

**What do you DISLIKE about the existing church & overall St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception facility?**

The style is not attractive. The heating and cooling is not very good. I am not a fan of modern churches, but I do like St. Edwards Church in Mackville. Could we look at the design of that church?

Parking not easy for older folks. Crowding-need more seats in church. Would be grand to have more space for church activities, i.e. school gym functions as gym, lunch room, every meeting room, etc. It echoes in meetings, unable to understand speakers .

It's definitely too small for the amount of people we have and we need better facilities for functions like funerals, family get-togethers, bake sales and just to fit the people into our church. We are "so" lucky to have so many people feel the need to come!

Too small for growing community. Not enough rooms for activities. Kitchen outdated. Separate area for funeral luncheons.

Heat and cooling system-old. Need large kitchen and hall for funeral and get together, etc. Church too small. New gym, music room, showers.

The existing church is significantly too small for the existing congregation and parking facilities are inadequate.

Not a big enough gathering area before/after mass. Parking lot.

Not enough space for events and seating for masses.

No quiet place to pray after mass because the people congregate in the church for catching up after mass because the narthex is too small

What I dislike is the lack of space for gatherings both large and small. I do not care for some of the 80's features in the existing church. I think the old section of the school is very inefficient including the gym and kitchen. The overcrowding at masses is not going to take care of itself. Ingress and egress to the property is very awkward. The parking lot is chaotic.

Do not like the chairs with the kneelers.

I see us as a church that will only continue to grow, so no big dislikes. For me, church temperature is always too cold.

We dislike the lack of space at some of the Masses.

Nothing

Not enough space for seating and also around the altar. The other area should be more open allowing space for special activities during special services.

The chairs in front are not comfortable. The new hymnal is hard to use and people who haven't been brought up in Catholic faith don't know responses and not present after readings.

The children's room where people/families go with young children. You do not feel a part of Mass because it is really hard to hear.

The "crying room" in the Good Shepherd room you feel closed off from the rest of the congregation. Children are unruly and those trying to get something out of Mass with a baby that babbles end up frustrated.

The chairs in back of seat. Would be better to have the overflow put in separate room -- like gym and have service shown on a screen - with visuals. Quite dangerous in emergencies. Would also be nice to have the organ played, not just piano and guitars.

Sloppy gravel parking lot.

Lack of traditional Holy pictures, windows, statues, etc.

There is nothing I dislike about the existing church. I don't use the school, so I can't comment on it. The parish could use a new gymnasium, additional activity area, and several more offices.

