

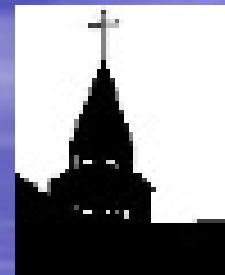
A photograph of a brick school building with a large white cross on top of a steeple. The building has a central arched entrance and two side arches with statues. The sky is blue with some clouds.

St. Monica School Steering Committee

Progress Update Meeting

September 7, 2006

Committee Participants



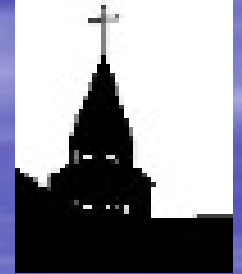
- **Mindy and Alex Garcia**
- **Alicia and Shawn Forth**
- **Amanda and Bryan Herrick**
- **Kenneth and Kelly Hughes**
- **Nichole and Corey Lipps**
- **Emmet and Virginia Osgood**
- **Kim and Bob Copple (moved)**

Agenda



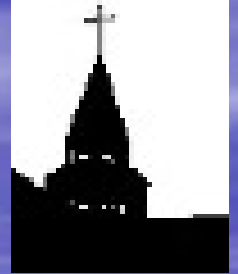
- Prayer & Introductions (Fr. Tim)
- Where We've Been (Alicia)
- Where We Are Now
 - Report (Kenneth)
 - Building (Emmet)
 - Financial (Nichole)
- Where We Are Going (Fr.T & Fred)
 - Funding
 - Parish Survey
- Q&A

Where We've Been



- **May 2nd Meeting**
- **Information Sheets**
- **Parish Council Meetings**
- **Meeting with Superintendent**
- **Trip to Wichita, KS**
- **Report to Parish Council**

Where We Are Now



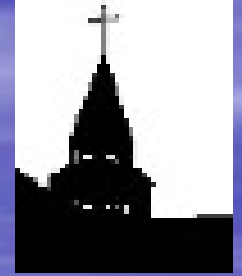
- **Parish Council Report**
- **Building Plan**
- **Financials**

**SHOULD
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PARISH
INITIATE A
CATHOLIC SCHOOL?**

**A Compilation of
Considerations**

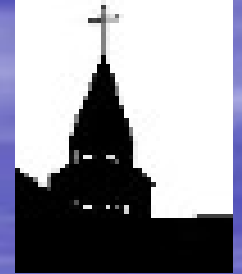
**Full report available
on St. Monica website**

Parish Council Report



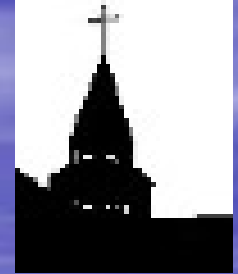
- **Why Catholic Education?**
- **How Will Stewardship Affect the Catholic School?**
- **What is Required to Start a Catholic School?**
- **What Are the School's Building Options?**
- **What Are the Financial Considerations of a Catholic School?**

Why Catholic Education?



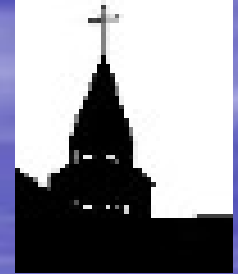
- Read books, encyclicals, interviews, etc.
- Parents are the first and foremost educators of their children - JPII
- Are not "neutral" toward religion
- Parent's can impact / school reinforce
- Religious ed throughout curriculum
- Bombarded by negative societal values
- Children learn the Christian vision of the world, life, culture, and history

How Will Stewardship Affect the Catholic School?



- St. Monica Church was founded in 1993 as a full stewardship parish. The same philosophy will be followed if a school is opened.
- *In Support of Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools*, a letter from the Catholic bishops of the United States, states the need for the entire community to be responsible stewards. We are all called to carry out this most important mission of the Church.
- The American Catholic bishops presented their teaching in their pastoral letter entitled *Stewardship: A Disciple's Response*. In it, bishops stressed stewardship as a response to our call to discipleship given to us at the time of our Baptism.
- Dan Loughman, director of Stewardship for the Diocese of Wichita, shared with the School Steering Committee that the key element is an active participation in the life of the church by all members.

What is Required to Start a Catholic School?



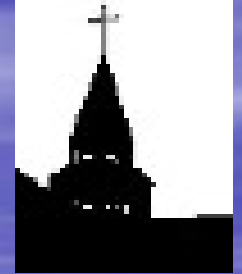
- Operates within the parameters and according to regulations established by the Archdiocese and the State of Oklahoma.
- Met with Sr. Catherine Powers
 - decide if school is wanted and feasible
 - conduct a survey
 - parishioners must be willing to volunteer
 - formal request must be submitted by Jan 1 for opening in August of same year
- School Advisory Council formed from parishioners
- Search Committee locates principal candidates
- Principal responsible for acquiring a staff and setting curriculum
- Staff participate in the Archdiocesan Teacher Formation Program
- Accreditation will occur when the school has been in existence for 3-5 years or more

What Are the School's Building Options?



