

PHASE 3: NEW SANCTUARY

Separated from the historic campus, set back into the trees, is a **new 1,600 seat sanctuary**. This structure will utilize **similar architectural detailing** of the “French country church” style the existing chapel reflects. The main, southern face of the building will have a dramatic stained glass facade with associated gardens.

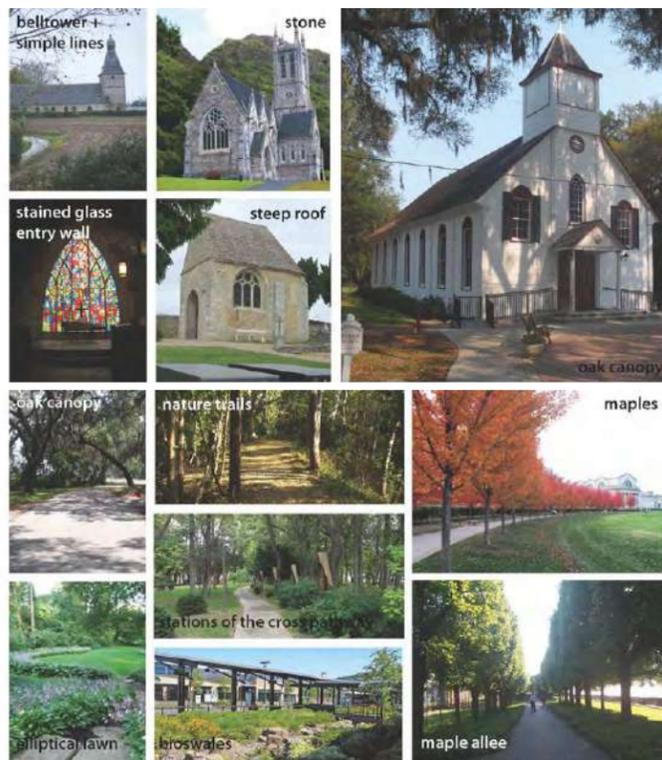
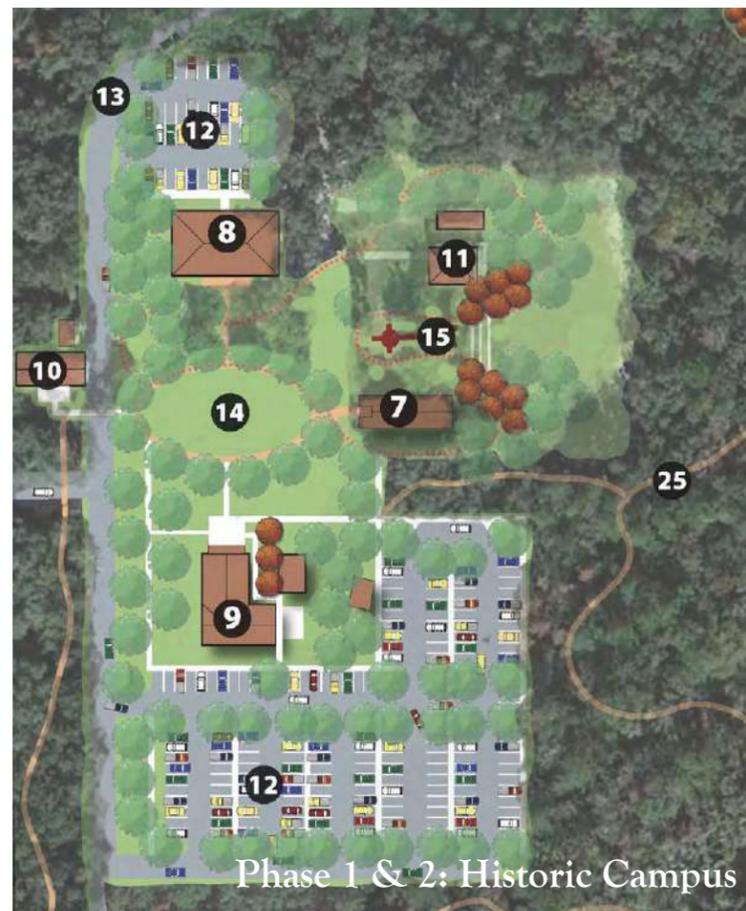
This garden will extend into a **central maple alley**, providing a beautiful greenspace through the parking area. Additional, grass overflow parking is knitted under the existing trees.

PHASE 4: NEW PARISH HALL

A **new parish hall** (8,000 sf) and associated parking will provide direct access from the new sanctuary. This new facility will then allow the existing community hall to be renovated into religious education classrooms.

PHASE 5: SCHOOL

The final phase is a **12-classroom school**, which can hold up to 360 students. Offices and classrooms overlook a central greenspace with associated bio-filtration swales. A multi-use building with library, cafeteria, and mixed-use space is located towards the rear of the campus. Finally, a multi-purpose field and playground provide recreational opportunities for students.



ABOVE | Conceptual imagery of architectural and landscape detailing. Images by others.

