

**Subject:** Parish Center Update & Facts

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Enclosed are facts about our Parish Center. Many questions were asked during our Construction Open House. We had over **300** people tour our construction site. Enclosed are answers to these questions.

Our exterior/interior colors were intentionally designed to complement the colors of our church and retain a spiritual feel. Wood trusses in our Parish Center support this desired interior design. The Tectum roof panels complement this soft feel, plus they are acoustical panels that will make our Parish Center filled with good quality sound. Our Parish Center is very well insulated and will be energy efficient to operate.

Oak will be the primary wood used in our Parish Center, which is same wood used in HT Church. There are many large, energy-efficient windows in our design. These were intentionally designed to let natural light into our Parish Center. It has been documented that youth and adults are more creative and more positive thinkers when they are surrounded by natural light. We sincerely thank our HT Building Committee for your work.

#### **Parish Center Dimensions & Specifications:**

- Our Parish Center is over **13,000** square feet. Average house size in Kewaskum is about 1,450 square feet. So, 9 houses would fit inside our Parish Center.
- Separate entrance for Holy Trinity School on Main Street, with parking.
- Shingles on our roof have a **50-year** manufacturer warranty.
- Our new café will seat **100** people. Our new bleachers will hold **225** people. Parish Center bathrooms are designed to serve **400** people. Large family bathroom for special needs.
- Private men's & women's changing rooms. These will also serve as large bridal preparation rooms.
- Maximum height of our gym is **23'** and minimum is **18'**, which are ideal heights for volleyball & basketball. KMS gym maximum height is 18', resulting in many volleyball serves hitting the ceiling.
- Gym will hold side & full volleyball and basketball courts.
- Main basketball hoops can be lowered to **8'** for our younger children.
- For durability & toughness, gym will have painted birch plywood 13' high, and above that will be painted drywall and Tectum acoustical panels.
- Our architect has incorporated in our campus design, a second Narthex, which would greatly increase HT church seating and could connect HT church & Parish Center, if desired or needed in the future.

#### **Parish Offices:**

- Separate entrance for Parish on Main Street, with parking.
- Father's office will be quite large, and insulated for private discussions and counseling.
- Large, professional parish office, plus a large additional conference room.

#### **Technology & Lighting:**

- We are incorporating the latest technology in our Parish Center. We will have a video-image intercom system and a **Key-FOB** system that will allow each holder access to assigned areas. This access can be remotely added or removed to the list of users. This is the latest security technology used in schools built today.
- We are using the best available lighting, which is **LED**. While more expensive, the cost savings will pay for these long-term. **LED** lighting will be brighter and more welcoming.
- Parish offices, kitchen and school computer systems, printers & telephones will now be networked together. All parish & school staff will be close to each other, under one roof, and working together as one team for improved communication and common direction.
- All mechanicals actually sit on our roof, as there is no basement, thus the reason why part of our Parish Center roof is flat. These mechanicals have been located for easy maintenance & upkeep.

#### **Parking & Access:**

- **23** new parking spots will be created in front of our Parish Center/School. We used **32** parking spaces when Parish Center was located between school & church. So we still need to address additional parking spaces longer term.
- All downspouts are now connected to the Village of Kewaskum storm water system. No more dangerous ice on our walk-ways in winter & spring due to downspout run-off.
- We have an outdoor courtyard. This will be a wonderful place of reflection for our friends & families. It

will be located between HT church and Parish Center. It will have stamped concrete and we plan to create private spaces for prayer, meditation & reflection.

**Parish & Youth Ministries:**

- Enrollment in our joint St. Michael/Holy Trinity Religious Education program and Holy Trinity School continues to grow, and is one of many reasons for the construction of our Parish Center. Another is a gathering spot for our parish family, after-Mass coffee socials, funeral & sacramental dinners, and of course for all of our youth sports & concert events. We've just outgrown our small kitchen and HT church basement for many of our funeral dinners, physical education and school hot lunch programs. Sometimes, it can be extremely difficult to find a gym in town, and also rooms to meet on our campus.
- Holy Trinity parish membership continues to grow every year. In last 5 years, membership has increased from **705** members to **840** today. Mass attendance is also growing. Same with social events.
- 3 years ago, HT School enrollment was **92** students. Last year we had **115** enrolled. For 2016-17 school year, we currently have **152** students enrolled. Over **30** new families have enrolled a child here at HT for this coming year. We really need our new Parish Center!

**Question:** Will concessions be served on the gym or café side of Parish Center?

**Answer:** The Parish Center is designed to use the café area for seating, eating and concessions during games.

**Question:** The prices on some items on the Wish List seem high. For instance, \$1,000 for a changing table. Is this table really this costly?

**Answer:** Furnishings and enhancements need to be installed to meet State building codes. Any person wishing to make a donation, could assist if they choose, and that help would be appreciated. Each item is meticulously researched for product quality, durability, and fit for our Parish Center. Some budgets may seem high or low as each item has multiple degrees of choices. To get involved with items on our Parish Center Wish List, please contact the Rectory. It's a very rewarding experience and something you'll enjoy and cherish.

**Question:** Did the heavy rain (1.5 inches) the night of June 25<sup>th</sup> do any damage to our site?

**Answer:** Our site dried out well in the days following this rain. We're continuing to monitor the water stains on our Tectum ceiling panels. We originally had a bid to paint these panels, but decided to install them as produced from the manufacturer, because we liked the color from the factory. If these stains persist, we plan to have CD Smith paint these panels. No other impact was felt from these heavy rains.

**Question:** Is the exterior block going to be cleaned? Yes...it will be pressure-washed and cleaned.

**Question:** What material will be used on the gym floor.

**Answer:** We're using a special engineered flooring material. It's designed to take heavy traffic such as when we set up tables & chairs for breakfasts, dinners, concerts, etc. Our coaches and youth like it because it is a great floor for phy-ed, basketball, volleyball and other sports. It also is easy to clean & maintain.

**Question:** The ceilings seem quite high throughout our Parish Center. Are they?

**Answer:** Yes, we will have high ceilings throughout. Higher ceilings visually are better for the occupants, plus they are better for air quality and sound, especially when the space is fully occupied.

**Question:** We've heard that our Parish Center is being constructed by many local craftsmen? Is this true?

**Answer:** Yes this is true. Many parishioners are or have worked on this project. Also, our General Contractor, CD Smith employs many parishioners & local craftsmen. Our Parish Center is well-designed & well-constructed. It meets all State Building Codes. It will serve our Parish and Kewaskum area for many generations.

**Question:** The Parish Center kitchen looks quite large. Is it?

**Answer:** Yes, it is large. It will be one of the larger commercial kitchens in our area. It is designed to serve food to the café for one function and gym for another function. For instance, we can serve a funeral dinner during school hours, and still take care of our hot lunch program. Or it can serve food to both areas at one time, say for a very large family gathering or parish function. We've also designed it so that a caterer can bring many Nesco Roasters and we'll have the electrical capacity to operate these, plus large coffee pots all at the same time. A severe shortage of electrical capacity at HT church has been a problem for many years, especially for large families and funeral dinners. We sincerely thank all of our supporters for your help & prayers.

**“As always, God has a plan. But He needs your help to fulfill His plan.”**