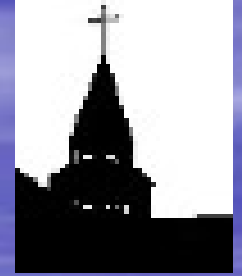
- **Education building planning ongoing since Church completion**
 - Planned in 3 tiers of construction
 - first tier estimated in 2005 at \$3 million
 - overall construction predicted to be \$6-10 million
 - Additional planning, construction timelines will be substantial
- **Current meeting space inadequate, no room for school**
 - Portable buildings impractical
 - multiple factors including cost, aesthetics, tornado and fire safety, energy efficiency, set up and removal, and others

More on Building Options



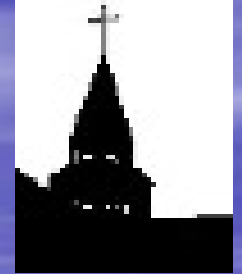
- Constructing a permanent Meeting-Room facility, serving temporarily as school during the day with RE capabilities on weekends, is most practical solution
 - At current construction costs, a bare-bones facility is estimated at \$250,000
 - Would satisfy school needs for 3-years

What Are the Financial Considerations of a Catholic School?



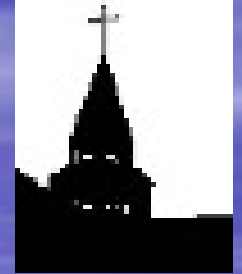
- **What grade levels will be offered?**
 - Input from Superintendent of Catholic Schools
 - Building Capacity
- **What is the anticipated enrollment?**
 - Review of Registered Children
 - Estimated 25% enrollment

More on Financial . . .



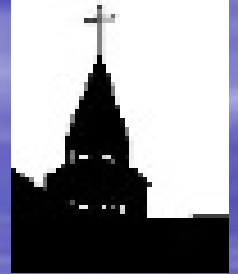
- **What are the related expenses?**
 - Building & Utilities, Furniture, Salaries & Benefits, Supplies, Books & Other Expenses
 - Total First Year Cost
 - Operations will be roughly \$175,000
 - Building is roughly \$250,000
 - Total Cost \$425,000
- **How would the parish provide financial support for the school through Stewardship?**
 - Increased Tithing of Parishioners
 - Subsidy from Existing Parish Budget to Cover Shortfall

Summary



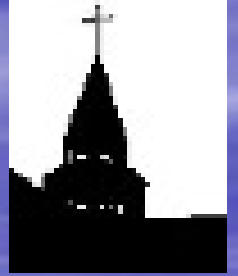
- Extensive research & review completed
- Firm foundation enabling children to make faith-based decisions, not only here and now, but in their adult lives
- All families practicing stewardship must have the option to enroll their children
- Another ministry of St. Monica Parish
- Cost and timeline are both important factors
- Will require prayer and guidance from the Holy Spirit for parish council and parishioners to discern what is right for St. Monica parish

