

Listening Session #3

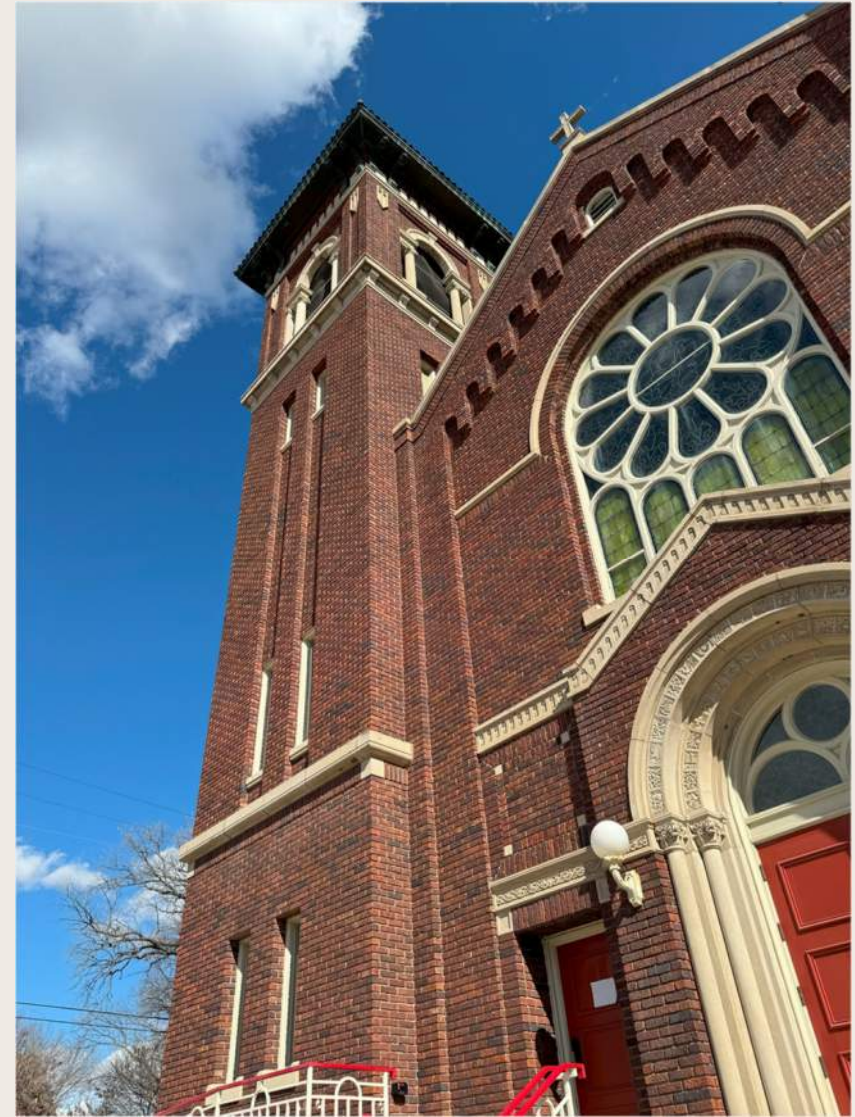
March 26, 2026
7pm
Parish Basement





Agenda

- Opening Prayer
- Parish Strategy Update
- Update of Parish Center and Elevator projects
- Update from Food Pantry meeting
- Finance Council Responses
- Questions
- Closing Prayer



Seven Dolors Parish — Strategic Concept Overview

How Vision, Intent and Key Tasks flow to committees — for those new to the process

Vision

Build a vibrant Catholic community in Manhattan, KS for the next 100 years · Continuously improve rituals, programs, membership & campus

↓ translates into

Pastor's Intent

Grow God's Kingdom · Foster parish ownership · Raise good Catholics to become disciples for Jesus on Mission

↓ carried out through

PPC Strategy Method (Canon 536)

The Parish Pastoral Council translates Vision & Intent into goals, policies, plans and tasks — then synchronizes six committee master plans into a single parish long-term strategy

Four phases over 5 months: (1) Socialize concept → (2) Develop committee master plans → (3) Refine → (4) PPC synchronizes & approves strategy