Red carpet, too small, too contemporary, no icons, box-like feel

The Gym -- it is very loud. Not conducive to hold social gatherings. We need a community center and the kids need a better sports gym. The Kitchen -- desperately needs redoing!
Larger or more crying/baby room(s). No kneelers at some seats, hard wooden pews, poor sound system, no monitor in baby room, poor traffic flow on road & lot. Add turn lanes, etc.
Finding the lack of space for meetings, church attendance, kitchen facilities and miscellaneous
Needs better parking, entrance way, more space in church, needs more natural light in church. Need to be able to see regardless where you sit. Need space for meetings and funeral gatherings that aren't in the school.
The atmosphere of the worship area -- it is dark and there are beautiful elements but there is no style or design to compliment them.
The old style of the building, the parking. It lacks a proper gathering space outside of church. The bathrooms seem to have a sewer smell. The upholstered chairs are disgusting.
Trip hazards of walkways into church doors. Gathering area after Mass in back of church? Fire hazard. Lack of group space for school & activities.
No place for musicians/singers in church. Where we stand currently there is poor lighting & we block 2 exit doors. We have to step on or over electrical cords in order to go to Communion. Piano player cannot see Father at back of church for the processional & is difficult to see Father on certain areas of alter during Mass.
The cemetery should be expanded.
Nothing.
Not enough seating. Lack of natural light and existing lights are outdated & inadequate. Office space is limited. Sacristy is too small. We need more meeting spaces & storage. Church bathrooms need updating badly. Tiles on narthex floor are cracked in spots, & the floor looks cheap. Our school needs a music room, space for small group or individual instruction. Faith Formation needs more instruction space. A full-size gym would be of great benefit for not only the youth of our parish, but could be used by many ages in our parish & community.
The obvious lack of space & the drop off/pick up of kids for Faith Formation - it's unsafe.
No space in narthex for meeting after Mass.
Not very good set up for special needs. Only limited wheel chair seating in back. Should have more options closer to front. Church too modern, 70's looking.
The people don't all fit.
Container for music numbers - hard to read.
It's too cold during Mass. Better heating system?
I do not like the way the pews & kneelers do not match-up when at an angle in side angled pews.
Lack of gym space & multi-use hall (stage, reception area, etc.)
The distance from church to cafeteria, especially for funerals. So far for elderly or handicap. Nice to have something closer to the church.
Outgrown the church capacity & we have no parish/gym center for school or parish events.
Red carpet, dark feel, minimal spiritual art. (Catholic history can be incorporated in Art pieces.)
The gathering area "narthex" is too small. Also need more meeting rooms for events - would also like to hear more modern, uplifting music.
Lack of seating during Mass. Lack of meeting rooms for committee & educational meetings. Lack of hall for socializing & evangelizing with community. Would prefer a more visually appealing altar with statues.
There is no large gathering space forcing large meetings/gatherings to happen the church or gym which are not ideal. There are no breakout rooms to hold faith formation classes in. They have to use the school & mess up classrooms. The school has limitations and needs expansion. Music room (could be used for church choir practice), art/science room that allows for storage of supplies, new gym that the community wants to utilize, a dedicated library. The church is not large enough to hold all attendees. There is no "small child" room that parents feel comfortable in AND can participate in Mass.

I wish more people with smaller children used the crying room during Mass.
The red carpet has to go. There is nothing beautiful to look at other than what Fr. Pete has added to the altar. Thank you for that! It's too dark in church. Lighting & sound system need updating.
There is no gathering room at the church. Our <u>OLD</u> gym is used for events.
Church not big enough for families to sit together at 10 am Sunday or Christmas. Gym is very cold in winter when having a breakfast.
Cry room facilities. Lack of meeting space for large get together. No aisle along the wall
The facility is too small, especially the worship area, meeting room space, and staff offices. The parking area is too small and the traffic flow is less than desirable. Entry and departure between the parking area and highway are precarious at times.
Nothing
The altar area is not easy for some people to reach. A railing is needed -- thinking of visiting priests.
Too small worship space, some pews without kneelers, a few door sight lines.
The front entrance with overhead canopy -- because of the canopy many people use this area to stop and unload people going into church. This is a safety issue as many times it causes traffic backup -- sitting on Hwy. 76 waiting to be hit from back....it is just a matter of time. Also the way traffic comes into church and the need to walk across the traffic going into the parking lot....is one other safety issue.
Need more space.
No gathering space with enough room. Need more room -- no relevant area for youth -- the area for drop of/pick up for Faith Formation gets crowded, hectic and chaotic.
Nothing.
Some chairs are placed too close together on the sides of the church. One row too close in front especially with a walker or aid.
We need an area for funeral dinners, meeting room and whatever. I'm sure it will be used a lot.
The narthex is too small and not updated.
The area for the piano and choir is so cramped!
The gym doesn't support fan involvement, nowhere for parents to sit.
The modern style. Nothing beautiful about it. Coldness of the narthex. No gathering area.
Too small, Good Shepherd room too small and poor audio. Not welcoming gathering area (nowhere to sit and visit). From far right side of church you can't see the music pages and looking at back of Father's head. Poor lighting.
With the growth the parish it has resulted in a severe space crunch. That has inhibited the ability to have different events and programs.
The church gathering space is insufficient for the growing parish, and current choir location is distracting. The school does not have separate science lab, music, or art facilities. Fr. Peter & Deacon Dave's offices are accessible only through the school during certain times. Religious Ed is also buried in the school, not visible to the general parish.
Need more seating.
Not much - maybe a larger altar - but we have to be careful not to make it too big.
The pews (chairs) up front and on the sides.