Proposed Building

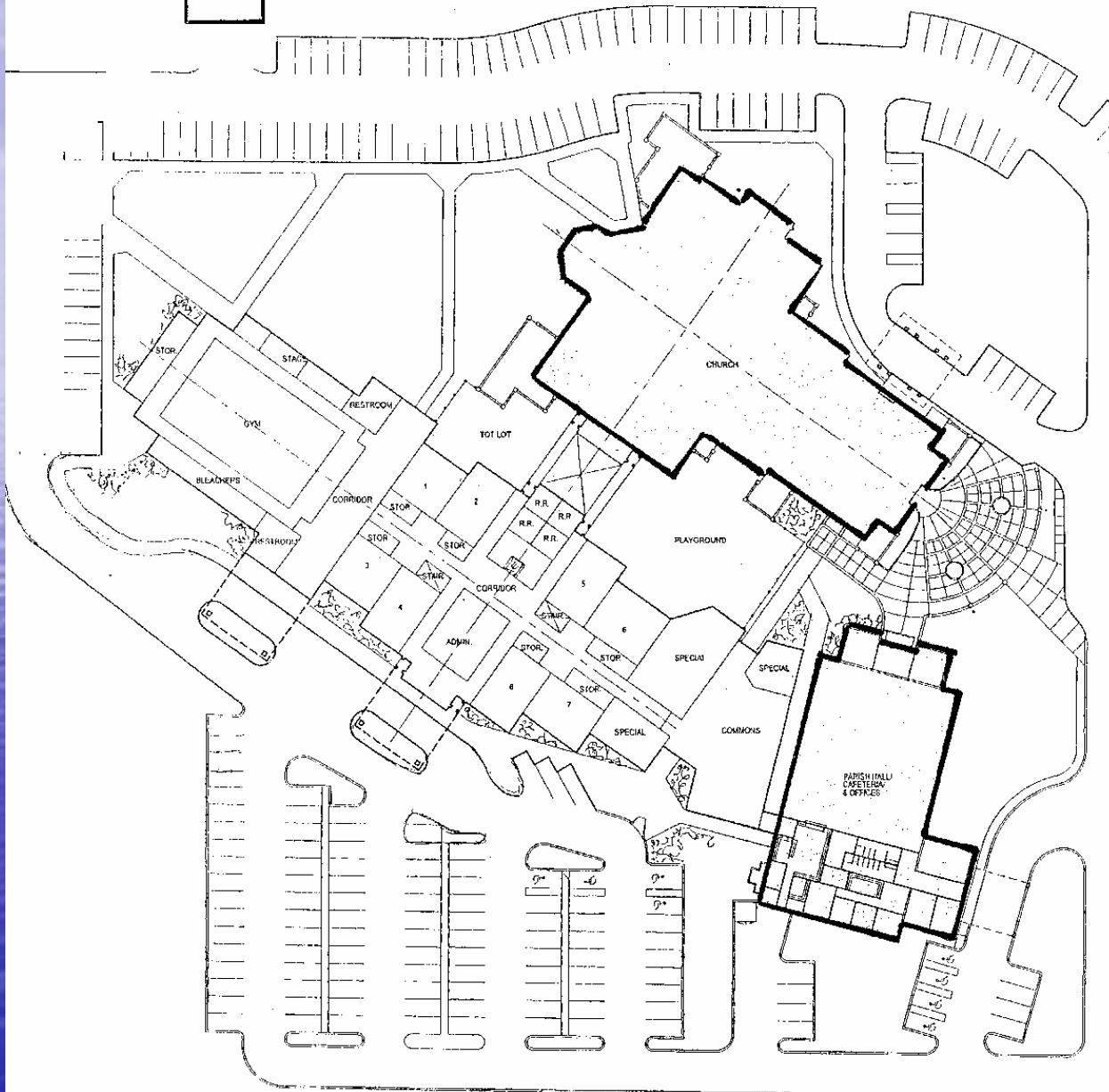


- **5000 Square Feet Metal structure building**
- **Attached to Maintenance Building on North end of church campus**

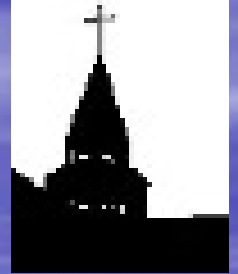
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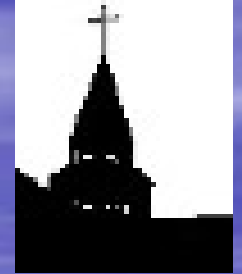


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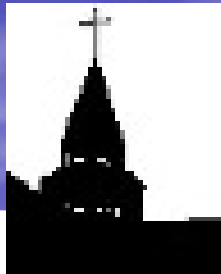


- **Across from chapel, with parking and driveways already in place**
- **Located near utility sources**
- **Will not interfere with any long term plans**

