

OTHER COMMENTS regarding the existing church & overall St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception facility?

It has outgrown its usefulness. Could we look at using some of the land we own to build a new church and renovate existing facilities?

I have a chronic nasty cough which seems to always act up in church. Singing brings it on but even without singing it happens and I am aware that it scares those around me - so I either worry about it coming on and it takes away from my enjoyment of mass or I sit in the Narthex and there is a lot of movement and distractions there. Many don't honor the mass as they would as they would if inside.

I always felt the people who send their children to Catholic school will also make sacrifices. Lets make the sacrifices for a bigger church. We are so lucky to have a "growing" parish. If we don't have that for our children and "teens" they will seek a different set up!

Location. There is extra acreage for growth and the rectory needs remodeling. Wider driveways on north side of school.

If my number 3 answer is the approach that is followed, it would seem prudent to consider the elderly and handicapped, the estimated growth of Greenville, a Stop/Go light on Municipal Drive and the hundreds of other design features that a new church would enable. God will provide the money if the design job is well done for his new home.

The parking lot is a huge issue and needs lines added for adequate parking.

Need to provide more space for our growing community but not to lose the history that came from the original church.

I think parking and entrance and exits to the facility need to be made clear when rebuilding (there was and still is confusion with our current parking) One challenge-people drop off the family at the front door and it is not an easy way around then and this blocks traffic.

If a new church becomes the most viable option, I don't want to see a plain vanilla box. I would hope we could build a church that would be the envy of all of the Fox West area. I would envision a cross and steeple that could be seen from as far away as highway 41. Anyone that walks through the doors should know in an instant that they are in a Catholic church. If the builders of the original church thought it was going to be around for 150 years, would they have done it differently?

Finish the parking lot with black top and striping of parking spaces.

Reach out to other area Catholic churches to see if they would be interested in combining. If building is pursued - please do so with very little debt.

We love St. Mary's and fully support the effort to build or expand our church. Our only concern is if Fr. Peter some day leaves or is re-assigned by the Bishop, will the current growth and enthusiasm continue? We know for certain people are coming to our church because they have heard about him.

We were told the back walls of the church were non-weight bearing so expansion could occur by removing those walls.

Is there a way to put the songs up on the wall electronically? Auditory and visual will help greatly. Other churches have guidelines posted so it is not a place for playing but rather helping children learn about Jesus. I sit in there because my granddaughter is 8 months and has found her voice.

The parish needs more multi-functional space to worship, gather and learn.

Have a fellowship area and space to meet after services -- love the doughnuts. Too bad people seem to grab & go. Could you do more polka Masses? Right at church. Love the special books for daily reading and occasional books we can take home to follow Mass at home. Preferred the old missalettes and hymnals. Had more readings and easier to follow. The bathrooms could use a bigger room for parents with their children and so one in a wheelchair doesn't have to fight to get in and out of stall.

Separate area needed to dropping off people -- the line is backed up on to the road at times.

Don't lose the warmth....some larger churches seem cold, barren, sometimes theatrical

The parish has no savings for an addition or expansion of the facility. Everyone I talk to doesn't plan on giving any more money than they do now for an additional facility. If possible, a third Mass would be said on Sunday or a second Mass on Saturday evening to accommodate the people without church expansion. Expansion for the future was built into the original church plans. Any increase in cost would have to be paid by new parishioners.

Might want to consider two confessionals. Gathering space after Mass that is not disruptive to those wanting to pray in church.

A higher bell tower with a larger and louder bell where it would be rung not only on Sundays but all Mass days and weddings and funerals. Exterior pathway (walk way) between front entrance and the school should be

I have heard "rumors" -- everything should be dismantled, but what about those who have built what we have -- can alterations be considered rather than "tear everything down."

Dangerous coming in and out of the facility onto Hwy. 76 -- need better flow of traffic.

It is a vibrant and prayerful place. I would hope that the worship area doesn't get too much bigger. We are in a growing area but attendance can increase and decrease over the life of a parish. Father is a big reason for our

The church needs an update/upgrade. However, I don't think it should be excessive or twice the size. I think the recent priests we've had draw big crowds but if we were to lose Father Peter, attendance would go down. DO NOT close the school. Youth is healthy for the church! Even if it has cost. Those students are more likely to go on to support future of parish.

I am proud to have returned to St. Mary's after 10 years absence.

Need to repaint the parking lot. People park haphazardly, sometimes forming their own lines of parking opposite of the rest.

Our parish was debt free when Fr. Pete came. Now they hire Blue Design Group to apparently go into debt without trying any other options. Could have a 4pm & 6pm Mass on Sat. or 7:30-9:00-10:30 on Sun. Father looks to have lots of energy & does like to talk.

