

**Subject:** Parish Center & We Believe Update

**Date:** February 13, 2016

We completed 2 important milestones on Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>. They are:

### **Village of Kewaskum Board of Appeals**

The Village Board of Appeals approved Holy Trinity's request for a set-back variance on Prospect Street. Thank you to the commissioners for voting to grant this request.

### **Archdiocesan Building Commission**

We had our 4<sup>th</sup> in-person meeting with the Building Commission at the Cousins Center. Members were complimentary of Holy Trinity's preparation and for following the Commission's recommendations. They very much appreciated our open and steady communication with them. They made several recommendations regarding construction contract wording and using a construction loan for interim financing. Next step is to receive a signed Proxy by Archbishop ListECKI. We anticipate receiving this signed proxy in about 2 weeks.

### **Father Tom Venne**

We received a very nice card from Father Tom, along with a donation to our WE BELIEVE campaign. Here is what Father wrote: "I saw in the Catholic Herald the article about Holy Trinity planning an addition and is in the fundraising phase. I would like to make a donation for this as a sign of my gratitude for the years & a few months I had the joy of being pastor there. It would have been longer but the Archbishop asked me to take a new assignment. I am grateful for the faith of the community and their participation. I wish you well and will pray for you. Thanks. Father Tom." We're sure that Father Tom would love to hear from HT parishioners. His address is, Rev. Thomas Venne, 802 N. Jackson St. Milwaukee, WI 53202.

### **Holy Trinity Building Committee**

The Committee is currently working through contractor bids that are higher than was originally budgeted. We had a high bid for the exterior stone on our Parish Center. The committee reviewed various options and has saved about \$80,000+ on the bid by reducing exterior stone in areas not required. Also, part of the savings is by using natural stone or brick in place of the material originally specified.

Currently meetings are being conducted to review electrical and plumbing bids. Our budget for the Parish Center is set at \$2 million. With savings realized, we're above this amount, but still anticipate realizing more savings as we work through several of these bids. All decisions with the design are being made that support our overall long-term integrity of the Parish Center.

### **Parish Center Canopy**

When the architect's blueprints were reviewed by the State, the Parish Center canopy was heavily discussed. The State has decided that the canopy will require an expensive fire-wall to be constructed for fire protection of Holy Trinity Church. Due to this decision by the State, we have decided to remove the Parish Center canopy from our design.

The following are creative and fun ways parishioners have helped with our "We Believe" campaign. These are just a few examples of things done so far. We are very blessed by everyone's thoughts and contributions. We sincerely thank you.

### **Holy Trinity Junior Girl Scouts**

Michele Okrent and Amy Kumrow are the Co-Advisors for our 5<sup>th</sup> grade Troop 8606 at HT School. The troop has 11 girls and was formed 6 years ago when the girls were in 5K. With the girls now eligible for sporting activities, this will be last year for this troop. Deb Wheaton (cookie Mom) suggested the troop sell cookies and donate troop funds to "We Believe".

The girls got on board immediately! They sold 1760 boxes. They also plan to sell after Masses between 2/27 through 3/6. Girl Scout week is March 6-12<sup>th</sup>. The troop will represent girl scouting at Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> Mass. Our estimated donation to "We Believe" is \$1,500. Troop Leaders and girls, thank you for this generous donation.

### **Impacts of "We Believe"**

\$1,410 was donated from non-parishioners. \$1,615 came from several honorariums.

\$4,565 donated in memory of deceased loved ones. Many printing costs and food donations are being made during our campaign.

\$11,600 donated towards Feasibility Study costs. Many marketable securities being donated.

\$30,275 donated as Social Fest matching towards architect's fees. Turkey Trot donation.

Parishioner contractors are offering donations in materials and services. Scoreboard is being donated. HT & SM high school students donated proceeds of sales of hand-made key chains & bracelets. These are beautifully done. Thank you.

We are being named as beneficiary of parishioner's IRA's. We are being included in parishioners' estate plans. HT School 100<sup>th</sup> Day Bake Sale donated \$136.25.

Calendar of Cash winner donated their winnings. Finally, one HT family's children gave their Dad a Christmas present of \$28.57 (their own money) for We Believe.

We Believe is positively changing hearts, families, and our community! Please join us.

### **Father Ed**

Father greatly supports our Parish Center as a much needed space to conduct our ministries. He has decided to pledge \$9,000 towards We Believe, \$3,000 each year for 3 years.

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### **Archdiocesan 2020 Plan**

Per Mark Kemmeter, Director Planning & Councils. "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 further clustering of Holy Trinity."