

Subject: Parish Center Update

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Construction Update

We ran into poor soil conditions along the south side of our construction. We had to dig out these poor soils and pour more of the high-strength 1500 PSI concrete than was budgeted. All footings are now poured except for driveway along Prospect Street, which is being used to transport equipment and supplies into our construction site. Most of our concrete walls were formed and poured this past week. Stone was placed and compacted in the café area. Our plumbers are digging trenches and installing underground sewer and water lines. We are approximately \$25,000 over budget due to these poor soil conditions. We sincerely thank Wollner Excavating for their time and efforts. Without them this cost would have been substantially higher. Also, a heartfelt thank you to Jack Westerman and Michels Corporation for their donation of the first \$10,000 of gravel!

This coming week we'll begin pouring some of our floors, starting with our café and moving south. Plumbers will finish their underground work and we'll place the balance of the stone and compact it. Materials for framing will be delivered and staged. Trusses and windows are on order.

We saved approximately \$10,000 using a value-engineered reinforced, heavy vapor barrier between our crushed stone and cement floors. Thank you to the combined efforts of CD Smith and Groth Architects for these cost savings ideas. This barrier is required to keep any moisture from wicking up to our floors.

Lammscapes! Of Jackson is donating the design of the landscaping for our project. They are working on this proposed design now. After design is completed, our HT Landscape Committee will review, offer suggestions and present to our HT Building Committee. We have specified low maintenance, cost effective, yet visually appealing and well thought out design that will make our campus a welcoming and spiritual place. Thank you to all the people on this team; you have some really great ideas and passion for our parish. Also, Larry Bunkelman, Albert Fleischman and Ellis Kahn are our Parish representatives and meet with CD Smith personnel most mornings at 10 am to review and approve plans. On behalf of our Parish, we sincerely thank you for your time & detailed oversight of our construction project.

Construction Loan

Our Finance Council Chair has been working with our local PNC Bank on a construction loan. This loan will be used to pay contractor invoices once our WE BELIEVE cash is exhausted and cover the period until all pledge payments are received. This is a 4-year loan with interest paid first year only, then a principle pay down each of the next 3 years. We are currently completing the paperwork. We will have upfront loan origination fees and will be paying around 5% interest. So, please consider making your pledge payments now, as this will help keep our fees and interest to a minimum. We sincerely thank you.

We Have Been Asked Following Questions

Question: Who is doing the interior design work for our Parish Center?

Answer: We are fortunate to have several parishioners who are excellent professional interior designers. They have been volunteering their time and talents. Their work has been exceptional and is shown on boards in HT Narthex. These include materials and colors that are being planned for our interior and exterior. Also displayed are selected fabrics, tile and flooring. Please stop by and take a look!

Question: Are the chairs that we purchased from the Convent being re-upholstered?

Answer: Yes they are. They are being updated to match our interior color planning.

Question: Do we have all of the items that we need to get our Parish Center up and running in September when construction is completed?

Answer: No we don't. We will move what we have from our kitchen and church basement. We have several items that we are considering replacing rather than moving because they are close to failure. We also need items such as basketball/volleyball equipment and a portable stage for concerts, etc. Also needed will be equipment for our Parish Office. Some of our equipment, such as our copier, need to be replaced. Once we determine our needs, we'll be communicating these to you in future updates.

Question: Is Parish Center construction on schedule?

Answer: Yes it is. Our weather has been favorable. Contractors are starting/finishing their work as scheduled. Please pray for the safety of our contractors as they work on our Parish Center. Also, we sincerely thank our HT Building Committee. They are doing excellent work.

Question: Will Prospect Street stay as a one-way street after construction is completed? We live on Prospect and like it as a one-way.

Answer: Having Prospect as a one-way street has created a safe environment for our children during school hours and construction. This will be reviewed after construction is completed and a recommendation will be made to the Village planning department.

Question: What are the plans for HT Church basement after Parish Center is completed?

Answer: We have not formulated any plans at this time. Once the move is completed to the Parish Center, we'll have meetings to discuss various options such as additional meeting areas, storage, etc., and provide recommendations for Building & Grounds, Pastoral & Finance Council to consider.

Question: What are the plans and timetable for HT School bathroom remodel?

Answer: These bathrooms are original from the time when our school was constructed back in 1948. They have many problems including outdated fixtures that have no repair parts. These are constantly leaking water onto floors and hallways. They require almost daily maintenance by our staff to keep working. Our Building & Grounds Committee has started the planning process for this remodel. Next will be the bidding process. We plan to remodel and update these during the summer when HT school is not operating. Once remodeled, our staff will be able to devote more time teaching and working with our children. This has been a long-term need here at HT School that we can now complete. Thank you.

Question: Will we have the water running off of HT Church downspouts and freezing and creating icy walking conditions? This is particularly bad on west side of HT Church.

Answer: No, we have taken care of this. When we constructed our Narthex, we had all downspouts on the east side of HT Church run into underground storm lines. We have now connected all downspouts on the west side of HT Church, all downspouts for the Parish Center and those on the north and east side of HT School. We will have much safer walking areas on our campus due to the construction of our Parish Center. Thank you to our WE BELIEVE supporters who made this safety improvement possible.

Angel Fund

We have had additional questions related to the Angel Fund, and specifically received objections to the use of the Angel Fund for "On-going Parish Costs". We appreciate the input from our parishes, and will now change the fund to be restricted, and to be for tuition assistance only. Since we have reached our funding goals, the Angel Fund will be fully funded for \$100,000. Based on past consumption, it is our expectation that this amount could provide up to 5 years or more of needs-based tuition assistance. The intent is to continue to offer Angel Fund tuition assistance as long as possible, and status will be assessed on an on-going basis. This fund supports our mission of offering all families a faith-based education for their children. We sincerely thank our WE BELIEVE supporters.

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