

A photograph of a brick church building with a large cross on the roof. The building has a gabled roof and a central entrance with a covered porch. There are several arched windows and doors. An American flag is visible on the left side of the building. The sky is clear and blue.

Our Lady of the Rosary Building Committee

Town Hall Meeting
May 23-24, 2026



Our Lady of the Rosary Building Committee

- ▶ Who we are...
 - ▶ The building committee is made up of dedicated parishioners that have been sharing their time and talents, over the past year, in an effort to provide OLR the best solution to our most pressing issue and that is our ever-increasing growth.
 - ▶ We would like to thank Fr. Edward for his input and involvement as well as all of you that have contributed to this planning process



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The Challenge we are faced with...

- ▶ Franklin County is growing at an unprecedented rate
- ▶ OLR is experiencing exponential growth especially in the Hispanic Community
- ▶ The Building Committee is looking out through 2060
- ▶ Overcrowded liturgies, insufficient space for faith formation, shortages in meeting space, not enough parking spaces
- ▶ On numerous liturgies the Narthex is filled to maximum capacity
- ▶ Currently, no plans for any additional Catholic Church within our area

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The Choice we made and why...

- ▶ Survey presented last October with the two options – Expand or Build new
 - ▶ Survey results prompted additional research
 - ▶ Expansion of the existing Sanctuary proved unfeasible;
 - ▶ Cost factor
 - ▶ Where to meet during renovation
 - ▶ Design would not be aesthetically pleasing

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The Choice we made and why... continued

- ▶ Decision was made to proceed with building a new Sanctuary
 - ▶ Lower cost
 - ▶ A better solution for our future
 - ▶ Allow for more design creativity and expression
 - ▶ Continued use of current Sanctuary
 - ▶ Convert existing building to parish hall

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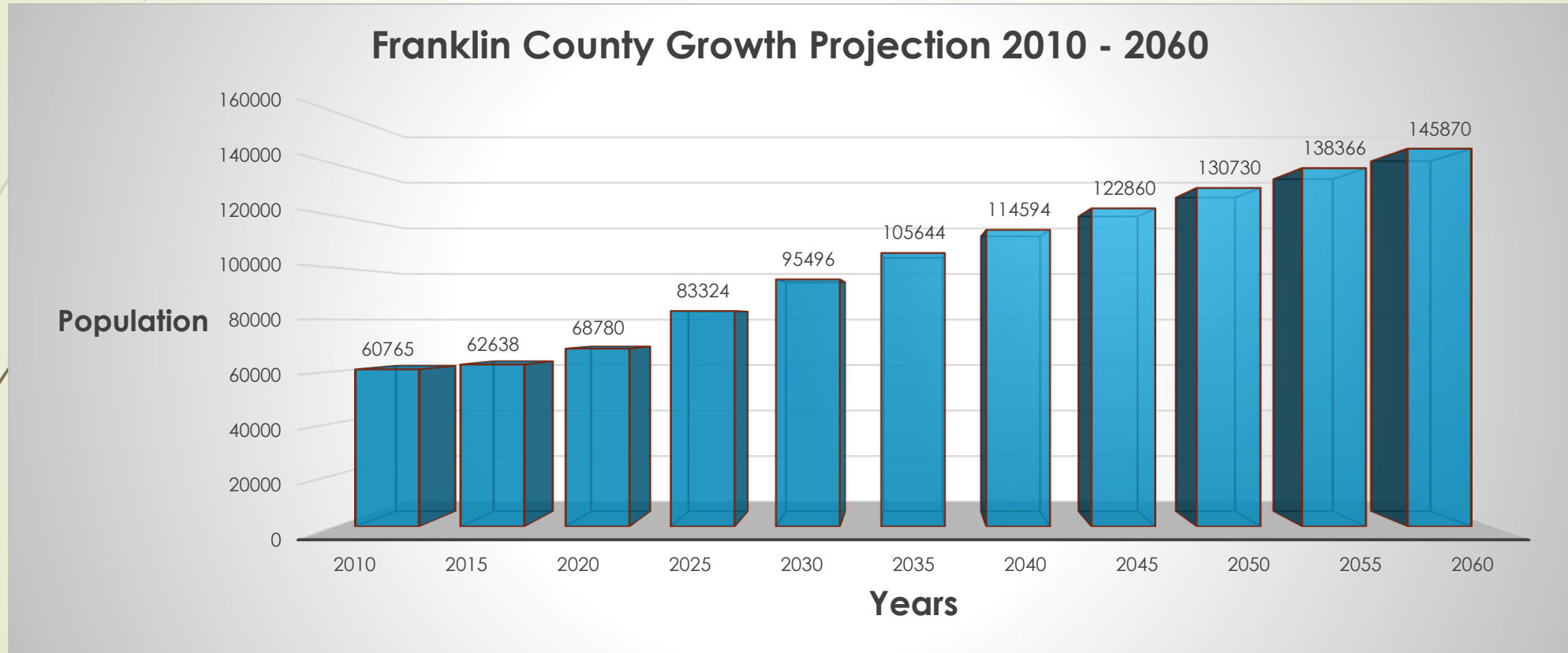
Driving the need for a new Sanctuary



