

PLANNING FOR OUR FUTURE

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Holy Childhood of Jesus Parish-Harbor Springs, Michigan
Building Oversight Committee Information Bulletin #2

Holy Childhood of Jesus Parishioners:

This is the second in a series of informational bulletins being circulated to all parishioners in order to keep everyone apprised of the deliberations and actions of our Building Oversight Committee (BOC). Bulletin #1 summarized our initial meeting of January 5, plus the follow-ups of February 6 and March 9. This bulletin covers the next three meetings as we continue to work guided by our parish vision to:

*Build Faith
Cherish the Lord
Love and serve one another as Christ has us.*

The BOC's focus is on our physical plant, buildings, and grounds in order to meet present and future goals. Working with a finance team, the BOC will present parishioners with recommendations and options as they are developed. Target dates are being prepared. As stated in bulletin #1, our goal is to be in open communication with the entire parish family.

MARCH 23 MEETING: It was agreed sub-committees will be formed to develop thoughtful recommendations for these areas:

Daycare	Gathering Space	Day Chapel
Parish Hall	Religious Education	
Apartments	Thrift Shop	

These sub-committees will present their recommendations with back-up data to the BOC for approval. Final recommendations will be put into a questionnaire to be submitted to the entire parish.

APRIL 6 MEETING: A plan to re-locate the Thrift Shop, at a future date to be determined, to the Harbor Plaza on M-119 was presented. This move was earlier approved by the Parish Council. It was explained that shop profits will continue to assist with the tuition fees for parish children attending St. Francis in Petoskey; any excess will support needy causes. Facilitators as leaders for each BOC sub-committee were decided. Fr. Joe stated the need for a separate finance committee to review BOC recommendations.

APRIL 27 MEETING: The current operation of Holy Childhood Daycare was reviewed and options for potential renovation discussed. These will be included in the parish questionnaire. Circulation of the Daycare portion will be completed in advance of the rest of the questionnaire due to this subject's priority. The future of Daycare requires early resolution.

Fr. Joe suggested BOC members visit other Michigan parishes that have completed or in the process of implementing similar renovation projects. Father also reminded us that the requirements of canonical law and Diocesan guidelines are to be observed in our process, particularly regarding the approval process and financing.

The meeting concluded with a presentation by the Parish Hall sub-committee of preliminary recommendations.

