

Subject: Parish Center Facts & Figures

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Enclosed are facts about our Parish Center. It is expected that our new Parish Center will be a welcoming area for our Parish and local Community. It will help lead us to greater Spiritual Growth.

Our exterior/interior colors were intentionally designed to complement the colors of our church. Wood trusses in our Parish Center support this desired interior design. The Tectum roof panels are acoustical panels that will make our Parish Center filled with good quality sound. We have a state-of-the-art sound system. Our Parish Center is very well insulated, energy efficient and easy to operate without a lot of maintenance.

Oak is 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. Our Parish Center is built well beyond state building codes.

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 **150** people. Our new bleachers will hold **260** 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, our gym's lower walls are painted birch plywood up to 13' high.

Parish Offices:

- Separate entrance for Parish Offices on Main Street, with parking.
- Father's office is quite large, and insulated for private discussions and counseling.
- Large, professional parish offices with improved communication. One office is for our Parish Secretary. Our other office is for our Financial Assistant. We have additional workstations for parish volunteers.

Technology & Lighting:

- We have incorporated the latest technology in our Parish Center. We 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.
- 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:

- **28** new parking spots have been created in front of our Parish Center/School. We used **32** parking spaces when Parish Center was located between school & church.
- 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 is a wonderful place of reflection for our friends & families. It is located between HT church and Parish Center. It has statues of Jesus w/ Children, Jesus w/ Lamb, & Angel. It's a wonderful area to pray & meditate. We've provided benches as well for your use.

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. Over 600 parish members, community members, alumni & friends of Holy Trinity have contributed over \$3.2 million towards our We Believe Campaign.

- 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 have **155** students enrolled. Over **30** new families have enrolled a child here this year.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Question: Did we build the Parish Center within budget & on-time. **Answer:** Yes we did! It was ready when school started on September 1st. Gym floor was ready for our Blue versus Gold Volleyball games in mid Sept. We were within 1% of our original budget. Many contractors provided donated materials. Thank you.

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: Do we have a Wish List of items that we need for our Parish, School & Religious Ed Program.

Answer: Yes we do. We have a Wish List, and we publish 3-4 items from this list each week in our Bulletin.

Question: Did any of the heavy rains that we experienced during our building process do any damage to our site? **Answer:** We had some stains on our Tectum ceiling panels but CD Smith corrected these.

Question: What material is used on the gym floor.

Answer: We've used 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: We've heard that our Parish Center was constructed by many local craftsmen? Is this true?

Answer: Yes this is true. Many parishioners 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.

Question: Are pledge payments being made on time? **Answer:** Yes, and in some cases early & larger. If you wish to make a donation, please send check to We Believe, Holy Trinity Parish, 331 Main St., Kewaskum, WI

Question: What is the material that makes up our ceiling in the gym? **Answer:** These are special Tectum sound absorbing panels. Notice how rich the sound is in this large room. It's due to these panels.

Question: We'd like to schedule an event at our new Parish Center, how do we do this? **Answer:** Please contact facilities coordinator Joel Fleischman at joel.fleischman@drexelteam.com.

Question: How will it be maintained? **Answer:** We are analyzing the additional work and may possibly hire janitorial services. People are expected to leave it cleaner than when they arrived to keep our costs down.

Question: Who will pay for this? **Answer:** The parish gets no outside funding except from our members. HT has no cash reserves. Please continue to support HT through your generous donations and increased tithing.

Question: How are these amazing things going to continue to happen? **Answer:** This is up to YOU. We need many people to make our parish thrive. We ask that you pray & dedicate your time to at least one committee that you're passionate about. We promise, it will be the most rewarding thing you do! Please join in our fun!

“When all else around us fails, still there is God.”