



Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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Re: Your input requested, online available at <https://shmorilton.org/SH2025survey>



Dear Members of the Sacred Heart Family – Parishioners, Parents, and Alumni,

Sacred Heart Parish is blessed in many wonderful and unique ways. We benefit from the hard work and dedication of our ancestors who left us powerful programs, opportunities for worship, and many buildings to call a parish home. Countless families and individuals have spent important parts of their lives here and each added to the reality of Sacred Heart Parish and School in some way.

Our parish and school are gifts from generations past. As we look to the future of Sacred Heart in Morrilton, we must consider how to best care for and sustain these gifts for future generations. It is time for us to study some possible improvements to the facilities that have been so generously provided.

Volunteer committees have studied our property and identified several needs. To best assess the needs and support of potential projects, Sacred Heart School and Church are launching a *Feasibility Study* to evaluate potential capital projects that will enhance our campus facilities and better serve our students, parishioners, and community. This study will help determine both the *needs* and the *level of community support* for proposed improvements, including:

- **Expansion and renovation of the school kitchen and cafeteria**
- **Relocation of the high school office** to improve campus safety
- **Parish and school projects**, based on feedback

Your input is vital to this process. **It is important to note that no decisions have been made** — we are exploring options together, as one parish and school family, to determine which projects, if any, we should pursue.

Statement of Need

Our current kitchen and cafeteria, built in 1965, are no longer adequate for the needs of our growing Sacred Heart community and the high school office is not optimal for security .

- **Kitchen:** Serves daily lunches to approximately 300 students and faculty, as well as meals for numerous parish and school events. The space is small and outdated and must be brought up to current code with a fire suppression system and other safety updates.
- **Cafeteria:** Undersized for current enrollment, forcing multiple lunch shifts beginning as early as 10:45 a.m.
- **High School Office:** Relocation from the rear of the building to the front of campus would significantly improve school security, while also allowing better flexibility in the existing spaces for the needs of the school.

The Parish Council has been consulted regarding the broader needs of our church and parish facilities to ensure thoughtful long-term planning. We invite you to share any additional needs you feel should be considered as part of this study.

Background

In **2023**, Sacred Heart School received a **\$61,000 Healthy Meals Incentive (HMI) Grant** from the USDA to strengthen our school lunch program. This grant funded the purchase of farm-fresh beef, essential kitchen supplies, and major equipment upgrades including a **floor mixer** and a **walk-in cooler/freezer**. While these improvements were significant, the project underscored the **need for more extensive renovations and expansion** of both the kitchen and cafeteria.

Prior to the installation of the walk-in cooler/freezer, the Buildings and Grounds committee worked with an architect to commission plans not only for the unit itself, but also for potential options for a comprehensive kitchen/cafeteria expansion should additional funding become available and the full project be considered.

To date, the new cooler/freezer unit has been installed. The installation resulted in the need for a new outdoor cook space for the Bazaar and Oktoberfest, as the unit is located in the area previously designated. Plans are currently underway to complete this phase of the project by Spring of 2025.

During the **2025 Strategic Planning Retreat**, our volunteer boards reviewed campus needs and considered a plan that includes **kitchen and cafeteria expansion**, as well as **relocating the high school office for increased visibility and security**. This led to the discussion of a potential capital campaign to address all of these needs.

Several parish-related projects have been mentioned, but no single project has yet been identified. This survey lists known concerns, but **your feedback is paramount** in determining what, if any, parish projects should be included in a capital campaign now - or in the future.

Finally, other school projects are also listed. It is possible that these may be completed separately from a capital campaign, but ***we welcome your feedback as we move forward.***

Feasibility Study Overview

The feasibility study will guide our next steps by engaging parishioners, parents, alumni, and community supporters. Through surveys and town hall meetings, participants will:

- Provide feedback on proposed projects
- Suggest additional needs or priorities
- Indicate their level of interest and potential support

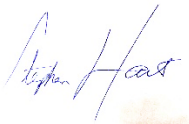
This transparent process ensures that our future campaign reflects the shared priorities of the Sacred Heart community.

