

## St. Mary's "Proposed Projects Summary"

For a number of years the parish has discussed how best to address the issues we face concerning the condition of the church basement, the lack of appropriate meeting/classroom space and the need for a large enough area to accommodate gatherings for special occasions. Now the time has come to embark on a process that addresses our needs for today and the many tomorrows to follow.

Nine years ago the parish suffered a devastating flood of the church basement, rendering it unusable. This event forced many ministries and programs to find alternative meeting places, including utilizing the rectory and having to rent space for larger functions.

We have begun reviewing several alternatives to address our needs. It is vital that everyone who calls St. Mary's their spiritual home be part of sharing their voices in molding our future. Therefore, the leadership of St. Mary's presents our most pressing needs for your consideration:

### **PROJECT #1: Renovate and restore the church basement**

- Updated plumbing/drainage system to prohibit future flooding
- New HVAC system for proper heating/conditioning
- Meeting/class/multi-purposes rooms
- Offices
- Modernized restrooms
- Food pantry and staging area
- Additional storage space
- Reworked stairwells and new accessible entrance
- *Preliminary Estimated Cost: \$450,000*

### **PROJECT #2: Construct a new Parish Hall (attached to the back of the church)**

- Seating for upward of 125 people
- Large serving kitchen
- Modernized restrooms
- Covered Drop-off (porte-cochere) for inclement weather
- *Preliminary Estimated Cost: \$450,000*

While these two projects highlight the most pressing needs we face here at St. Mary's, we have looked at other needs as well, including:

- Restoring the church organ (\$300,000)
- Finishing the stone work repairs and painting on the church exterior (TBD)
- Replacing the flooring in the church (TBD)
- Renovating the rectory (TBD)

The parish also has an outstanding debt of \$115,000 related to the bell tower repairs completed in 2016.

These projects are the result of years of conversations about the needs of St. Mary's. As a member of the parish, your help is needed to determine how we should proceed in addressing these issues. Throughout the history of St. Mary's, our parishioners have always responded and made the necessary sacrifices in all aspects of parish life and stewardship to further the mission of Christ. We are confident that this challenge will be met with the same degree of commitment and participation.