



## Frequently Asked Questions February 2017 Edition

### **Background**

During the past few months, some common questions have repeatedly popped-up. Below are the responses to them. If you have an additional question that you would like answered, please send it to [Building@saintmaryplano.com](mailto:Building@saintmaryplano.com).

### **Question 1**    **Why is the proposed fellowship hall/gymnasium not attached to the current school building?**

If the fellowship hall/gymnasium is built attached to the current school building, the existing school building must be brought up to code. This cost would make building a new fellowship hall/gymnasium impossible. In addition, the proposed site is closer to the existing parking lot, which would be used for sporting events, funerals luncheons, and additional parish & school functions.

### **Question 2**    **Once the proposed fellowship hall/gymnasium is built, what will happen to the current gymnasium and kitchen located in the school building?**

The current gymnasium and kitchen will continue to be used daily by the school. One possible idea for the kitchen area is for it to be transformed into a conference room, which the school currently does not have.

### **Question 3**    **How will St. Mary School students benefit from the new fellowship hall/gymnasium?**

1. Students would gain the ability to practice on regulation size spaces as well as be able to play home games in 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade volleyball, basketball, and soccer.
2. The school would now have a large gathering space for its functions (i.e. receptions, concerts, etc...)
3. Indoor recesses and PE classes would no longer be interrupted by activities that would now be able to take place in the fellowship hall/gymnasium.
4. Indoor K-8 PE units could take place in the fellowship hall/gymnasium.

### **Question 4**    **Will the kitchen in the new fellowship hall/gymnasium be used to start a school hot lunch program?**

The short answer is “no”, it is not possible right away. Implementing a hot lunch program is something though that will be looked into once the fellowship hall/gymnasium is built. Due to the increased cost that school families would incur to participate in a hot lunch program, once the new fellowship hall/gymnasium is built, a feasibility study would first have to be conducted.