

FAQ's

FROM SHJ BUILDING COMMITTEE

In preparation for our

TOWN HALL MEETING

Sunday, June 26th from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM
In our Gymnasium

- **What are the needs our parish must address?**

Nearly all of our facilities are over 40 years old. Portions of the elementary school do not meet modern codes and pose a life-safety hazard. The chiller in the church is on the verge of failure, electrical light fixtures have short circuited, and the liturgical arrangement of the worship space does not meet current practices.

- **In a nutshell, what is involved in the Facilities Master Plan?**

The plan calls for the following: 1.) Renovating the sanctuary of the church, 2.) Addressing the health and safety issues associated with the school, and 3.) Improving the parking and grounds of the parish campus. A fourth phase, an addition to the school, is described but is not part of the funding plan.

- **What are the expected costs?**

The scope of work associated with the three phases put forth in this plan is estimated to be approximately \$4.6 million.

- **Why not just keep the status quo and just make repairs as needed?**

The building infrastructure is largely past its useful life. The status quo could be maintained for a few more years but it is not a sustainable solution. Mechanical systems are at the end of their useful lives. Our costly, band-aid approach to repairs will only prolong the inevitable required replacement and impair our annual operating budget.

- **What exactly are the "Life and Safety Issues" that need to be tended to in our elementary school?**

The most pressing is the plenum air in the corridor of the elementary school. Our type of system is no longer allowed by code because, in the event of a fire, smoke developed in a classroom would be drawn throughout the entire school in a matter of minutes. This plan calls for converting the system to one that prevents the spread of smoke in the case of an emergency.

- **And what is the issue in our middle school?**

In the middle school building, the air flow is code conforming; however, there is no fire protection system. This plan calls for the installation of a fire protection system throughout the building.

- **What are the recent capital projects, and their costs, and repairs of the parish and school?**

Excluding the renovation of Jubilee Hall in 1999 and the asbestos removal in 2003 (which cost the parish approximately \$530,000), we have spent approximately \$335,000 on library renovation, science room, heating (boiler) repairs, cry room renovation, a new security system for the school, ground improvements and various repair items on all facilities. This summer the boilers in the school must be replaced because they are beyond repair.

- **If there are indeed "Life and Safety Issues," why are we even discussing whether or not we attend to them?**

Because we do not have enough reserves to handle all that needs to be done. The expected cost of these health and safety issues is \$2,141,923. It was the asbestos problem that initiated the planning committee's task to understand the full scope of our maintenance problems and examine the changes needed to ensure the long-term viability of our parish and its ministries.

- **Assuming funds are raised, when will work begin?**

Some of the work must begin this summer.

- **Where can the 84 page Facilities Master Plan be found?**

Simply go online to our parish website at www.shjboulder.org and click Master Plan Info. You'll need Adobe or a similar program to open it up and read it.