

DECISION TIME

Townhall Meetings

We need YOUR input!

Starting Wednesday, May 31, we will be hosting a series of six “Townhall Meetings” during which we will gather as the St. Mary Parish family to discuss proposed changes to our church building and the financial commitment involved. The purpose of the meetings is to determine the level of support for the proposed changes, to solicit input on the nature and scope of the changes, and to chart the way forward.

In his email letter this past Friday, Fr. Javier identified three major reasons for undertaking this project:

- a. We will better glorify our Lord and Savior by beautifying the space and bringing it into conformity with the norms of sacred architecture in Catholic worship spaces.
- b. The current church building is aging (built ca. 1962) and has many maintenance and repair issues.
- c. Our community has developed and changed in some significant ways since the last capital campaign in 2001, creating a different kind of demand on our facilities.

These meetings will be led by Mr. Steve Baker, a local architect with experience designing spaces for Catholic worship and other parish facility needs. They will be interesting and informative, and will include time for you to ask questions and raise concerns.

Please don't miss these opportunities to help shape the future of our parish! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Sarah Norton, Director of Business Operations, at snorton@stmarylittleton.org.

Meeting Schedule

Please note: the dates for the first two meetings have changed.

Meeting 1: May 31, 6:30–8:30 pm (Church).

“All Are Welcome.” Introduction, overview of the process, survey, and volunteer sign-ups.

Meeting 2: June 1, 6:30–8:30 pm (Church).

“Listening.” Listening, small group discussion, summarize thoughts and concerns, and team building.

Meeting 3: June 12, 6:30–8:30 pm (Ave Maria Hall).

“What Makes a Catholic Church Catholic.” See churches from around the world and learn about Catholic church architecture and the requirements for a church building.

Meeting 4: June 13, 6:30–8:30 pm (Ave Maria Hall).

“Information, Please!” Get the facts: demographics, clergy populations, financial analyses, design solutions, and more.

Meeting 5: July 5, 6:30–8:30 pm (Ave Maria Hall).

“The Big Picture.” Look at the big picture, examine your commitment to this mission, and pray for wisdom.

Meeting 6: July 6, 6:30–8:30 pm (Ave Maria Hall).

“The Journey Begins.” We finalize our decisions and begin to prepare detailed plans.

