

Subject: Parish Center Update

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Construction Update

Lots of interesting construction activities being completed, almost every day. Last Wednesday, May 18th, CD Smith brought in a very expensive cement pumping truck and poured our gym floor. It took 11 truckloads of concrete. Each truck hauled in 10 cubic yards and each cubic yard weighed 4,050 pounds. CD Smith placed 110 cubic yards in 3 hours, covering about 6,700 square feet. The floor was leveled with lasers using Wacker riding trowels. On Thursday, our café and entrance floors were poured with the same high-tech process. We would like to report that our floors are level & smooth.

Our Parish Center is being constructed with superior, high-strength LSL laminated beams. This is a structural product comprising a number of layers of dimensioned timber bonded together with durable structural adhesives. What's nice is it comes from a renewable resource. A water/air barrier is installed on outside walls. Then a split-block exterior wall is being installed along lower portion of walls. Because we are using current state-of-the-art engineering methods, our Parish Center will be energy efficient.

Fans were eliminated in our gym resulting in cost savings of several thousand dollars. Trusses are on order. They are 70' long. Because of length, these will require special planning & traffic control by our parishioner representatives, Albert Fleischman & Ellis Kahn, to get these delivered to our site.

When we have the large crane here installing these trusses, we will be lowering our large cross on south side of HT church. We will be placing LED lights on the back side of this cross and then reinstalling it. These lights are covered by a parishioner donation. Thank you.

The bathrooms in HT School will be demolished the day after school lets out for the summer. The lower bathrooms were built in 1948, so about 68 years of usage, and now need to be updated. Because Diane Schickert & Shawn Roberts, HT staff, have spent much time over the years dealing with leaks and other malfunctions, they will swing the first hammers and kick off this much needed bathroom update. The estimated cost for this project is \$170,000 and we sincerely thank all our WE BELIEVE supporters for making this long-term remodeling project possible.

We also wish to recognize our contractors. Many are parishioners of SM & HT parishes. Most are residents from this area. They are respectful. They don't play loud music or swear. They wear hard hats, shirts, and safety vests. They are tremendous craftsmen. They are demonstrating their trade skills every day to our students and visitors. They are setting an excellent example for our young Christians! Please include them and their safety in your prayers. This is a complicated construction project..

Parish Center Construction Walk-Through – Sunday, June 26th

Save the Date! We plan to have walk-throughs of our Parish Center construction site on **Sunday, June 26th**. These tours will be after our 7:30 am & 11:00 am Masses.

WE BELIEVE Supporters

All of us want to thank Father Ed for having the Mass intention on Wednesday, May 25th for all WE BELIEVE benefactors. Father, thank you for your thoughtfulness.

Holy Trinity School Enrollment for 2016-17 School Year

Our enrollment at HT School continues to increase. Two years ago, we had 92 students enrolled. This year, we have 115 students. Currently, we have 142 students enrolled for the 2016-17 school year. Because we receive enrollments of younger children through the summer months, we may have about 150 students enrolled by the time school starts. Most elementary schools have declining enrollments.

Why are so many families enrolling their children at HT School? HT School is a gem in our community. We have dedicated teachers & staff who challenge our youth and provide individual instruction when needed. Our curriculum is focused on Christian values based on trust & respect towards others. We have high expectations for our students, including hours of take-home work most days. Father spends time working with our staff and students explaining our Catholic doctrine. And on top of this, our students are well-prepared and perform exceptionally well in high school. They generally are the scholastic leaders in their classes and turn into civic-minded young men & women. Our future is in good hands.

Another important point regarding our Religious Education and HT School is that our parents are very involved in both of these programs. So, we encourage you to enroll your children in one of these.

Angel Fund

Many parishioners are supporting our Angel Fund with WE BELIEVE donations. We have \$100,000 in this fund. We will be establishing a Scholarship Committee, which will work with our Principal, Jodi Casetta and our families. We want all families who desire a Catholic education, to be able to receive one for your children. Please enroll your children today for the 2016-17 school year.

Parish Center Dedication – September 29, 2016

We are happy to report that Father Ed has now submitted a formal Letter of Invitation to Archbishop ListECKI. Holy Trinity is now reserved on the Archbishop's calendar for our Parish Center Dedication. **Thursday, September 29th is the date for this dedication.** We are planning a 6 pm Mass, Dedication and Reception following. Please mark your calendar!

Question: Did we receive a donation from our Milwaukee Brewers?

Answer: Yes we did. Our Brewers donated 125 chairs (value of about \$50/each) to Holy Trinity. We want to sincerely thank parish members John & Carrie Weyer. John works for the Brewers and helped arrange this wonderful donation. Also, we'd like to thank Larry Bunkelman & Jim Leister and his sons for moving these chairs from Miller Park to Holy Trinity church.

WE BELIEVE Update

We now have a Bank Loan in place with PNC Bank (5% interest) for construction financing. Please consider making your pledge payments now, as we need approximately \$2.3 million over the next 5-6 months to pay our contractors. If you haven't made a pledge, please do so now and join us in this historic project. If you wish to support the Angel Fund, please keep in mind that this is restricted to tuition assistance for HT & SM families that need it. Just mark Angel Fund on your pledge card and this will place your donation toward this important need here in our parishes.

Cemeteries

With Memorial Weekend here, please visit our cemeteries. Flags have been placed on our veterans' graves. Our Cemetery Committee is dedicated to maintaining our various cemeteries. We had a request for more frequent mowing at St. Bridget's Cemetery, so we plan to have it mowed at a minimum for our summer holidays of Mothers' Day, Fathers' Day, Memorial Day, July 5th, Labor Day, and Veterans' Day if mowing is still required at that time. Please remember to include our veterans in your prayers this Memorial Weekend and visit our cemeteries. We sincerely thank our veterans for our Freedom.

Strategic Planning

Pastoral Council has now met and listened to proposals by 3 separate facilitators. Having a written 3-year plan is important for our future. A request was made at last Joint Pastoral Council for development of a Joint Stewardship Committee. As these concepts are further developed, we'll keep you updated.

"And all BELIEVERS met together in one place and shared everything they had." – Acts 2:44