RIGHT | Phased development of master plan. Phase 1 & 2, top. Phases 3, 4 and 5, bottom

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Creating Compelling Environments to Live, Work, and Play

St. Ambrose Catholic Church Master Plan

Elkton, Florida | Diocese of St. Augustine



FINAL MASTER PLAN | APRIL 15, 2013

Honoring Our Heritage + Preparing for Growth

Over the past year, St. Ambrose Catholic Church has developed a long range master plan. The goals are to both **address current needs** and to **prepare for future growth in the area**. Blessed with 61.5 acres, St. Ambrose has sufficient room to grow over the next half century, while maintaining buffers and the natural, rural setting that makes the parish unique.

Overall, the plan is split into **two campuses**: (a) **the historic campus**, which maintains the existing chapel and associated buildings for weekday operations and masses, and (b) **a new campus**, complete with a 1,600 seat sanctuary and 12-classroom school. The master plan is designed to be implemented in a **phased approach**. These phases include the following:

PHASE 1: REROUTE CHURCH ROAD + PERIPHERY PARKING

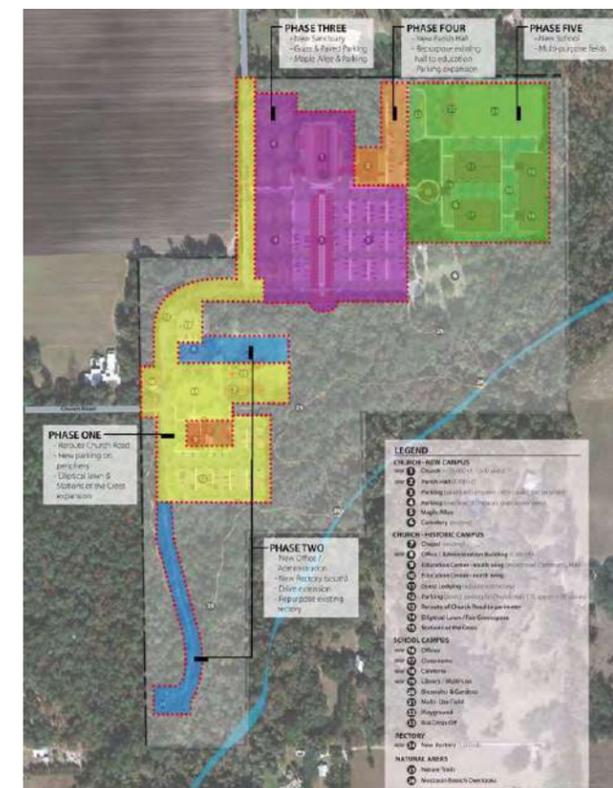
A **central greenspace** is established where the existing parking and roadway is. This park area supports the spring and fall fairs, which are an important part of both the parish and community as a whole. Existing **trees are maintained whenever possible**, and new trees are planted to maintain the woodland atmosphere as the older trees die.

Church Road and the parking, which are currently in the center of the site, are now relocated to the periphery, allowing **non-church traffic to pass without impacting activities**. New trees are to be planted along this roadway as well.

PHASE 2: NEW OFFICE + NEW RECTORY

Continuing the work in the historic campus, a **new office** (6,000 sf) is added on the north side of the greenspace. This will allow the entire campus to **function for weekday activities**, with mass in the chapel and church business in the administration building.

A **new, more private rectory** is proposed on the southern portion of the property. The topography in this area limits development, and this peaceful area can provide much needed rest for the current and future priests of St. Ambrose Parish.



ABOVE | Phasing plan for St. Ambrose Catholic Church. Note Phase 1 (yellow) and Phase 2 (blue) improve the existing, historic campus, prior to moving to new development on the northern portion of the site.



LEGEND

CHURCH - NEW CAMPUS

- NEW **1** Church (~35,000 s.f., 1,600 seats)
- NEW **2** Parish Hall (8,000 s.f.)
- 3** Parking (paved; 400 required ~90% paved; 360 provided)
- 4** Parking (overflow; 300 spaces; grass under trees)
- 5** Maple Allee
- 6** Cemetery (existing)

CHURCH - HISTORIC CAMPUS

- 7** Chapel (existing)
- NEW **8** Office / Administration Building (6,000 s.f.)
- 9** Education Center - south wing (repurposed Community Hall)
- 10** Education Center - north wing
- 11** Guest Lodging (repurposed rectory)
- 12** Parking (paved; parking for Chapel/Hall; 170 spaces + 38 spaces)
- 13** Reroute of Church Road to perimeter
- 14** Elliptical Lawn / Fair Greenspace
- 15** Stations of the Cross

SCHOOL CAMPUS

- NEW **16** Offices
- NEW **17** Classrooms
- NEW **18** Cafeteria
- NEW **19** Library / Multi-Use
- 20** Bioswales & Gardens
- 21** Multi- Use Field
- 22** Playground
- 23** Bus Drop-Off

RECTORY

- NEW **24** New Rectory (1,500 s.f.)

NATURAL AREAS

- 25** Nature Trails
- 26** Moccasin Branch Overlooks

ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH MASTER PLAN

