

Subject: Parish Center Update

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Construction Update

This past week our construction engineers & craftsmen were busy building our Parish Center walls, floor joists and parts of our roof. Also our 70' long roof trusses are being raised and placed on top of our gym walls. These trusses have 3 layers to them. The 2 outside layers are natural wood and the inside layer is a laminated material for added strength. This was a complicated, delicate and dangerous process for our crew to undertake. The HT School front entrance was roughed in and most of the interior walls have been set. Now that school is out, the firewall between our school & parish center was completed and our roof over the café and kitchen was installed.

During last Sunday night's strong wind storm, a small wall along the west side of our gym blew over. It was reset on Monday morning. We have experienced a lot of rain these past several weeks but it seems that the rain happens after our crews are done for the day, or on weekends. We've had just 1-2 days where our crews had to leave the site a couple of hours early, or were interrupted due to rain. We're still on schedule with a planned completion of Friday, September 9th.

Also, Wollner Excavating trenched in the storm & sewer lines and manholes from HT Parish Center and HT School out to the center of Prospect Street. Downspouts from HT Church, HT School and our new Parish Center have been buried underground into these storm sewers. This will eliminate the freezing spots that we used to have around the west side of HT Church. Our exterior block facing is also currently being installed. All walls will now be insulated for additional energy savings. Please pray for the safety of all of our crew as this is a complicated construction project.

HT School bathroom remodeling has started. The old fixtures are being removed. Water has been turned off in school for this demolition. Boys & girls' bathrooms on both the first & second floor are being totally remodeled. The lower bathrooms are from 1948 or over 68 years old. The cost for this much needed remodeling is \$170,000. We sincerely thank our WE BELIEVE supporters.

Sales Tax 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. We estimate that this exemption will save HT about \$100,000 in sales tax on our new Parish Center. Please thank our WI gov't for passing this exemption.

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Parish Office

We have now finalized the layouts for our new Parish Offices. Father, Diane, Nancy plus our HT Building Committee worked on the layout for these offices. We'll have 3 offices plus an ADA (handicap) approved counter. Merillat Cabinetry has offered to donate the cabinetry. Ample room for our staff has been incorporated into our plan, along with a conference room and an office for Father Ed. Father's office walls will be insulated for additional level of confidentiality and privacy. We also plan to keep our Parish records in fire-proof file cabinets.

Our new Parish offices will greatly improve communication between our parish, DRE and school staff, as all will be located close to each other and in the same building. We would like to sincerely thank Joel Fleischman for facilitating these discussions & creating these great designs. We also think our new Parish offices will allow for more interaction with parishioners due to ease of availability. The front door to our Parish offices will be immediately east of our HT School entrance fronting Main Street, and back door will be by hallway from our HT Church parking lot. All offices will be easily accessed from our new Café.

Holy Trinity Rectory

There has been much discussion regarding HT Rectory. At our first meeting with Joe Clarke from Groth Design Group, Joe recommended parking where the Rectory is located. We discussed this concept at length. As most parishes are moving into cluster arrangements, similar to HT and SM, the archdiocese is experiencing many vacant rectories. If this were to happen at HT in the future, one option is to rent out the rectory. Some parishes try this, but generally churches aren't good landlords. Another option is to remove the rectory. Then parishes use this land for parking. Many parishes are following this approach.

Father is living in HT Rectory. This is currently his home. It needs a new roof and windows. The plumbing, wiring and heating require frequent attention. Maintenance costs will continue to increase in time. After our Parish Center is completed, we'll take another look at where we can provide the balance of the parking that was lost due to Parish Center. We pray for the wisdom and leadership from our parish community when we begin to make more decisions regarding parking and our campus.

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.

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 of \$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.

Also, our lead donor has made payment of their pledge of \$750,000. This has been deposited into our PNC account. We sincerely thank this donor.

Question: Can we donate to just the Angel Fund? **Answer:** Yes. Just mark on your check or pledge card "Angel Fund". Again, we sincerely thank all of our WE BELIEVE supporters.

Construction Draw

We have received our first request for payment of invoices. This request is for \$382,269. 5% is retainage (balance due when project is done). So payment due now is \$363,156. We have established a very robust invoice review and approval process. As of 5/31/16 WE BELIEVE checking account has a balance of \$74,646. WE BELIEVE savings account has a balance of \$1,341,300. We have already paid approximately \$215,000 in professional, design & other expenses.

Construction Open House

Please save the date! Our Construction Open House of our new Parish Center will be Sunday morning, June 26th from 8:30 am – 1:00 pm. We plan to have guided tours and refreshments. We will also be showing boards with items that we need when we move into our new Parish Center. So, please stop in!

“Giving & receiving mercy is central to living. We're all called to be merciful toward others.”