

May 2, 2026

Dear Parish Family of St. Mary,

I am writing to share an important update regarding our parish feasibility study and the path forward for our master plan.

First, I want to express my sincere gratitude to all who participated in this process — those who attended informational meetings, took part in interviews, and completed and returned surveys. Your thoughtful input and strong engagement have been a true blessing to our parish.

The study has now been completed, and we have received the full report from our consultant, George Joseph. The study's results indicate a very favorable attitude toward the proposed master plan. There is also a clear understanding of and support for a phased approach as we work to meet the needs of our growing parish community.

At this time, we are pleased to share the results with you, showing that our parish is in a position right now to support Phase I with an estimated investment of \$6 million. A link to the full feasibility study report is included with this message for your review: [Feasibility Study Report](#)

Last week, we presented these findings to the Diocese of Davenport. Based on those discussions, we received approval to move forward with our architect, RDG, to develop detailed plans that are aligned with our Phase I budget.

While this represents an important and exciting step, we remain committed to the full vision outlined in the original master plan. As we work with RDG, we will be attentive and responsible in managing both design and construction costs so that they align with what the feasibility study indicates we can realistically raise as a parish.

As we continue this process, we will keep you informed and engaged. There will be additional opportunities for you to learn more and share your thoughts as plans develop.

Thank you again for your continued support, generosity and prayers. May God continue to guide us as we take these next steps together.

Sincerely,
Fr. Joseph