

Subject: Parish Center Update

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Construction Update

Fencing has been placed completely around our construction site for student, parishioner and visitor safety. Trees were cut down and removed by parishioner volunteers. Thank you. Excavation started with removal of black dirt and subsoil for proper elevations in front of school. Storm sewers were installed to the Village's storm sewer system. HT church, school and parish center downspouts will drain into this storm sewer system. The parking lot in front of HT school has been set to grade, graveled and compacted. This area will be used for construction staging.

Footings for our Parish Center have been dug. We ran into some poor soil conditions in areas. So, a decision was made to pour 7' wide footings with 6" of 1500 PSI concrete in areas. We will have good, stable footings. These larger footings have added between \$6-8000 of costs to our Parish Center budget. We are hopeful that we will find improved soil conditions as we move to the east side of our construction. Next week we'll finish pouring footings and will begin pouring walls for our Parish Center. Our weather has been favorable and we're on schedule.

Celebration Weekend

We had great weather for our celebrations. In Father's homily, he spoke about "the impossible dream" and our WE BELIEVE Campaign and its goals. We provided updates on the campaign and building project, thanked Father Ed, our Lead Donor, Steering Team (200+ members), students, staff, and especially all parishioners, alumni & friends for supporting our Parish Center. Words of gratitude were expressed to the Event Team for planning & implementing our pancake breakfast and hot ham lunch. Father said a special dedication prayer and after the 11 am Mass, we had 60+ students sing WE BELIEVE. This brought tears to many parishioners.

We had 160+ parishioners & guests attend our breakfast celebration. Our lunch celebration had 250+ attendees. Every folding chair we own was set up and occupied. These were just unbelievable events with much socializing & kids events. Golden shovels & hard hats were available, and committees & families took advantage by having their picture taken for posterity.

To everyone on the Events Team:

On behalf of Father, our Steering Team & parishioners, we sincerely thank you for your hard work. These events were well-planned, and well executed. Even with several electrical issues (fuses failing) before our breakfast, all stayed calm and focused. As one parishioner stated, "I could tell the Holy Spirit was working within all on Sunday. Amazing to see and proud to be a member of our parish". Another stated, "We did it because WE BELIEVE!". A third said, "We feel so welcome here in Kewaskum." All costs for these events were covered by parishioner donations, coffee donated by Coffee Corner, plus contributions from Piggly Wiggly. Thank you.

Tours of Parish Center

As announced on Sunday, as the building progresses, we're planning to have some walk-through tours during the construction process. The targeted date for our first tour is Sunday, June 26th. We'll provide more details as we get closer to this date. For this tour, the rough framing will be up and you'll get a feel for the building size, gym, café, kitchen, rest rooms, etc. These tours will take place after the 7:30 and 11 am Masses. Stay tuned!

Pledge Payments

Please consider making your 2016 pledge payment as soon as you can. Now that our contractors have started construction activities, it won't take long before we begin to receive invoices for work completed. If you haven't made a pledge to our WE BELIEVE campaign, it's still timely to mail or drop your pledge off at the Rectory or in the collection basket. We encourage you to join us in this historic project. Also, thank you to all our generous supporters.

Student Safety

Thank you to Andy Pesch for presenting our student safety plan, and our Village Board for voting to make Prospect Street one way going west. This is allowing safe student departure from busses in the morning and boarding in the afternoon. A sincere Thank You to Peace Church for allowing our parents & guardians to drop & pick up students in their parking lot. Also, thank you to our volunteers directing traffic & walking students to and from school.

Also, thank you to Wade Roberts for installing a temporary security system in HT School. During construction, our school's main entrance will be on the south side of school on Prospect Street. We also wish to acknowledge CD Smith and our contractors who have agreed not to move equipment or materials during the times when school starts or ends.

Contractor Donations

As of April 14th, four contractors have donated \$89,550 towards our WE BELIEVE campaign. Donations have been made towards roofing, ceiling and flooring materials and as well as to assist with purchases of gym equipment & bleachers. We sincerely thank these contractors as these donations will help us keep our construction budget balanced.

Letters from HT School Alumni & Friends

We have received letters and notes along with donations from our alumni, friends and community members. Enclosed are excerpts from some of these letters. We thought you might enjoy reading these. We did.

"Thank you for your recent letter and brochure. I would like to wish you all the best in the work you are undertaking and look forward to receiving updates on the progress you are making".
Kind Regards, HT Alum, Class of 1951

"Please accept this donation and put towards the new Parish Center. We think this is a very worthwhile cause, and will really be needed in our community. We hope to someday use the facilities." God Bless! Local Club President

"I read about your campaign in the Kewaskum Statesman as well as the pamphlet sent in the mail. I am a former student of the Parish from the 1970's. Back in the days when Sister Jean Marie, Sister Mary Donna, Sister Marganto, Sister Roseanne, Mrs. Teusch and Mrs. Reindl were teachers. The lessons of morals, values and daily Mass instilled me to go into teaching. Although I have recently stepped down from teaching and volunteer with the food pantry and Goodwill, as well as the elderly, I carry that foundation of Holy Trinity with me! God's blessings to you as you continue your campaign!" HT 1970's Graduate

"There are times in each of our lives when we have to decide: Change or more of the same? Perhaps you are there now. What will you choose?"