

# Making Room at Our Table

## Maintenance First

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The number one priority identified by our fundraising feasibility study as part of the facility planning process was to provide for the long-term maintenance needs of the church, parish office and school building. The original Programming and Facilities Evaluation Team (PFET) made a careful inventory of the current facilities and their long-term needs. People are rightly concerned that we don't overextend ourselves in our efforts to expand and update our facilities.

The very good news is that the parishioners of the Church of Saint Joseph, with the wisdom and guidance of our Building and Maintenance Committee and Finance Council, have been good stewards of our resources. As we move forward, we will focus our attention on immediate maintenance needs such as replacing the church roof and restoring the church gutter system. Even following the recession of 2008-2010, with the help of excess earnings over budget from our parish 4<sup>th</sup> of July festival and bequests by parishioners, we have been able to maintain our current physical plant without a need for raising additional funds.

This means that a capital campaign can focus on our expansion needs. As we seek to accommodate the many groups and programs that use our facilities and foster an atmosphere that is welcoming and comfortable for our parishioners and guests, we believe our proposed expansion will further solidify the Church of Saint Joseph as an important downtown spiritual center.

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