Our last capital campaign in 2016 successfully raised **\$3.45 million in less than 18 months**, thanks to the extraordinary generosity of our families, alumni, and parishioners. With your participation and prayerful consideration, we are confident this new endeavor will continue that legacy of faith and unity.

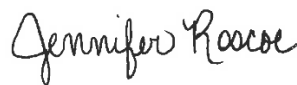
Thank you for your continued dedication to Sacred Heart. We ask that you take a few minutes to complete the following survey. Your input will help shape the future of our parish and school community. **Surveys will be accepted until December 31, 2025** and may be mailed to the Church, left in the back of the Church, dropped off at the Church or school offices, or completed online.

Finally, we will hold a town hall meeting Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at 6:30pm in the Church. All are welcome to attend this informal listening session to ask questions and share your thoughts and concerns.

With gratitude and blessings,



Fr. Stephen Hart, Pastor
Sacred Heart Church



Jennifer Roscoe, Principal
Sacred Heart Catholic School

COMPLETE ONLINE: <https://shmorriton.org/SH2025survey>



SACRED HEART FEASIBILITY STUDY SURVEY

(Please complete one survey per household. Your feedback will remain confidential.)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

RELATIONSHIP TO SACRED HEART:

(Please check all that apply.)

- ☐ Parishioner of Sacred Heart Church
- ☐ Parent of a Sacred Heart School student
- ☐ Alumnus/Alumna of Sacred Heart School
- ☐ Community supporter / Friend of Sacred Heart

ENGAGEMENT

1. What ministries, programs, or activities are you involved in at Sacred Heart?

2. In your opinion, what does Sacred Heart Church do well?

3. In your opinion, what could Sacred Heart Church improve?

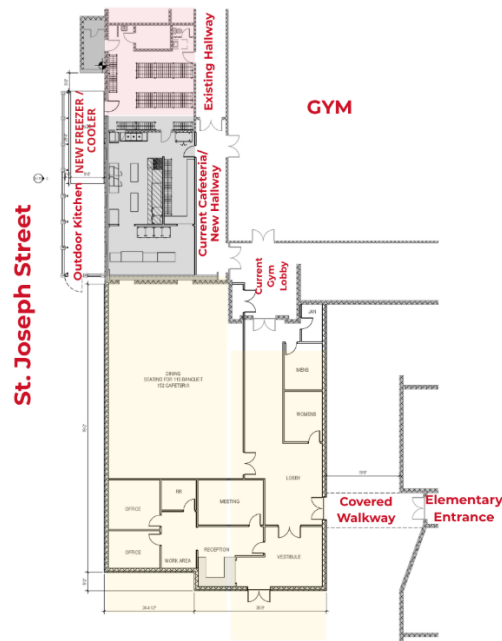
4. In your opinion, what does Sacred Heart School do well?

5. In your opinion, what could Sacred Heart School improve?

PROJECT FEEDBACK

Proposed Kitchen/Cafeteria/School Office Project:

Enlargement of the kitchen and cafeteria, and addition of a new centrally located school office — estimated cost **\$3M** (see preliminary drawing which expands the current kitchen into the current cafeteria, expands the cafeteria, and adds office space – note that this is **ONLY** a rough preliminary plan and, if pursued, will be fully evaluated further).



LEGEND

Existing Kitchen

Existing Cafeteria/New kitchen

Approximately 5,000 sq foot proposed addition - cafeteria and office

6. Do you feel this project is needed and important?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure (please comment): _____

7. If this project moves forward, would you financially support the campaign?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

Proposed Parish Projects:

Over the years, parishioners have expressed the need for improvements/additions in the following areas. Please select those that are a priority for you and answer the questions below.

