

SACRED HEART of JESUS CATHOLIC PARISH *and* SCHOOL

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS: PHASE I PLAN

Where We've Been and How We Got Here

In 2024, Fr. Zarse brought together a dedicated Facility Master Plan Committee to imagine the future of our campus. The committee included parishioners from all stages of life—young families, longtime members, parents with children in our parish and public schools, and active ministry participants—ensuring a wide range of perspectives were represented. This diversity reflected our mission of forming a faith-filled community where every voice matters.

Sacred Heart partnered with SFS Architects to evaluate our current facilities and explore what additional spaces might be needed to better serve our parish, school, and broader mission. Parishioners and staff played an essential role, sharing their insights through focus sessions, surveys, and town hall meetings. Your feedback

helped shape an overarching facility plan that reflects the needs of our growing parish & school and strengthens opportunities for encounter with Christ.



The Steier Group then conducted a planning study, giving parishioners another opportunity to provide input through surveys and personal interviews. Through this process, it was determined that parishioners would support a \$7 million campaign and that the master plan would need to be completed in phases. Based on the feedback, parish leadership identified the projects best supported by the community and carefully combined these needs and desires into a thoughtful Phase 1 plan—one that aligns with our mission of putting hearts on a collision course with the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

With Archdiocesan approval, Sacred Heart is now ready to move forward with this \$7 million campaign. Starting next Friday and continuing for four weeks, we will share FAQs about each part of the Phase 1 plan, highlighting how Phase 1 will strengthen marriage and family life, engage God-given charisms, and deepen faith formation—ensuring our parish and school remains a place where Christ is encountered and hearts are transformed.

2 TIMOTHY 1:6a

MISSION INVESTMENT

See the vision. Hear the call. Be the spark.

The Master Plan seems much larger than what was originally envisioned. Why did it grow?

That's a great question. As we began evaluating our current spaces, it became clear that we needed to not only respond to present needs but also look ahead. The Master Plan wasn't designed to overwhelm—it was meant to help us lift our eyes to the future. With only 16 acres available to us, we had to think strategically and ask: *What will our parish need in 10 or 20 years?* By discerning future space needs now, we ensure that our campus remains a place where hearts can continue to encounter the Sacred Heart of Jesus for generations to come.

What were we approved for and what is Phase I?

Based on the results of our planning study, the Archdiocese approved a \$7 million campaign for Sacred Heart. Three key themes emerged from parish feedback:

- Finish unfinished spaces.
- Do not enter into long-term debt.
- Ensure present and future parish financial stability.

To address the third priority first, **25 cents of every dollar raised will go to our parish and school endowment fund**, increasing its principal to \$2 million. This strengthens our financial base and helps ensure sustainability for future generations.

Next, honoring the first and second priority—**avoiding long-term debt and finishing unfinished spaces**—we determined that projects such as a new gym, MPC renovation (which depends on the gym), and the COR space would be deferred to a future phase. However, the need for more functional meeting and gathering space could not be postponed.

Phase I will include:

- ☑ School Basement Finish
- ☑ Church Basement Partial Finish/Meeting space(s) expansion
- ☑ Adoration Chapel
- ☑ Endowment funding

