

Pastoral Council Response to:

Why are we pursuing an expansion project at this time?

Why now...why not? Now is the time.

Have you ever been to a wedding or baby shower? Have you ever been to a volleyball tournament or a basketball tournament? Have you ever been to one of those at St. Nicholas? Unfortunately, no. We simply don't have the space or facilities to offer these kinds of events at our home parish. We want to BRING people to St. Nicholas Parish. Our facilities need an update to make it more accessible and functional for all our community has to offer!

Wouldn't it be great to have a church that is accessible by all? Wouldn't it be great to have a place to retreat for our new evangelization & RCIA classes, to celebrate a baptism, a marriage, or a retirement? Wouldn't it be great to have a place to celebrate the life of a loved one that has passed on that doesn't include steps? Let's host middle school events, celebrate birthdays, have jamborees for the kids! This could be us!

The Building for the Future not only would benefit our school and our religious education program, it has something for everyone! By expanding our facilities, we can invite new moms and toddlers for play groups, youth groups and teens to gather in a safe environment, newlyweds, senior groups and families. We can do this.

Why now? We would answer...Why not? Now is the time. In a time when there seems to be more bad news, let's create an inviting atmosphere for all. Let's build a place for good things to happen, **centered around our faith** and this community. Now is the time. Please consider making your pledge today.

St. Nicholas Parish is calling for our support, and we need to provide it. We are truly **Building for the Future**.

St. Nicholas Pastoral Council

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