↓ assigned as key tasks to six committees

Faith Formation · Magisterium-faithful programs · Grow youth in RE, MCS & faith · Increase parishioner involvement in RE	Evangelization · Equip parish to share Gospel · Invite those on the periphery · Connect to STM, St. I, St. P & Diocese	Liturgy · Aid Pastor in faith formation · Dignified, reverent sacraments · Reconciliation, marriage, baptism	Building & Grounds · Maintain & steward properties · Plan future building projects · Efficient, safe, flexible campus · Consistent with community design	Parish Life · Create community encounter & joy · Welcoming hospitality & belonging · Support active parish life · Retain families & bring Catholics back	Social Action · Educate on Catholic Social Teaching · Coordinate works of charity & justice
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↓ committee master plans synchronized into

Endstate

A vibrant parish family · Great place to work, learn & visit · Improved communication & collaboration · Growing God's Kingdom for the next century

Calendars

Short · Mid · Long range planning

Minutes Format

Standardized for all committees

Parish Website

Strategy, tasks & contacts visible

Procedures

PPC/PFC resource coordination & assessment

Parish Center

- General support from Feasibility Study, some questions and concerns
- Plan is to move forward into design with changes in mind
- **Steier Group Recommendation**

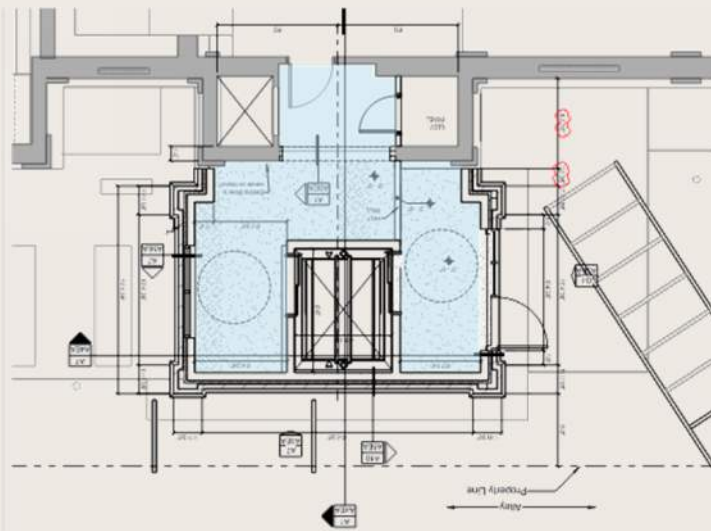
Continue to work with the architect and parish ministry leaders to further refine the plans for the parish center.

- Input is very much welcome
- Please reach out to the parish office or to Brayson Benne (braysonbenne@gmail.com, 913-481-5288) to provide input



Elevator Addition

- Minimal comments and the most support
- Design moving forward
- Permitting will take some time due to Historic Landmark



Food Pantry Collaboration

- Met with volunteers and leaders of Food Pantry to discuss future
- Alternative Sites considered
- Combining with other ministries would lose Catholic Seven Dolors Identity
- Workflow and Access Challenges in current Parish Center but making it work
- Space in New Parish Center is not desired
- Have asked to explore a small expansion to the Budget Shop

Historic White House (721 Pierre)

- **Engaging with Anderson Knight Architects**
- **Pursuing moving the house to free up space for future use**
- **Future Use of lot is not defined**
- **Will have to be approved by Historic Resources Board**
- **Interior will be taken down to studs (excluding stairs) to allow for renovation ready space**



Finance Council Response

- Reactive maintenance history
- Renovation deferred key projects
- Significant estate gift received
- Strategic building, endowment focus
- Faith-centered future stewardship



Steps Moving Forward



Share

Share the results of the Feasibility Study with the Entire Parish



Listen

Listen to feedback, questions, and concerns from the study



Respond

Respond to frequently asked questions (FAQs) and concerns



Communicate

Use a variety of methods to communicate



Repeat



Communication



Monthly Listening Session Until May



Regular Updates on Parish Strategy



Table/Booth at Upcoming Parish Events

(Soup Suppers, Fish Fry, Breakfasts, etc)



Regular updates to the Parish Website



Announcements in Bulletins

Meet the full committee



Ex-Officio and Supporting Members

Fr. Leo Blasi

Pastor, Seven Dolors Parish

Ulises Martinez

Director of Maintenance, MCS, Seven Dolors, and St. Patrick's

Jeremy McGuire

Strategic Planning and Communication

Dale Anderson

In House Historian

Brayson Benne, PE

Civil Engineer, Olsson
Chair

Diane Noll

Retired, Chair of Finance
Council
Finance Council Liason

Lisa Johnson, AIA

VP, KSU Division of Facilities
Planning Design & Construction
At-Large, Architect

Oscar Bonilla

Hispanic Community Liason

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Design Engineer, BG Consultants
Secretary

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Youth Minister
Parish Staff Liason

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Questions



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