

Subject: Parish Center Update

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Architect

Our Parish Center project continues to gain momentum. The Archdiocesan Building Commission recommended to the Archbishop that he sign the Proxy for Form B, which is approval for Father Ed to hire the architect. After a very professional interview process, Groth Design Group of Cedarburg has been selected. Mike Groth told the Holy Trinity Building Committee that “We create places that respect the individual, the community, and the environment; places that are functional, financially responsible, yet imaginative; effective and meaningful places”.

We have scheduled a meeting for this coming Tuesday evening from 6:30 – 8:30 pm in Holy Trinity Church basement. Joe Clarke, Architect with Groth will make a presentation on the design process and will be seeking input from all Stakeholders who will be using the Parish Center. Stakeholders include all parishioners, HT Staff, Coaches, Committee Chairs & Members, Kewaskum School District, and Community Members. We encourage all to attend as we are now entering the Design Stage and important to get all input early in this process.

Note: Groth Design Group designed Holy Trinity’s Handicap-Accessible Narthex.

Capital Campaign

The Orientation/Introduction meeting by Mark Filips from Vision Works will be held at Holy Trinity Church basement on Thursday evening, October 1st from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. Please mark your calendar for this important meeting where Mark will review the campaign plan, go over the timeline and discuss key goals & objectives. This meeting is open to all parishioners.

A Feasibility Study Report

Mark Filips, President of Vision Works completed A Feasibility Study Report on July 17th. This report was recently reviewed by Holy Trinity Finance Council and Pastoral Council. Mark conducted personal interviews with 57 parishioners. He also conducted 2 Focus Group Sessions with another 60+ parishioners. The purpose of this study was to assess the support for a new Parish Center. Excerpts from this 34 page report include:

- In reviewing the Case Statement, it is clear that the overwhelming majority (91 percent) of interviewees and focus group participants support the vision for a new Parish Activity Center.
- The majority of people do believe that the proposed Parish Activity Center will be a real benefit for the parish and the school and will help the parish and the school to grow.
- A total of 93 percent of interviewees agree with the appropriateness of a capital campaign or think the capital campaign is the only way to fund the project.
- When questioned about the receptivity of parishioners to a capital campaign, 83 percent of interviewees and focus group participants believe their peers are receptive to a new campaign.

- Ninety-one percent of interviewees indicated that they would be making a pledge to the upcoming campaign.
- 111 out of 114 parishioners recommended that Holy Trinity should proceed with a capital campaign.

The \$20,000 cost of Vision Works Feasibility Study Report was total covered by parishioner donations.

Archdiocesan 2020 Plan

Several questions were asked in the Feasibility Study regarding the 2020 Plan. Per Mark Kemmeter from the Archdiocese, “The 2020 Plan for Holy Trinity in Kewaksum 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.”

St. Michael Parish

One of the questions posed during the interviews several times was: “Can St. Michael’s be involved in this campaign?” Another stated: “I think it would be great if this could be a joint project of both parishes.” “Is it possible to include St. Michael’s Parish in the capital campaign process?”

At the August 18th Joint Pastoral Council held in St. Michael’s hall, Holy Trinity made a formal request of St. Michael’s Pastoral Council to join the capital campaign. Discussions are taking place between both Pastoral Councils. The Feasibility Study was shared with St. Michael and discussions are on-going.

Father Ed

Many positive comments were shared by parishioners during the interviews. Comments included: “Many express the hope that Fr. Kornath will be pastor for several more years to see the project to completion”. “Many people are happy with Fr. Kornath and his leadership”. So, please keep Father Ed in your prayers and intentions. Thank you.

Parish Center Demand

We’ve already received a request from a parishioner to hold a special anniversary celebration October 1, 2016, and from another parishioner for space for summer young children’s programs. Please pray that we get our Parish Center built to address some of these needs.

Steering Committee Members

During the next month, many parishioners will be contacted and asked to help develop and implement a 3-year pledge capital campaign. Please be open to the requests as calls go out from Father and others. We encourage you to be a part of this once-in-a-generation project and help Holy Trinity fulfill this wonderful 20-year vision for a much-needed Parish Center. The capital campaign will be designed similar to Faith In Our Future, which was very successful and raised monies for interior painting & air conditioning Holy Trinity church; technology & curriculum upgrades for Holy Trinity school and Religious Education programs, Mass overflow camera & projector, new playground equipment and an Angel Fund for families needing tuition assistance.

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