We have a great complex. We need to keep up with the growth of our community & provide a center for our Catholic faith that has the space we need for the future. On a completely different note - I know that carpeting in churches is considered outdated & a new or renovated church would probably have ceramic or marble tile. I like the look aesthetically, but creates a "hollow" sound. So many new churches we have been in have a cold feeling & very poor acoustics because everything in church has a hard surface. So we hope some consideration would be given to (in a new or improved structure) making the atmosphere warm & inviting with good sound qualities. Materials must be available in this age that would meet these qualities.

A room for people that want to laugh & talk before Mass can go so not to disrupt those praying in church (not to close doors into the church!)

I prefer the music/choir to be less in the spot-light & more in the back or in a choir-loft. Some singers think they're the "entertainment". Other members are reluctant to join for the same reason.

Space needs way overdue - I have a college kid & we began discussing when he was in kindergarten! Expect much future growth - - Build Big! We have space!

We need an additional/remodel that has room for some growth, but no over the top. Some day the parishioners & Greenville growth may cease. I think the school size has been fine with enrollment numbers, but the school could benefit from a parish/gym center.

Traffic flow in & out of parking lot. Stopping under overhang to drop parishioners off creates traffic & safety

If a new facility is built, I would hate to lose that welcoming feeling by having too large of a facility. Bigger is not always better.

Consider parking, traffic flow & pedestrian walking paths as part of the new design.

Marking the parking lot with parking spaces and walkways would be a nice simple thing to do. Plus it would improve safety.

We need more statues and beautiful things to look at. Maybe even a Prayer Chapel. Bigger gathering space for after Mass.

We are happy to see our membership is increasing.

While I do feel that our church needs to be renovated or possibly replaced, much of the current dynamics is due to Father Peter's presence at St. Mary's. Should Father be re-assigned or make the decision to leave, would we still have this vibrant church community? He is such an extraordinary leader -- hope he stays forever!

The facility needs no changes, it only needs to be bigger. Expand on the design whether it be adding additional rooms or a new facility. We just need more room consistent to what we have now. I've been to St. Edward's in Mackville and Sts. Peter and Paul in Hortonville. Those buildings don't have the welcoming atmosphere I get from St. Mary's when I walk in the door or enter the church for Mass.

A gathering place for funerals and other get-togethers.

I like the traditional look when you walk into the church, you know it's a church. Externally also, a lot of newer, modern churches you can't tell if it's a church driving past. You should know it's a church both driving past and when you walk into the worship area. Also the more contemporary churches to me have lost the "sacred space" feel. They are too bare, open, sterile, cold, unwelcoming. A church should be warm and welcoming. I think the statues, stained glass windows, tabernacle, altars all add to that. When you look around the church you should be reminded that God is present and you are in the company of the saints. The church should also have a close, personal feel to it. I don't get that from the open, bare, more contemporary churches.

When the present church was built, it was to be to remove the back walls of the church and put in pews where the narthex is and also a balcony if more space was needed and not to build a new church.

Winters are crowded, summers are not. We need a parish center and maybe more school room.

Storage room.

The speaker system could use an upgrade. The importance of our school should be mentioned whenever possible and school children incorporated into the Mass as lectors and ushers. In my opinion the school is an If the church was just a larger scale of what it currently is it would be perfect to me.

The parking lot is disorganized without parking lines. It is difficult to see the altar when framed pictures are next to the table.

I'm a member of Sts. Peter and Paul. I avoid going to Mass at St. Mary because it's way too crowded.

This is no new news. It's the lack of space but what a great problem to have! I'm so glad to be part of this faith community.

An outdoor sign that says "Everyone Welcome", have Mass times & space to put current events that could be changed as needed. (Ideally it should light up & events changed electronically.

Consider using the capital campaign to also provide equipment and supplies that the school and parish may need. These items are small line items in a building project, but too large to manage in a normal budget year. For example, good solid literature for the classrooms and library, or simple science lab equipment. Please do not push for more technology integration into the school; sustain without expanding the technology we have.

Suggestion: what changes are made keep facility very basic. Have needs met, but with very basic simple items. No ornate water fountains or artwork as examples.

Please be careful with a new church not to modernize it too much. We must keep the statues of Mary & Joseph up front. Bigger - perhaps is needed but not too big. Keep Altar & stained glass the same.

I would hope that we could expand the existing church & if needed build to accommodate offices.

Would it be possible to somehow add some pews to the narthex part of the church?

