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# *St. Michael's Parish Council Minutes*

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*January 10, 2008*

## **Building Update**

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Father will meet with the Parish council, Building committee, and the Knights of Columbus next month to look at the proposed elevations of the new church and school. Currently there is \$1 million in reserve for the first phase of the building project. Professional fund raisers will be utilized to generate the money needed in a capital campaign.

The projected growth numbers will continually be updated to see how the housing market will impact our growth and therefore our groundbreaking date.

A Construction Manager at Risk approach is being considered in the building of the new school. CMR is a delivery method that entails a commitment by the construction manager to deliver a project within a guaranteed maximum price. It also allows the contractor to get involved in the process at an early stage.

## **Parish Update**

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There are two new part time employees, Shannon Dusenbery and Tina McCracken.

The number of parish families is up to 420. Father would like a new parish photo directory, with photos taken possibly in March.

The parish council was asked about the possibility of adding another weekend Mass either 4:00 Saturday afternoon or another Mass on Sunday. Currently the 5:30 Saturday and 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Masses are at or near capacity. It was discussed about changing Mass times to accommodate another Mass on Sunday but council members prefer to keep the current Mass times the same and just add another Mass on Saturday, if needed. A survey of the parishioners regarding adding a new Mass time will be utilized to see if a new Mass time would impact the Masses parishioners currently attend.

Margaret Tomek has agreed to head up the parish music program.

## **Parish Census**

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There are 16,000 households within our parish boundary. The parish census project will become a 2 year project for the Sisters. The rural census would be completed first, followed by the city. The reason for the rural first is that the demographics of the rural area would be slower to change as compared to the city.