally responsible and not incur debt or jeopardize the current financial stability of the parish. Parishioners expressed interest in prioritizing the improvements based on ensuring safety, increased efficiency and improved handicapped access.

Parish Community/Clergy

Parishioners at St. Kilian's feel a strong sense of community and feel Father Bruce is doing his best to keep the parish active and engaged. Father Suglia and the Deacons were mentioned many times as friendly and caring and well known to many in the parish. This will certainly help with fund raising.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The results of the Feasibility Study indicate that St. Kilian is in a good position to conduct a capital campaign. The participation rate has ensured that a wide range of parishioners have been consulted. A majority (71%) have reacted favorably to the case statement of need. Parishioners see the need to make repairs and improvements and are supportive of the proposed needs. While there is strong support for the case as listed, there is questions about how the rental income from the school will fund a portion of the funds needed. Taking into account the annual income of the parish, the support for the case, the initial number of parishioners willing to commit to a campaign (135), and the early indication of \$567,000 in pledges, we believe that St. Kilian has the potential to raise \$1.4 million to as much as \$1.8 million. The ability of the parish to raise up to \$1.8 million dollars would be determined by the number of exceptional major gifts from parishioners who did not participate in the study process.

Based upon the results of the Feasibility Study, we feel confident that St. Kilian could expect between a 12% and 18% rate of participation from 5,300 registered parishioners. To reach a goal of \$1.8 million in pledges, there would need to be a minimum participation rate of 15% (795 gifts) with an average pledge of \$2,264 paid over a three to four year period.