-Addition of a Parish Hall (estimated \$3M)

8. Do you feel this project is needed and important?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure (please comment): _____

9. If this project moves forward, would you financially support the campaign?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

-Upgrade to the Church sound system

10. Do you feel this project is needed and important?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure (please comment): _____

11. If this project moves forward, would you financially support the campaign?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

-Other Church Projects

12. Do you feel there are additional church or parish facility needs that should be considered?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

If yes, please describe: _____

13. What are the most important current needs of the parish: _____

14. Do you foresee these needs changing over the next ten years? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

15. What do you foresee being the needs of the parish in the next ten to twenty years? _____

16. Will the inclusion of a church project affect your support of a capital campaign?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

Other School Needs: Please provide your feedback on these school projects.

-Addition of batting cages (estimated \$200,000)

17. Parents have expressed interest in this addition since our softball and baseball players currently have to use off-campus facilities, and this addition could help retain athletes. Do you feel this project is needed and important?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure (please comment): _____

18. If this project moves forward, would you financially support the campaign?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

-New Gym (2015 estimate was \$4M)

19. The current Sacred Heart gym is not the proper size and limits student athletes and teams as it is the only gym available for all K-12 students in a variety of sports. Do you feel this project is needed and important?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure (please comment): _____

20. If this project moves forward, would you financially support the campaign?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

21. Please rank the projects below in order of importance to you, with 1 being the most important.

Feel free to leave feedback about each or any additional projects you think are relevant. Keep in mind that projects may be considered for a campaign now or in the future based on your feedback.

_____ Kitchen/cafeteria renovation and school office addition

_____ Parish hall

_____ Church sound system

_____ School batting cages

_____ New basketball gym

_____ Other: _____

Additional Comments: _____

Potential Financial Support

Please share your comments below. This information is crucial to determining the feasibility of undertaking a campaign. The findings and recommendations from this study will offer collective insights. No specific comments will be attributed to any individual and financial inclinations will only be considered within the confines of confidential review where appropriate. Thank you.

22. Leadership gifts are essential to campaign success. If a campaign proceeds, could your family consider a **leadership-level pledge** (e.g., \$15,000–\$100,000+) payable over 3 years (in addition to your current parish/school support)?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Possibly

23. If not at a leadership level, could you contribute at another level over a 3-year period (in addition to your current parish/school support)?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Possibly

24. If yes, please estimate your potential commitment over a 3-year period:

☐ \$30/month (\$1,080 total)

☐ \$50/month (\$1,800 total)

☐ \$100/month (\$3,600 total)

☐ \$200/month (\$7,200 total)

☐ \$300/month (\$10,800 total)

☐ Other: _____

25. Would your participation or giving level depend on specific project details?

☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, please explain: _____

26. Do you believe these fundraising goals are realistic for our parish/school community?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

27. Would you be willing to volunteer your time to assist with a campaign?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Maybe

28. Could you offer in-kind support (materials, labor, services, etc.)?

☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, please describe: _____

Additional comments, recommendations, or ideas: _____

Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts and prayers as we plan for the future of Sacred Heart School and Church. Although no decisions have been made, we anticipate that some of these projects will move forward. **Should you have a desire to make an end of year gift toward this endeavor, we invite you to *partner with Sacred Heart now* by supporting the feasibility study and early-stage planning.** Your contribution will:

- Help fund professional consultation, design, and planning costs
- Demonstrate early leadership and commitment to Sacred Heart's future
- Ensure that every decision reflects the values and vision of our community

All gifts will be **restricted to the proposed projects**, and donors will receive **updates and opportunities for feedback** as plans evolve. In addition to gifts via cash or credit card, we are also prepared to accept gifts of stock and IRA rollover contributions. Please complete the form below if you would like more information or contact Director of Advancement Alisha Koonce directly at 501.354.4358/akoonce@sacredheartmorrilton.org.

_____ Please contact me about an end of year gift.

_____ I have enclosed a gift.

*Be sure your name and contact information are included above or, if you prefer to share this page separate from our survey, please include your information below.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____