

## **Making Room at Our Table**

July 2010

Thank you to those who attended the annual parish meeting on June 16. Your questions and comments were very much appreciated. The members of the Planning and Design Committee have finished hearing proposals from various architectural firms. We are pleased to announce that Hagemeister Mack Architects, located in Saint Cloud, is the firm that has been selected to lead us through the schematic phase of our potential building project. Mr. Murray Mack brings with him a wealth of experience, a wonderful team and an open, listening approach. His firm's mission is "to provide creative solutions to design challenges through a process of learning, listening and teaching." Some of his past local church projects include: the addition of the gathering space/fellowship hall at the Church of Saint Francis Xavier, Sartell; the addition of the gathering space/fellowship hall at the Church of Saint Peter, Saint Cloud; the new Church of the Sacred Heart, Sauk Rapids; and the new Church of the Immaculate Conception in Cross Lake.

In the coming months, to fulfill his firm's mission of learning, listening and teaching, Mr. Mack will meet with various groups in our parish to gain further insight on our facilities needs. He will also be using information from the PFET (Planning and Facilities Evaluation Team) report. An all-parish meeting will be scheduled sometime in late fall. Please watch the bulletin for further updates and plan to attend the meeting. This is how your voice will be heard.

This first phase is about dreaming and planning for the future. Mr. Mack will develop a schematic design showing an addition to the current facilities which will help our parish grow with the developing needs of our parish and local community. A schematic design is a drawing that shows the parts of a concept without going into too much detail. This is the first step in developing plans for a potential building project. A full building project will not proceed without parish support.

After a schematic design is developed, it is submitted to the Diocesan Building Commission for review and recommendation to Bishop Kinney. Ultimately Bishop Kinney would need to approve the completion of Phase One before we are authorized to move forward with subsequent phases. The next phase would include a financial and project review to determine if our parish could financially support a building project.

If you have any questions or feedback, please contact the committee members at our email address: [makingroom@churchstjoseph.org](mailto:makingroom@churchstjoseph.org)

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