

Subject: Parish Center Update

Date: March 12, 2016

SalesTax Exemption

Beginning January 1, 2016, sales of building materials for facilities in Wisconsin owned by qualified non-profit organizations will be exempt from sales tax. This new rule applies to contracts entered into after January 1, 2016. This exemption applies to the sales of tangible personal property and certain other property made by a construction contractor who, in fulfillment of a construction activity, transfers the property to the non-profit entity as part of constructing the facility. For this purpose, "facility" means any building, shelter, parking lot, etc.

We estimate this exemption will save HT about \$100,000 in sales tax on our new Parish Center.

We have received more questions this week. They are:

Question: How soon will reservations to rent the facility be accepted? Do we know approximate fees at this time?

Answer: Due to variables in construction timing, we expect to take reservations after we have received all occupancy permits. A reservation process and rental fee have not yet been defined. However, similar to how the Kewaskum School District provides access to district facilities, we will give first priority to Holy Trinity School, our Religious Education Programs, and our Athletics programs; second priority will then go to our cluster of parishes, and then to the general community.

Rental charges would be based on a goal to cover utility and usage costs, and would assume that those renting the facilities would handle setup and cleanup as needed, so minimal Holy Trinity resources are needed, and no additional costs are incurred.

Question: Why are we publishing names in the Bulletin and Kewaskum Statesman?

Answer: We want to thank all those who are making our Parish Center a reality. We are recognizing those praying for our project as our "**Supporters**". Those who made pledges and donations to our project, and who provided help with our mailings, brochures and events are also being recognized as our "**Supporters**". Many businesses, alumni and community friends are also contributing donations, assistance and services to our WE BELIEVE campaign. We are recognizing these as our "**Supporters**" as well.

There are donors who do not wish to be recognized, and we are placing these under our "Anonymous" classification. We want to express our appreciation to all of our supporters.

Question: Why was Holy Trinity's campus chosen for the location of our Parish Center? Why not locate it on St. Michael's campus?

Answer: We want our Parish Center attached to Holy Trinity School for school and religious education gatherings & activities. We also want our Parish Center attached to the village's sewer & water system. Kewaskum's Main Street is most central location for our Parish Center.

Question: When will we begin building? **Answer:** Construction will commence in early April. Weather permitting, we plan to be complete near the start of the school year.

Question: Could we have saved money by not printing WE BELIEVE brochures?

Answer: Most of our printing costs and materials have been donated by parishioners. In addition, several parishioners have provided both their talents and professional resources to create 3 videos, several brochures, computer resources, ads, letters to editor, etc. The talent-pool amongst our parishioners is amazing. Our printing materials were professionally done. We have received many compliments on our communications efforts. We sincerely thank you.

We have also contacted over 450 alumni. We will be sharing wonderful memories & excerpts from letters that we've received from HT graduates. We plan to invite parishioners & alumni to a "walk-through" of our new Parish Center mid-summer. Stay tuned for date of this event.

Question: Are our WE BELIEVE donations tax deductible?

Answer: WE BELIEVE donations are fully tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. They are deductible in the year that you make your donation.

Also, the Archdiocese does not charge any assessments on restricted accounts. WE BELIEVE is a restricted account, therefore, 100% of all money donated to our WE BELIEVE campaign will remain here in our parishes.

Question: Can I pledge to Angel Fund. **Answer:** Yes, just mark "Angel Fund" on your card.

Question: How will Holy Trinity be able to pay for the operating costs of our Parish Center?

Answer: An anonymous donor has offered a gift up to \$25,000 annually for 10 years to pay for the operating costs of the Parish Center. This donor has already completed this pledge by donating the full \$250,000 to our WE BELIEVE campaign. We have deposited this money in our WE BELIEVE account at PNC Bank here in Kewaskum. We sincerely thank this donor.

HT Building & Grounds Committee

With great enthusiasm, we would like to announce our emerging Building & Grounds Committee. Members are: Steve Herriges, Ray Wollner, Jim Leister, Joel Fleischman & Ryan Herman. The first big project that this Committee will tackle is the remodel of HT School bathrooms. Stay tuned for more details. Please keep this Committee in your prayers as this is a large and complicated remodel project. We sincerely thank these generous volunteers.

Pledge Information

Parishioners have requested information regarding our WE BELIEVE pledges. As of March 8, we have total pledges of \$2,807,807. This amount is from 415 supporters. Our average pledge is \$4,791. 51% of Holy Trinity parishioners have made a pledge, while 38% of all parishioners have made a pledge.

Father's Easter Call

Father is planning to make his Easter call to each of us. Please watch for this call.

Our 100+ Contact Leaders will be contacting parishioners inviting you to attend our Celebration events on April 17th. Thank you to our Contact Leaders for making these calls.

"Jesus, reveal yourself to me as I begin to rediscover you through the Gospels"