

Subject: Parish Center Update

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Our Parish Center is coming together nicely. Most of the exterior concrete flatwork is completed. Exterior painting is almost completed. Windows are currently being installed. Interior sanding, painting and ceiling installation is being done. Our bathroom tile is installed and it looks great! We'll have a Parish Center that all of us can be proud of for generations.

Focus On Energy

We have good news to report, our Parish Center was selected for an Incentive Agreement due to it being so energy efficient. A check for \$4,838.93 from Focus On Energy is being sent to the WE BELIEVE fund. We'd like to thank Jim Leister for coordinating this effort.

Kitchen Freezers

Due to higher enrollment at HT School, we decided we needed two large new freezers for our Parish Center kitchen. We had budgeted \$6,162 for a 3-Door Upright and \$9,225 for a 2-Door Upright. Wendy Muckerheide, our hot lunch program director, found 2 new 3-door Traulsen G3100 Reach-In freezers for a total of \$6,310. These are energy efficient, and we will get rid of the 20-year old freezer in HT church basement that never shuts off. Thank you Wendy.

Tech Support

We've hired Bill Prusow from Pros4Technology to install a new server, network and WIFI for HT School and for our new Parish Center. Bill will also be using existing hardware in this plan. He will also install Kaspersky Anti-Virus protection and will convert our 66 computers to this new server and new domain. Cost for this much needed I/T upgrade is \$21,085. It's going to be very productive having WIFI throughout our buildings. We've also signed a 2-year Managed Service Agreement with Bill, which includes onsite maintenance, remote support, help desk and monitored offsite backups. This support will free our staff to spend more time with our children.

Removal of HT Church West Steps

We have removed these steps. Thank you to Timmers Masonary, Wollner Excavating and Albert Flesichman for being so instrumental in getting this done. A benefit of this removal is the improved architectural appeal of the original façade on HT Church. This entrance was added in the 1960's. Please take a look at the craftsmanship by Louie Timmer, as he rebuilt this west wall to match the original. We sincerely thank all who volunteered or donated to this project.

Building & Grounds Update

Our Building & Grounds Committee is working on many projects. We would like to thank Ray Wollner for heading up this committee. Some updates:

- The HT School library is moving to the Blue Room to accommodate our growing class sizes. Larry Bunkelman has donated the materials as well as donated his talents to build and install new shelves. Volunteers will be moving our books/shelves shortly-thank you.
- A new cabinet, vanity and faucet were donated by Steve & Katie Herriges for the teachers' lounge. A new toilet was also donated. Everything is installed and looks great – thank you.
- Multiple floors in HT School, including the basement have been professionally cleaned by Clean & Brite, who donated the majority of these cleaning costs – thank you.
- We had a request to fix the HT church basement towel dispensers. These were inspected, repaired and are now in good working condition. Please remember to press the button to use them, and then turn clockwise to dispense towels.

- Two new “wire” nets were donated and installed on our outdoor basketball hoops, as the current nets were worn out. These now look clean & neat, and should last a long time – thank you.
- B & G Committee will address future janitorial duties regarding our new Parish Center.
- Finally, we have started a “running priority list” of wants & needs for our campus. After each meeting, we conduct a walking inspection of our campus.

As you can see, our Building & Grounds Committee is working hard to keep our campus in good shape. We sincerely thank all of the members of this committee for their work & passion for HT.

Portable Stage

On our Wish List is a portable stage. Today we were informed that one of our generous parishioner families has agreed to pay for our new portable stage. This is terrific news for HT parishioners, our youth and our community. With this portable stage, we’ll be able to have athletic events, musicals, concerts, speakers, etc., in our Parish Center. This is such great news and we want to sincerely thank this family.

Parish Center Cross

We’ve had a very generous donation of wood harvested from the Fleischman homestead. Mike Nigh is now drying this in his kiln. Mike is going to make a beautiful hand-hewn cross that will be prominently displayed as one walks into our Parish Center. We are fortunate to have such talent here at HT. We’ve also received a very pretty design from Abler Stain Glass Studio for the arch window over our entrance, and Mike is working on a beautiful cherry-wood ceiling for our entrance. It will be warm & inviting.

Question: Now that we have a Parish Center, will concerts, spelling bees, speech contests and other such events be held here, rather than in HT Church?

Answer: We plan to hold these events in our new Parish Center as much as we can. There is going to be much demand for our Parish Center and we may at times need to prioritize events that are to be held in the Parish Center, HT Church, or HT Church basement. We plan to write guidelines that help clarify these priorities. We are also researching software programs that have room & facility scheduling features imbedded in them, so that we can do our best to schedule events to your preferred date & time.

Question: Are parishioners making their WE BELIEVE pledge payments as they promised?

Answer: Yes they are. We’ve also had many parishioners making a payment that is larger than they originally pledged. Again, we sincerely thank all of our many supporters of WE BELIEVE.

Question: Will our Parish Center be completed on time.

Answer: Yes - It will be completed on September 9th, which is date committed by CD Smith at the very beginning of our project. Mitch, Dennis and all of the CD Smith folks are building a solid, high quality building for us. Joel Fleischman and our HT Building Committee have done a terrific job of managing and making decisions in a timely manner, negotiating special pricing, finding quality craftsman, specifying colors & designs, and building one of the most beautiful Parish Centers here in Wisconsin.

Dedication Event

Please mark your calendar. Archbishop ListECKI will be here on Thursday evening, September 29th for a Mass of Dedication, which will be followed by dinner & celebrations in our new Parish Center. We are hopeful that all parishioners can come and join Father Ed and the Archbishop in this joyous event. Mass will be at 6 pm, so please mark this on your calendar now. As we get closer, we’ll share more exciting news of this special night and special occasion

“God is always waiting on us. Sometimes we may think we are waiting for him, but that is never true.”