

Subject: Parish Campus Updates

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KEYS 5K Run/Walk

Today, Sunday, October 9th is our annual KEYS 5K Run/Walk. Race starts at 11:00 am. You can sign up any time prior to start time of race. Come join the fun and walk along the Eisenbahn Trail and raise scholarship money for our students when they graduate from KHS. To date, KEYS has awarded over \$1.7 million in scholarships, many to members of St. Michael & Holy Trinity parishes. It's a great time for family members of all ages.

Dedication Night

We had a great Dedication last Thursday here in Kewaskum. HT Church was filled. Archbishop Listecky, Father Ed, Father Pesch, Deacon Mark, servers and the KC Honor Guard proceeded up our center aisle. What a beautiful sight! For his homily, the Archbishop came down our center aisle and personally spoke to us about the Archangels Michael, Gabriel & Raphael. He spoke about his home parish of St. Michael and the large stained glass window with St. Michael & his sword. Also, how we receive protection & guidance from these Angels during our life here on earth. They can be our strongest supporters.

Finally, he told us that he could feel the strong engagement & commitment of all to our faith here in Kewaskum. He spoke to our many young people and told them they would remember this special & historic night. It was a touching and emotional evening that we'll all remember for a long time. Our music was inspirational from before Mass until our closing song. Thank you to all of our musicians.

After communion, our younger children stood in front of our altar and started singing our WE BELIEVE song. Our older children walked down the center & side aisles and sang verses from our WE BELIEVE song. Then our smaller children sang our WE BELIEVE response back. This continued a couple of times. It was touching & brought tears to the eyes of many parish members.

We then moved to the Parish Center. All of our tables were filled and many stood for the Dedication. The Archbishop, standing on our new portable stage, dedicated our Parish Center, cross & crucifix, and then blessed all in attendance. He spoke about teamwork & winning, and how we can all gain strength from losing a game. Father Ed presented Archbishop Listecky a commemorative Dedication Book. He told us that this would be placed in the archives at the Archdiocese. Lastly, the Archbishop wished our parishes and parish members many years of prosperity, success & faithfulness here in Kewaskum.

We then enjoyed an excellent meal of ham, hot pork sandwiches, potatoes, vegetables, beans, milk, coffee, water, etc. We had so many tables filled with home-made desserts, that it was hard to decide which one to take. A special thank you to our Christian Women and our Hot Lunch program for preparing such a great meal. Finally, special thanks to our Dedication Steering Team who planned this great night.

There were so many positive comments made regarding how our communities came together and built a much-needed Parish Center. Not only parish members, but many community members, alumni & friends contributed as well. The number of people, their gifts, and time involved in our WE BELIEVE campaign was incredible. We're all so much closer today, due to our campaign. As Mathew Kelly says, **“God often chooses the most unlikely people to carry out incredible work.”**

Parish Center Updates

Jim Leister & Larry Bunkelman removed the casters from one of our Lunch Hot Carts and set it at the proper height for our children. The donated 2-door Manitowoc Freezer was moved into our new pantry by Jim Leister. Larry Bunkelman will be building shelving in various rooms in our Parish Center. Drexel will donate shelving materials. Clean & Brite has donated all of their

summer cleaning of our classrooms. Jim Eishen from Keifer has donated all Stainless Steel & his labor in our new kitchen. We are very grateful for these generous donors & their donations.

Funeral Dinners

We just want to report that we've had 5 funeral dinners in our new Parish Center. Some of these were large families. We have received good reports that these dinners have been well-organized and our families have been very impressed with our Parish Center. We'd like to especially thank our Funeral Dinner Committee (Christian Women) who volunteer their time to plan & prepare these dinners for our parish member families at a time of sorrow & need. We sincerely thank this dedicated group.

Question: Tell us about the large American flag in the gym. **Answer:** It was donated by a parish member, is USA made, and 30% of our purchase price was donated to families of fallen officers.

Parish Center Use & Guidelines

Many of you have asked about scheduling our Parish Center. We have established a scheduling process and have set up a couple of administrators. We are now in the process of writing up several documents using help from our insurance provider, Catholic Mutual Group. Included will be items such as:

- Facilities Use, Policies, & Procedures
- Safety Guidelines for Parish Center Rental & Usage (Catholic Mutual guidelines)
- Facility Usage/Indemnity Agreement

We will also be reviewing Special Events insurance coverage, hold harmless agreements, and Archdiocesan facility use criteria guidelines. These will be introduced at our next Finance Council meeting on October 13th. Our intent is to get these guidelines and policies in place shortly.

Open House

Reminder: Our first Open House of our new Parish Center & HT School is this Thursday evening, October 13th from 6:30 – 7:30 pm. Please mark your calendars and tour this wonderful addition to our campus. Also, walk through school, visit our classrooms & see our new technologies, and tour our newly remodeled & updated bathrooms. Both our Religious Education students and our Holy Trinity school students extensively use these facilities, as well as many committees.

Holy Trinity School Mission

We have a very important Mission here at Holy Trinity School. Our Mission is:

- To spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ,
- To provide a high-quality education,
- And to guide children in living the Catholic faith.

Please spread the word as our 5K thru 2nd Grade parents are starting to organize our annual Thanksgiving program. Invited to this program are all 3K & 4K prospective students and their parents in our area who may be considering Holy Trinity School. Please spread the word about our terrific Mission.

South Parking Lot Behind HT Church

We recently painted lines on this parking lot for improved safety & to establish handicap parking spaces. Currently we are paying the final invoices for our Parish Center. These are substantial and we're close to the end of receiving these as our project nears completion. We're diligently managing our cash flow. Our Building & Grounds Committee will now set priority of projects, such as redoing this parking lot, tuck point/paint, etc. Cash flow in years 2 & 3 of our campaign will help set these priorities & timing.

“Every yearning you have for good things is in some way a yearning for God.”