It would be nice to have a modern or bigger area for the youth to have socials, bigger gym. A place for social events with the church. An Adoration Chapel (24 hour) would be awesome!!

I have been a member of St. Mary's for 52 years and I have seen a lot of priests come and go with this comes the rise and fall in the number of people attending Mass. Father Peter will not be here in 5 years, that is reality, and when he goes so will a lot of people in our congregation. We cannot allow Father Peter and these people who come and go to push this new facility and a huge mortgage on us or we will be sitting with a mortgage that us, life-long members, cannot afford. Christmas and Easter will never change; we will never have enough room. So, I cannot justify spending \$10 million to build a church to fit these people in. I heard that when this church was built, it was designed so that some day we could add on to it. Now, I'm hearing that it costs as much to add on as it would to tear our beautiful church down. I highly doubt this.

A bigger school? Would more people join the school? The school could use many additional things to keep up with the other parochial schools. When would it be built?

The parish has definitely outgrown the facility.

Would be nice to consider a very traditional looking facility that harkens back to the original parish. Something that maintains a nice historical look.

Adoration Chapel or space would be nice.

We have a great problem. We have outgrown our existing facility. Our membership is growing. Our community is growing. In planning twenty five, fifty, on hundred years in the future, we know we need more room. God

Build one large room with two soundproof dividers so you can have one large room, one medium and one small room or 3 small rooms - flexibility. Perhaps have multi-colored carpet with repetitive symbol - i.e. a circle (endless love) etc. No modern deco in church.

I understand that footings for a parish center are already under the graveled portion of our parking lot west of our church. A hallway from our narthex to a parish center would be very nice.

I am hoping that we can add on to the current facility for more space rather than building a completely new building. During the school remodel, we made what we thought was our pledge, so gave what we could. But later felt very pressured to give multiple other additional pledges for it later. We hope this doesn't happen again.

We love our miscarriage memorial. Ample opportunity for confessions.

The coat room could be improved to be a little more spacious (crowded with the chairs & other supplies). I would eliminate the donuts after Mass or move them to a corner somewhere so they aren't the focal point as people exit Mass. I would change the narthex to be a more warm, welcoming, gathering space to encourage fellowship after Mass.

We need to focus on making the school more affordable to all and get more of our parishioners to send the kids there and we need to keep updating the facility accordingly. Also what happened to the ball diamond that was going to be built and the money earmarked for that?

Go Big or Go Home! If you build it, they will come! Excited to see the transformation!

I want our altar to have an oracle.

St. Mary's will soon need a financial commitment from their parishioners. I would like to see a commitment from Father Peter and Bishop Ricken that Father Peter will be here through out this process.

"If" we build a new church as most of the talk is saying (without a study). Use the existing church as a school gym. We just finished paying off a large debt that was mismanaged. I think we should not start another high \$ project without a minimum of 50% cash in the bank. Do not sell extra land.

I would get rid of the fluorescent lights around the back of church.

Parking is a problem. A larger area to drop off and pick up is needed. Cars get bottle-necked at the front doors, where cars are lined up out to the road. It seems a little dangerous.

Parking lot needs to be blacktopped and marked. Please avoid the BIG, COLD SHED look inside and out that new church buildings are looking (i.e. Hortonville, Waupaca - plain box, cold.

We definitely have a need for expansion. More people is obviously wonderful, but everyone needs a good experience - even as basic as some where to sit on Sunday. We have the land and the current facility could

Have a Communion minister schedule so we know that the Mass is covered and Father doesn't have to ask for one more . Similar to ushers.

If we are led to the decision to build a new church in the green space to the west of the current church, we have a few thoughts. I used to attend a large parish in the Diocese of Phoenix. Their new church was constructed in stages. We attended Mass with the initial altar and chairs before the parish had enough donations to add the tile, stained glass, pews and marble altar. The work was done during the week and everyone was flexible until the indoors were completed. If the current church was to remain standing, the altar and pews could be removed and the church space could become a large gathering space for concerts, performances, graduations, presentations, or talks/guest speakers. The mother's room could become a media room where individuals or families could borrow media materials. It would be a convenient way to make these materials accessible to

Need a cry room. Need special space for choir, singers. Raised platform, etc.

Please combine the old with the new ... don't lose the roots or something established & beautiful. Let us be "humble" in our undertaking ...

Add seating. Add a church hall. Add a big screen to sing along with. Add a teen Mass or add a band.

Alignment on a long-term plan with a phased approach. I think it is important to get the next generation (30-50) parishioners on board with the effort. I am concerned that parish will bite off more than it can handle or are willing to accept. I feel a long-term, flexible plan that utilizes the full campus would be the most beneficial.