

St. Gen's Parking Lot FAQs

Q-Why are we adding this parking area?

A-We have a need for additional parking at the Parish Community Center for Mass. Some parishioners have had to park on the grass a number of times, due to lack of parking spaces. Seniors and those with disabilities have also asked if there could be a closer drop off point to decrease the amount of walking distance and risk of falling, especially during icy and rainy weather.

Q-Why does the overhead canopy cost so much?

A- We received an approximate cost for a basic canopy from a contractor early in our new parking lot planning process. The cost estimate came in under \$100,000. However, the project team determined that adding a more robust canopy would provide more protection from weather at the drop-off point and be a better fit, aesthetically, with our current building structure. It would also better meet the needs of our parishioners, seniors, and those with disabilities. So, we budgeted for the current \$100,000 figure to cover constructing a more robust structure.

Q-Will anyone be able to drop off our loved ones at the drop off point?

A-yes, anyone needing this new drop off facility will be able to use it.

Q-Who will be able to park in the new parking lot area?

A-The new parking lot is being added to meet the needs of the seniors and people with disabilities. The drop off area (with canopy) is being added to provide a better more comfortable place to drop off seniors, people with disabilities, and parish members who would prefer a closer drop off point and protection from rain and snow. The drop off area can also be used by any parish member to pick up or drop off supplies.

Q-When will the parking lot be constructed?

A-We plan on starting this spring and have the construction wrapped up by this coming August, before our parish festival begins.

Q-What happens to our money if we don't add the parking area?

A-We have already committed to accomplishing this project. Weather and ground conditions could delay our construction start date, but this project will be completed. Our target completion date is August, 2016.

Q-What happens to our money if we put in the parking area but don't have enough money to build the overhead canopy?

A-We would build the parking area and add the overhead canopy components as money allows. If we can't install the whole canopy we could extend our current canopy to prepare for the new overhead canopy. We would also install or construct new canopy footings and supports to ground level so that adding the actual canopy sometime in the future could be accomplished.