No Frill Facility

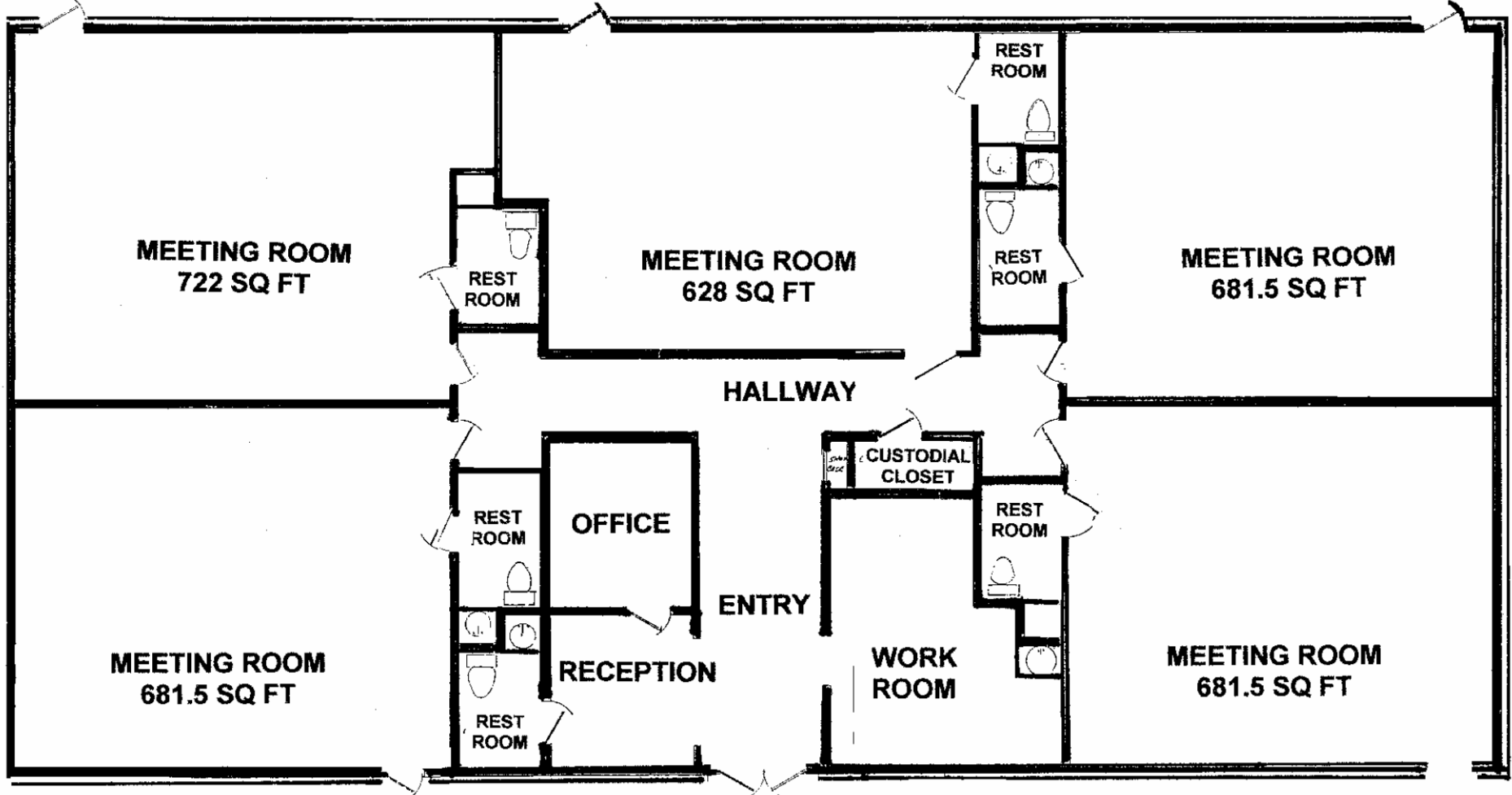


- **Brick Veneer to match existing buildings**
- **Concrete Floor**
- **High rectangular windows to protect from burglary or vandalism**
- **Individual Heat and Air for each room**
- **5 Meeting Rooms + Office, Reception, Work Room**
 - 1 = 15% larger than St. Michaels' Room, 3 = 25% larger and 1 = 32% larger
 - Restroom for each Meeting Room
 - Each room has an exterior door for evacuation safety



DRAFT COPY – ST. MONICA MEETING ROOMS

NORTH



Financial

- Start with 3 grades (Pre-K, K, 1st grade)

- First Year Operating Expenses

Salaries & benefits \$ 143,000

Principal (also teaches part-time)

3 teachers (1 part-time pre-K)

Furniture \$ 4,000

Total First Year Cost

Other Expenses \$ 28,000

Total First Year Cost \$ 175,000

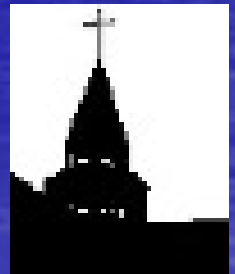
- Each Additional Grade Added

Salaries & benefits \$ 38,000

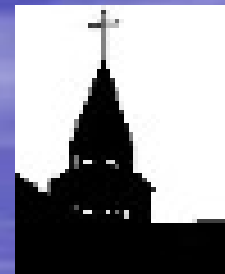
Furniture \$ 2,000

Additional Cost \$ 40,000

- ❖ 15% - 20% increase in weekly giving would be needed to support the operating cost of the first year.



Financial



- Expenses

- Total cost of first year

- ❖ \$175,000 Operations

- ❖ \$250,000 Building

- ❖ \$425,000 Total

- Minimum of 15 children per grade

- Volunteer needs

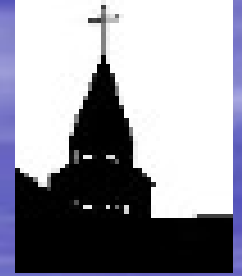
- ❖ Aides

- ❖ Secretary

- ❖ Janitorial

- ❖ Other

Where We Are Going?



- 50 Families give \$5000 each
- Stewardship of Treasure
- Stewardship of Time, Talent (Volunteers)
- Parish Survey
- Finalize & Implement Plan

Questions & Answers

