

**Subject:** Parish Center Update

**Date:** September 10, 2016

### **Parish Center Updates**

Our gym flooring was completed this week. It looks great. The lines for volleyball & basketball will be completed by September 9 & 10<sup>th</sup>. All need to stay off this floor for 5 days while the paint dries. Basketball backboards have been installed. Volleyball anchors (in gym floor) will be installed September 14<sup>th</sup>. Our entrance carpet will be installed on September 12<sup>th</sup>.

Our bleachers should arrive September 19<sup>th</sup> and will take 1-1/2 days to install. 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. Our fire alarm system still has some items that need to be resolved. Our stained glass window will be installed by September 29<sup>th</sup> – Dedication. One item we need to maintain our Parish Center is a commercial vacuum cleaner. Estimated cost: \$500.

### **Portable Stage**

Our portable stage will arrive around September 15<sup>th</sup>. This stage will allow us to use our Parish Center as both a sporting venue and also an arts performance venue. It is designed to be both a single-level stage for plays or a multi-level stage for musical concerts. This has been a need here in our Parish for many years, and will be heavily used. We sincerely thank our generous family who donated this stage.

### **Kitchen**

We've started serving meals to our students for our Hot Lunch Program. We are still working through our processes and are fine-tuning a couple of them. Our new freezers will be arriving shortly and will provide almost double our freezing capacity. Our new kitchen is a great asset for HT. We're proud how it all finally came together. It's large, functional and is of restaurant-quality. Thank you to all who worked on this design. Our Café, with lots of light, is a great place to meet & socialize. It will be heavily used.

### **Secured Entrances**

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 used in new schools across America today.

### **Budget**

We are very happy to report that our Parish Center project is within 1% of our original total budget! It also was finished more than a week ahead of schedule and in time for our students to use when school started. We are happy to report that school started with 155 students or an increase of 40 students from our 2015-16 school enrollment. A sincere thank you to all who worked on this complicated project.

### **Parish Offices**

Our Parish Offices are now located in our Parish Center. We are up & running. It's a wonderful office setting, very professional, and has a positive atmosphere. Our telephone number stays the same at 262-626-2860. Please use the front door of Parish Center that is near HT 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 (donated by Kewaskum Gravel) and stamped concrete (donated by CD Smith). Traffic bond & compacting have been donated by West Bend Sand & Gravel and Unique Services. Block for raised beds has been repurposed from school garden. 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. Doug Buechel will plant these. 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. Thank you to Pam Benzing, Dayna Grogen, Sharyl Zillmer & Jim Leister for planning & implementing our landscaping. We would like to create small places for outdoor prayer & meditation. We are looking for donations for following statues: 1.) Jesus with children - \$199, Holy Family - \$249, Angel - \$229 and Jesus with lamb - \$199. These will be located around HT Church & Parish Center.

**Question:** Are WE BELIEVE pledges being fulfilled as promised by our donors? **Answer:** Yes. Many parishioners are making pledges on time, some in advance, and some larger than pledged. Thanks.

**Question:** How did our new Parish Center survive our 5+ inches of rain this week? **Answer:** Really Well – We found a small wet area in one of our tectum roof panels and CD Smith is working to repair it.

### **Clean & Move Night**

Well over 100 parishioners, including many grade school & high school students, helped clean the Parish Center last 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. We want to sincerely thank Ryan Herman who organized this event.

### **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 will no longer available. To finish the materials for the other grades, we need about \$7,000. This amount 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.

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."

### **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.

### **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 ListECKI will join us in dedicating & celebrating our beautiful Parish Center. The Archdiocese has really helped us with our planning & construction of our Parish Center. The Archbishop is a strong supporter of our Parish Center & growth of our school. It will be a special evening as we celebrate and give thanks to the Lord.

**“Salvation is a free gift, flowing from the graciousness of God”**