

Our Parish-Our Future Building Project Updates

Week #5: Montessori-inspired Classrooms, Secure School Entrances, School Playgrounds, and Changes within the Main School building

Two Montessori-inspired Children's Houses for Licensed Child Care for 3, 4 and 5 year olds Situated along the east side of the new building, the two Montessori-inspired classrooms, or Children's Houses, are designed to meet state regulations for licensed child care facilities and can accommodate 20 students in each room. Two bathrooms are provided for children in each room, and a teacher workspace is accessible from both sides. For care-of-the-environment Montessori activities, there is a child-level sink in each room. Shelving and area rugs define the various curriculum areas throughout the classrooms.



Secure School Entrances and Connecting Hallways The hallway outside of the Children's Houses is also their coat hall, with individual cubbies for coats and backpacks. The south door provides easy access to the playground to the east.



During school hours, the north hallway door will remain open, as will the doors to the main school building, allowing for free access back and forth. For security during school hours, the Todd Street door and the security doors between the school area and the Gathering Space will remain locked.

*Children's House
Coat Hall*



Secure School Entrance from Todd Street view. Main School to the right; Children's House to the left.

School Playground The existing school playground on the southeast corner of the block will need to be removed and installed across the road in the summer of 2026. (We'll look to parishioners and parish organizations to help with this process!) The enclosed playground for the Children's Houses will be located on the east side of the new classrooms and is designed to meet state licensing regulations.



Changes to the Main School Building: 1. CGS Atrium: When the Family Center is removed, the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) Atrium currently housed there will be moved to the main school building. A new Atrium will be constructed in the current library space which is on the ground floor with an exterior entrance, providing easy access for parishioners and home school families who also take part in CGS. 2. School Library: The library will be moved to the first floor, southwest classroom space. 3. Montessori-inspired 1st grade: Once the current Children's House moves to the new classroom spaces, the vacated room in the main school building will be occupied by 1st and, potentially, 2nd Grades.

Next Week: Construction Impact and Temporary Adaptations