

St Jean Baptiste Parish

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Dear Parishioners & Community,

We would like to take the time to appreciate each one of you that provided feedback on our survey. Your input is very valuable, and we appreciate the time you have taken to complete this survey. We recently finalized with 382 participants from the Parish and community partaking. This has been an excellent source of feedback which will guide the direction of designing the new building. The results line up with what we had before, as the younger generation along with the eldest have a deep-rooted attachment to the history and presence of the old church. The respondents also like an addition of a Parish Hall, with the idea to use it as a place to gather after Mass, along with the added benefit of hosting weddings, funerals, fundraising and other events. Some key takeaways from the survey are the new church retaining her traditional elements, maintaining a similar size, keeping a brick exterior to match the existing Rectory and Convent, it must include a steeple with bells, and interior colors reminiscent of the past (beiges, yellows, and reds).

We have a communication plan has been created that we circulate internally between the Committees regarding what, when and how information will be shared with the public at key intervals and their critical path. This vital tool has been successful by keeping us on track with a high level of detail.

A project delivery schedule has also been created for ongoing progress of rebuilding the church. We are currently on schedule and hope to stay on track through the duration of this project. Monthly updates are posted on our sjbp.ca website to keep everyone informed. It is important that we deliver on this important project to our parishioners and our community.

A Committee's Update is also on our website and is updated bi-weekly to share with everyone the progress of all key items such as insurance, fundraising, clean up status, events, and donations.

The Fundraising Committee is gearing up for our largest Extravaganza Fundraiser event of the year on May 14th, 2022. Our goal is to raise \$1,000,000.00 which would immensely help our rebuilding efforts. So far to date, we have raised \$234,406.34 which is from our Brick Fundraiser, Canada Helps, the parishioners, the Diocese of St. Paul, and Greater St. Albert Catholic Regional Division. This is an amazing start, but we need much more to make this rebuild a success.

Morinville was built around this iconic church and it was the main historical landmark of this town since its completion in 1907. We want to ensure the impact of St. Jean Baptiste Parish is continually felt throughout the community today and into the future, just as much as it did over 100 years ago, by bringing people together to worship, settle these lands and build families. If you have any questions regarding the new build, please approach any the building committee or contact Ron Cust at (587) 783-5134.

God Bless

St Jean Baptiste Parish – Father Trini

Building Committee – Chair Ron Cust, Vice Chair Joyce McKay, Steve Caron, Andy Morin, Richard Houle, Nadine Stoyko, Lori Lamer & Rita Arbour

Parish Council – Chair Noreen Radford

Fundraising Council – Chair Simonne Chevalier