

**Subject:** Parish Center Update

**Date:** September 3, 2016

### **Parish Center Building Committee**

This committee met for the last time this week. We sincerely thank Joel Fleischman and Committee Members for their hard work and dedication to this project. Albert Fleischman & Ellis Kahn were on site every day during our project (often multiple times) and result is an incredible Parish Center. The torch is now being turned over to our Building & Grounds Committee. This is an exciting Committee with many new members, and meets monthly for an hour. Contact [raywollner@gmail.com](mailto:raywollner@gmail.com) if you wish to join. We'd like to tackle the cleaning up our HT Church basement. Items stored will be sold or used elsewhere, so that our basement becomes a working part of our campus. Please be patient as we work through this.

### **Parish Center Updates**

Our gym flooring will be completed by September 10<sup>th</sup>. The lines for volleyball & basketball will be completed by September 15<sup>th</sup>. Our bleachers should arrive September 19<sup>th</sup>. A dividing curtain is on order for our gym and expected to be installed in October. This will allow us to have 2 games or 2 different activities going on in the gym at the same time.

Wendy Muckerheide, Jim Leister, Joel & Albert have been working tirelessly to bring our kitchen together. Some of our used equipment presented some problems, but it is coming together nicely. Our new freezers will be arriving in about 2 weeks. Our new kitchen is a great asset for HT. We're proud how it all finally came together. Thank you.

Our new Parish Center will operate on a Key-Fob entry system. People will be assigned access by door. Entry & exit will be monitored. For enhanced safety, access can be removed without warning at any time. It is a state-of-the-art security system.

Thank you to the Finance Council & Tom Tobin who reviewed and paid every invoice for the Parish Center. The volunteer hours behind the scenes that Tom has done for our Parish over all these years is incredible. Our Parish finances & processes are in excellent shape. Thank you.

We moved our Parish Offices on Tuesday morning. Our move went well and we were completed by 11:30 am. A big Thank You to Diane Piwoni, John Van Beek, Clare Lehmann and John & Jeaneen Kudek who helped design our offices or helped us move. JL Business Interiors did a great job for us. Our telephone number stays the same at 262-626-2860. Please use the front door closest to Church.

### **Landscaping**

Landscaping is scheduled to be completed by Dedication. We'd like to thank Chris Sabish and his volunteers for donating time to lay landscape stone and stamped concrete. Also to Sharyl Zillmer & Jim Leister for their passion in this part of our project. We want to thank our donors of trees and Ryan Amerling for selecting 3 Ginkgo Trees that will be planted in front of our Parish Center. Ginkgo trees have significant symbolism, as they are considered a living fossil, have endured for millions of years, and have a botanical history that spans more than 200 million years. The leaves have a very unique shape, which flutter in the wind, and turn a brilliant yellow in the Fall. For centuries, the ginkgo has been considered **a symbol of hope and peace**. We are proud to plant 3 Ginkgo trees as further symbolism of Holy Trinity Parish and our dedication & appreciation to our past & future parishioners & staff.

### **Clean & Move Night**

Well over 100 parishioners, including many grade school & high school students, helped clean the Parish Center on Monday night. We worked from 5 – 9 pm. The smiles, laughs, and cheer was evident as all worked to wipe down our facility. At 7 pm, we stopped, set up tables by Narthex, and shared Cousins

Party Packs, Pizza, drinks and desserts. It was a fun evening as we worked together, similar to an old-fashioned barn-building bee. We want to sincerely thank Ryan Herman who organized us into work teams. Our Parish Center was all “spiffed up” when we left at 9 pm. We’d like to do more of these in the future as many hands made quick work on Monday night.

### **Holy Trinity School Wish List**

We’ve been updating our science programs. This year we were able to provide \$3,000 worth of materials through a grant. This grant is no longer available. To finish the materials for the other grades, we need about \$7,000. This provides new textbooks for grades K-5 and science kits used in classroom experiments. For Math, we need textbooks that cost \$25 per student in grades 1-6, or approximately \$500 per class. The Teachers’ materials are about \$300 per class, or total cost of \$800 per class. For all six grades the total cost is \$4,800. Thank You.

Please send your donation to WE BELIEVE and we’ll purchase these curriculum updates. We want our young Christians trained using these new science and math textbooks & experiments. Any donation amount will be helpful. Please mark on your check “Science & Math Updates.”

We also want to recognize our HT School Staff, especially Mrs. Casetta, Mrs. Schickert and Mrs. Roberts who are the first people in the building and last to leave most days. We don’t know how they are doing it, but we appreciate all their efforts. They are not going unnoticed.

**Question:** Will we have our Mary Garden? If so, where will it be located? **Answer:** Our Mary Garden will be continued; final location will be determined in the near future

**Question:** With our new Parish Center, will additional maintenance & janitorial staff be needed? **Answer:** Just look at all the amazing windows to clean, the beautiful bathrooms, and new Parish offices to keep clean. We’ll be monitoring our needs and if or when we need additional help, we’ll review with Finance Council. Possibly a couple of clean-up/social nights like we just had might be a possibility.

**Question:** Are WE BELIEVE pledges being fulfilled as promised by our parishioners? **Answer:** Yes. Many parishioners are making payments in advance, or larger than pledged. Thank you.

### **Holy Trinity Cross**

Our large wooden cross on HT Church’s south side has LED lights now placed on back side of this cross. It’s beautiful at night. We saw it for the first time on Monday night as we finished cleaning in the Parish Center. We’re guessing that this can be seen quite a distance down the Eisenbahn Trail to West Bend. We sincerely thank this generous donor.

### **Thank You!**

Thank you for the hundreds of silent volunteers who have helped recently with our Church, School and Parish Center project. What an amazing tribute to the renewed pride and joy in our Parish. Everyone did their work for God and our Parish, and did many things without being told, asked, or looking for praise. Thank you to all of our wonderful parishioners & staff ---God Bless You!

### **Dedication**

Please mark your calendar, our Dedication is Thursday night, September 29<sup>th</sup>. Mass is at 6 pm with Dedication of Parish Center and a Celebration Dinner following. Archbishop Listecky will join us in dedicating & celebrating our beautiful Parish Center.

**“Positivity Lets God In. Praise Lets the Light Shine Out”**