

Subject: Holy Trinity Parish Center Update

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We have been working diligently on a number of projects that are required before we proceed with our Parish Center. Also, we have heard questions from Holy Trinity parishioners and thought it best to provide answers. Following are questions asked recently:

Question: We've heard there is some question about the planned location of the Parish Center? If so, what is the conversation?

Answer: The Archdiocesan Building Commission suggested that we examine all of our options for placement of the Parish Center on our campus. The reason for this suggestion is to make certain that we have determined the best location for our new Parish Center. One concern is that locating a building in front of the school might detract from the beauty of our buildings. If parishioners support this location, and funds allow, we would like to dress up the exterior of our Parish Center, thereby making it attractive as it blends into our existing buildings. To build in the planned location, we will also need variances from the Village of Kewaskum. The HT Building Committee will be meeting with the Village Planning Committee in late June to review locating the Parish Center in front of Holy Trinity School.

Question: Can the Parish Center be located on the area by the playground equipment?

Answer: This is one of the sites we have considered. There is plenty of room on this site for our project. The wonderful donation of \$750,000 by our Holy Trinity donors will pay for a gymnasium similar to the one recently built at St. Cloud. This is a middle-school size gymnasium and would fulfill many of our needs. The disadvantage to this site is that students will need to go back and forth across a public street to use this facility.

Question: We heard that the new Parish Center could possibly be attached to Holy Trinity School and Church. Is this true?

Answer: The main reason for locating our new Parish Center in front of Holy Trinity School is that it can be attached to school. This provides a number of benefits, with main benefit being that students can freely move between school and Parish Center without having to go outside. We would like to bring the kitchen from the HT Church basement into our new Parish Center so that we can have our hot lunch program without students going outside, plus we can have many parish functions in our new Parish Center. With sufficient financial support, we would like to connect the Parish Center to Holy Trinity Church on the west side of church by the current entrance to church basement. This will make it easy to use our new Parish Center after Mass.

Question: Why do we need to build space for Parish offices?

Answer: Right now our Parish offices are in the Rectory. We would improve communication and efficiency by locating our Parish offices next to our HT School offices. By the year 2020, the Archdiocese will not have enough priests to have them resident in each parish. Therefore, the Archdiocese has been implementing cluster plans, where a priest serves a number of parishes. This plan is currently being implemented in many parishes. When parishes don't have a resident priest, they either rent or sell their rectory. Holy Trinity needs to be ready for this plan by having parish offices in our new Parish Center.

Question: We heard that we are going to lose the Saturday evening 4 pm Mass at Holy Trinity.

Answer: The Archdiocese has been asking Father to reduce his Mass workload for the past several years. In order to remain fresh and vibrant, Father's workload needs to be lessened. Therefore, the Saturday 5:30 pm Mass at St. Michael Parish has been discontinued. Based on Mass attendance, this was the least attended weekend Mass. The 4 pm Mass will be rotated between Holy Trinity & St. Michael. Holy Trinity will have the 4 pm until first week of March, 2016. Then St. Michael will have it for the next 6 month period.

Question: Why does Holy Trinity need to conduct a Feasibility Study?

Answer: Holy Trinity is considering a capital campaign and building project that will make an impact on parish life for many years to come. In considering an undertaking of this size, it is critical that we establish a firm foundation for moving forward. Our Feasibility Study will provide an opportunity for parishioner input regarding the Parish Center design, concept and building plans. The study will gauge the level of parish-wide support for the project, which is an important factor in a project of this magnitude. We hired Mark Filips from Vision Works Company. We are paying Mark \$20,000 to complete the Feasibility Study. Father explained this at all weekend Masses, and asked for donations to cover this cost. Donations are coming in and that's great news. Please send yours in today. This study will take about 8-10 weeks to complete. We are starting it now, and should be completed by August. Mark is very familiar with Holy Trinity parishioners as he worked with us on our Faith In Our Future campaign. We will be inviting you to Focus Group meetings and interviews and encourage you to attend and provide your thoughts, suggestions, and questions.

Question: Does Father Ed support both the Feasibility Study and our new Parish Center?

Answer: Father is very much in support of both of these projects. Father told the Pastoral Council that he "is rolling up his sleeves" and is going to work especially hard to help make our new Parish Center a reality.

Question: We would like to contribute to the Parish Center in memory of someone special.

Answer: A number of parishioners have already approached the Building Committee with donations. These include items small, but meaningful, to very large donations for our proposed new Parish Center. Once the Feasibility Study is completed, we plan to begin a Capital Campaign. Please express your desires to offer donations during the Feasibility Study.

If you have further questions, or wish to provide input, please contact any of the following:

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Build my altar wherever I cause my name to be remembered, and I will come to you and bless you." – Exodus 20:24