

Subject: Parish Center Update

Date: July 7, 2015

We have been working on a number of projects since our last update. Mark Filips from Vision Works completed 45 minute interviews with 40 parishioners during the weekend of June 26-29th. Mark reported that parishioners asked a lot of questions, provided positive input on design considerations and felt the communication was good regarding the Parish Center.

We had 20 people attend our Focus Group session on Thursday evening, June 25th and another 55 parishioners attend our Monday night session. We received 57 completed surveys from parishioners who attended the Focus Groups. Summary of parishioners' answers are:

Question: What is the participant's opinion of the plan to build a new Dynamic Parish Center, Campus Upgrades, and Educational Improvements?

37 parishioners said this is right plan, 19 said this is acceptable, and 1 said I don't know.

Question: How receptive do you think the parish will be to a proposed campaign?

47 parishioners said they are receptive, 1 unreceptive, and 2 were indifferent.

Question: Do you believe Holy Trinity should proceed with this campaign?

45 parishioners said yes, 11 said yes with conditions, and one parishioner said I don't know.

Question: What do you consider the best way to communicate about the capital campaign?

14 parishioners said by bulletin, 12 said through updates at Mass, 8 suggested through mailings, balance of parishioners suggested various tools including emails(3), newsletter(2), newspaper(2), billboards(1), calling(1) and videos/DVD(1).

Question: What do you think we need to do to make this campaign a success?

Involvement & support by all HT Parishioners (6), addressing their questions & concerns (2), prayer (5), good communication that keeps people informed (6), positive campaign with financial commitment and 3-5 year pledges (6), online Facebook blog, build to suit Holy Trinity School & Parish needs, share drawings/models with parish, good that all money raised will stay in Holy Trinity parish, and good planning with explanation of the long-term benefits (2).

Other feedback includes: Important to connect Parish Center to Holy Trinity School, gymnasium is much needed, this is a "must-do", dream big, we can afford it & not put the parish in debt, don't cut corners, ambitious, most cost-effective to do all at once, include a stage for development of speaking skills, forensics and performing arts, provide enough storage, if connected to Holy Trinity Church, make certain it is handicap accessible, we are headed in right direction, current status of parish deficit needs to be communicated & plan implemented, excellent idea, this will energize the parish, include the community & Peace Church, work on best costs & complete the whole outside of building at one time (2), excited-a positive for the parish and our community.

Thank you to all of you that participated in our personal interviews or in our Focus Group sessions. Also, thank you to Al Weiland, Jim Wessing, Jeff Butler and Tony Fleischman who called, sent letters and organized these sessions for Mark Filips.

Archdiocesan 2020 Plan

Several questions were asked about the Archdiocesan 2020 Plan. Per Mark Kemmeter from the Archdiocese, "The 2020 Plan for Holy Trinity in Kewaskum is rather clear: Holy Trinity will cluster with St. Michael and there will be one priest assigned for both parishes. Basically, you are as you shall be. There are no plans for the further clustering of Holy Trinity."

Architect Selection

The Holy Trinity Building Committee which is co-chaired by Joel Fleischman, Chad Cook & Chris Sabish will interview architects Thursday, July 16th in Holy Trinity Church basement. Leanne Buschlick, who is experienced in this area, will lead the selection process and follow the AIAW guidelines in the interview and selection process. You are invited to attend and participate. Three firms have been invited, will be touring the Holy Trinity campus in early July and the interviews will be at 2 pm, 3 pm and 4 pm.

Village of Kewaskum Planning Commission

Joel Fleischman & Chad Cook, HT Building Committee, Brian Wildt, HT Pastoral Council Chair and other parishioners presented the Parish Center site plan to the Village Planning Commission on Monday evening, June 29th. Members of the Kewaskum Plan Commission approved the site plan. Plan Commission Chairman and Village President Kevin Scheunemann said the plan was well thought out.

Communication:

Reminder--please see www.kewaskumcatholicparishes.org for bulletins, Parish Center meeting minutes, plans, drawings, updates, HT committees & members, Mass schedules, readings, etc.

Holy Trinity Parish Deficit

Father spoke about our deficit during Masses the weekends of May 16-17 and 23-24. Father also spoke about the \$20,000 fee for Mark Filips to complete our Feasibility Study. Generous parishioners came forward almost immediately after Father's appeal. We received a donation of \$10,000 and 2 donations of \$2,000 to help offset Mark's fees. Also tithing improved substantially in the weeks after Father's talk. Enclosed is an update of tithing:

- In April, we averaged \$7,982 per week
- In May, prior to Father's talk, we averaged \$8,299 per week
- From May 24 – June 28, we averaged \$13,054 per week

So, as you can see, Holy Trinity parishioners responded to Father's appeal. We will not completely eliminate the deficit for the 2014-2015 fiscal year, but due to your generosity, we have greatly reduced the deficit. June 30th is end of our fiscal year, so when financials are completed, we will share results. For 2015-2016 year, we are budgeting for Holy Trinity to break even. Again, thank you very much for all of your donated time and financial support.

From Dynamic Catholic, enclosed is daily food for thought for July 6th:

"The Good We Do is Never Lost, It Never Dies. The Good Deeds of Your Life Will Live On in Other People, in Other Places, and in Other Times"