The placement of prayer books - messy.
Nothing.
I guess Sunday Mass can be quite crowded.
The only thing I do not like is how cold it is kept in the summer.
Not having an area to gather a large group beside the church proper.
When I sit on the side there isn't enough room to kneel. The direction of communion could be better. Too small but don't make it too big. Will Father stay a while? He is what draws people a good leader. Bring in a weak leader the new church will be a bad idea.
Do not care for the semi-circle layout with the distraction of musicians near the altar. Lack of gathering space, lack of a proper sacristy, coat rooms should not be used for storage.
Certain times it is extremely crowded, Easter & Christmas when the non-regulars tend to go and an increase due to additional not-parishioners parts of families attend.
Red carpet. Parking lot is confusing and dangerous.
Lack of meeting space - lack of space to do office work, gathering space, congestion when coming back from communion - parking situation & people walking dangerous.
The carpet is very worn and weathered. For Christmas, Easter, and often regular Masses we do not have enough room to seat everyone in the church. Folding chairs are set up outside the church.
Not enough meeting space, need more space on school side - multi-purpose room, bigger gym, library, music room, teacher meeting space.
Small baptismal area - actually there is no special area for baptisms, can't see hymn numbers-pictures in the way , bathrooms, no room for staff, school or meetings & people during Mass.
Nothing.
Lack of hard surface parking. Chairs at the back of church. (They fill up before the pews!) Need handicapped seating.
I dislike the lack of gathering space that could be used for parish gathering or for parishioners to use for showers, celebrations, etc. I also dislike the set up for using the Good Shepherd room as the cry room. I would prefer something with permanently arranged seating, better visibility of the altar, better sound quality of the speakers, and would appreciate it if it could still look like I'm in church, that it could be more of a chapel, less of a meeting room.
Was not built big enough the first time.
Lack of room.
Very crowded. Difficult to leave parking lot. Priests come and go often.
No extra rooms for all the projects that go on in a day. A lot of piece meal building. No thought esp. basement in church etc.
Too much clutter on the altar.
It would be nice to have a larger narthex and a nicer place for gatherings/luncheons etc. other than the gym.
I dislike that there is no natural light whatsoever in our church. Although it has a nice reverent feel, it lacks the natural light that makes for an upbeat happy feeling. Although the stained glass is very beautiful, it leaves in no natural light. The heating & cooling could use a little work.
Sanctuary is cluttered with extra "stuff", non-traditional design of church; lack of facility for gatherings.
There needs to be a separate area for gathering - donuts - coffee - selling Scrip.

Need better music area - and expanded program. More seating obviously. Bigger Narthex.
Church needs more seating. Absolutely need to expand our choir area, our instruments & sound system. We need a full or part-time paid musician/music lead!!!
Lack of space in church and meeting/gathering room large groups. Gym is small for school activities, especially athletics.
Parking layout is difficult to figure out if new to the church. Crowded. No room to sit in church during some masses.
Outdated carpet, sound system, Father's back to those sitting on right side of Church; difficult to see, hear if sitting in "crying room." First row of seats don't have a kneeler and are forced to sit during Communion. No area to gather after church. Those sitting in the Narthex are forced to wrap things up. 80 chairs can be stacked before Father leaves church and song has finished.
Nothing.
Red carpet. Location of musicians.
May be a bit too small. Don't like the little room used as overflow room. Don't like that you can see an empty corridor and bathroom doors through the church windows.
I wish we had a balcony & overall more room. Not enough room.
Children's room is too small & hard to hear in that room.