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Driving the need for a new Sanctuary

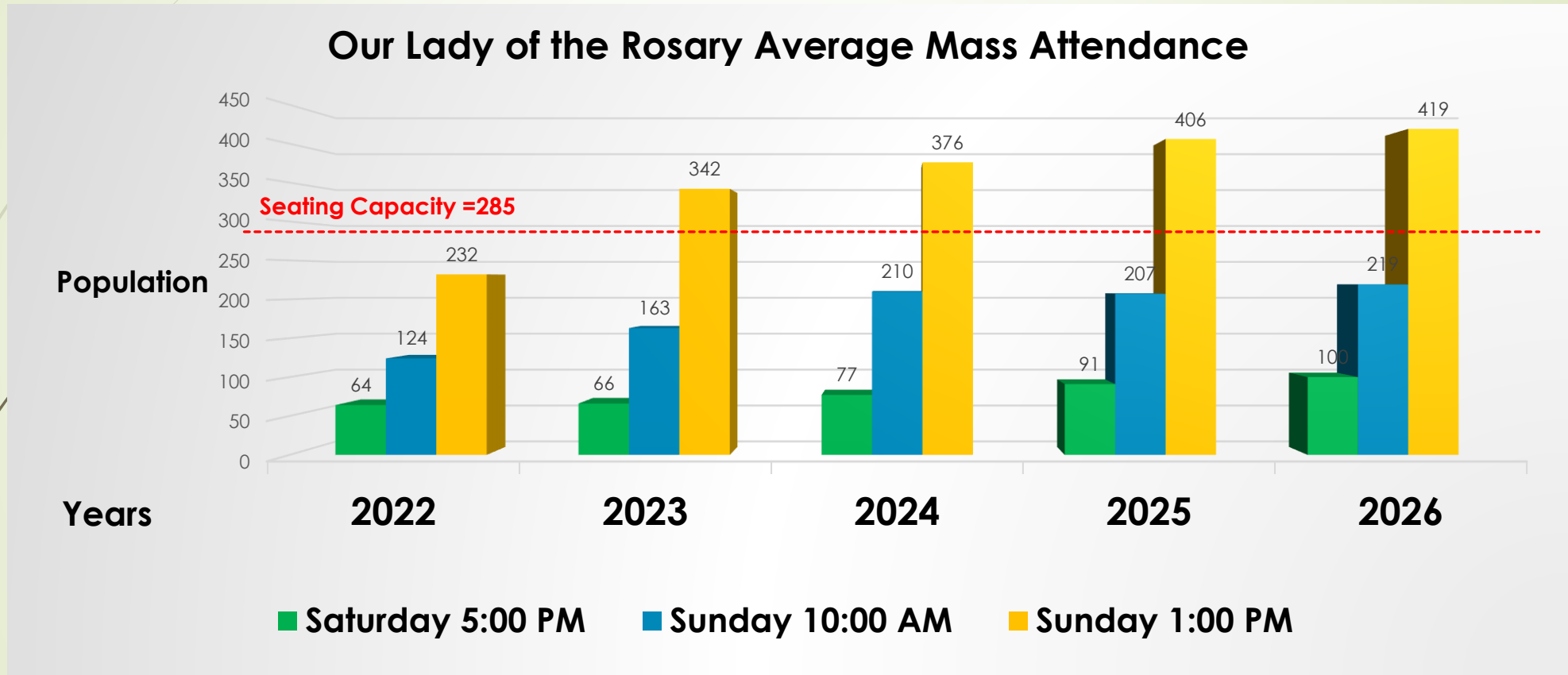
- Exponential Growth in Franklin County



- Franklin County population, estimated at over 77,000–85,000 in 2024–2026, is projected to grow significantly, with forecasts suggesting it could exceed 125,000 by 2045.

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- Total Mass Attendance per weekend from 2022 thru 2026



- The projected growth of Catholics in Franklin County over the next 25 years averages 10%
- 8.5% of those Catholics will most likely attend Our Lady of the Rosary

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- Benefits of building a new Sanctuary
 - To better serve our community well into the future
 - Increased space for ministries
 - Converting our existing building into a parish hall
 - Most Cost-effective solution

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➤ Financial Considerations

- Very early in the project
- The burning question! What is it going to cost
- We currently have \$2 million in savings
- We need to have 1/3 of the projected cost as the down payment in order to proceed
- We will need to be creative and focused in our fund-raising efforts



Mike Perkins to wrap it

up
Q&A

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