



St. Gabriel Park FACTS & FIGURES

Why are we buying land? The Parish Needs Assessment Survey conducted last year, which focused on facilities usage land acquisition, had over 400 responders, and the responders overwhelmingly agreed that land should be purchased. Priorities identified were: playing field, playground, indoor athletic facilities, walking paths, and retreat center. While our campus facilities have been adequate to accommodate our basic needs, it has been recognized for at least 10 years that additional land was needed for green space and facilities.

Where is the new property? It's actually two adjacent properties at 5201 and 5199 Bardstown Road, directly across from Wildwood Country Club. There are six homes on the property. **When can I see the land?** The homes are currently occupied, and we must be respectful of the occupants' privacy. We invite you to tour the property on Sunday, August 28, after the Noon Mass. Enjoy the Knights of Columbus Pancakes & Eggs Breakfast, attend Mass, and then preview the property. Look for more details in our bulletin and on our Facebook page soon.

What are we doing with the two houses we own at 8604 and 8606 Augustine Way? We have been assessing the feasibility of building a natural play park where the houses sit. Our Finance and Administration Councils recommended this March that we pursue creating design documents and cost estimates, which would be reviewed and approved by the Archbishop



before we could proceed.

What are we doing with the old rectory at 8514 Hudson Lane? This property is currently for sale. Proceeds from the sale of this property are being used for the land purchase.

What are we doing with the old preschool house? The house is undergoing some small interior renovations to be used as a Ministry Center for our youth and adult faith formation groups. Work will be completed by September.

Where will the money come from to pay for this? Can we afford this? Yes. Net proceeds from our Bingo operation, Summer Festival and the *Building a Future of Hope* campaign have been saved for many years with the intent to purchase land. We will continue these fundraising programs and study more funding resources as we proceed to the final development plan. The parish community - through the oversight of our Parish, Administration and Finance Councils - will determine the best use of our monetary resources and make recommendations to our Pastor and the Archdiocese.



Would you like to make a donation to our building fund? There are several ways to make a gift to St. Gabriel Parish. You can contact our St. Gabriel Finance Manager, Pam Terwilliger, at pterwilliger@stgabriel.net or 502-239-5481.

What's the timeline to develop the land or build on it? Over the next three years, our Administration Council will coordinate the creation of a multi-phase development plan, while our Finance Council will explore costs tied to this plan. The Parish Council will work to procure and respond to parish feedback, questions and concerns related to this community effort. A final development and funding plan will be

AND THE SURVEY SAID...

84% St. Gabriel needs to purchase land

78% Important to be within 5 miles

Land Use—Rank in order of importance:

1. Athletic Fields
2. Playground
3. Walking Paths
4. Gym
5. Community Garden



provided to the parish in the next three years. The plan will be reviewed for approval by the Archdiocese of Louisville before we can proceed.

Who/which parties were involved in this transaction? The Parish and Archdiocesan Finance Councils, Archbishop, Archdiocesan Director of Facilities, our Pastor, Business and Development Manager, and Finance Manager, along with the property owner, have been involved in the transaction.

Why is this parcel more suitable than any that have been explored previously? This parcel satisfies the greatest majority of the needs you've identified - proximity to our primary campus, reasonable cost, no expected boundaries or obstacles to development, enough usable land for playing fields, a gymnasium, walking paths and rectory facilities. Over the last 10 years, we have found several properties that we thought suitable initially, but for one reason or another, we were unable to proceed or complete the transaction.

Who sold it to us? The property was purchased from Sharon Leaman, a member of our parish.

With a nod to our past ...

We've come full circle with the purchase of this property. Our original rectory was acquired by the Leaman family in 1994. They moved this home, nicknamed *Holy House*, down Bardstown Road at 4 am. Bardstown Road had to be closed to make the move. After the move, the home was re-bricked.

... and a focus on our future!



Come Grow With Us!



You're invited! Follow our Facebook page to see more details on the property and upcoming events! Join us after the Noon Mass on Sunday, August 28 to preview the new property.

