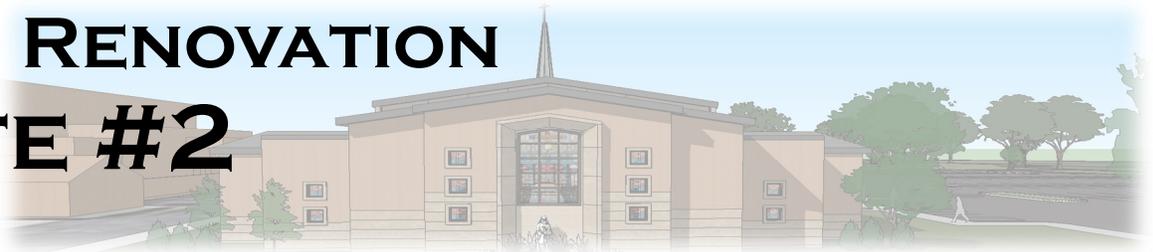


CHURCH RENOVATION UPDATE #2



HOUSE DEMOLITION

As you know we've been struggling a bit with funding the demolition of the houses on our Orchard Street property. The good news? We have secured a very generous donation to demolish the houses, leaving us with two costs to worry about: asbestos abatement and dumping fees. The core issue revolved around discovering that there was a particularly nasty type of asbestos in a majority of the houses. This discovery ended up adding about \$60,000 to our total for the complete removal of the houses.

Because we did not have that money, we were stuck in limbo, praying and asking God what to do.

A couple weeks ago, we appealed to the diocese for their help and they responded by granting us \$60,000 from their "Protected Loss Fund." Praise God!

What does this mean? Well, we hope it means that those houses are coming down before Christmas, but we cannot be sure because we don't know how quickly we can coordinate the various companies involved in this process. What we do know is that the demolition, removal and dumping of the debris is now fully funded and will happen ASAP.

It really has been amazing how supportive the diocese has been to us. Please make sure and thank God for our Bishop and pray God bless him for all he has done to help us and stand with us in our church renovation process.

BUILDING PERMITS

In October, we hit a wall on our permits in regard to things called "REU's". I won't bore you with all the details, but it was an issue that was possibly going to result in \$60,000 in fees to the county. I started asking the daily Mass attendees to pray and boy did those prayers work out great. In the end, we were assessed only \$6,000 in county fees and we received our permits. I cannot tell you how great this is...praise God!

WORKING HARD

It may seem to you all that our parking lot has taken a lot of time and a lot of work. The big issue was that each time these guys dug they found problems, such as bad soil and even some tree stumps, which resulted in more digging and soil replacement.

What we are doing is more or less fixing our parking lot from how it was done way back in the day.

The good news? It's done now and it's done right and in this we are setting the stage for us to have a really nice parking lot in the future. Beyond that, the other good news is that we have a contingency fund for such issues that pop up and we were able to cover these overages from that...God is good.

SACRED GROUND

Last week we had a wonderful little ritual where we buried the blessed and sacred items we collected from you; hundreds of items such as old rosaries, scapulars, some broken statues and so much more. We placed them all lovingly and prayerfully in the ground under where our altar will be. The very foundation of our sanctuary is filled with the signs of the faith of our community: blessed be God!

MY BEAUTIFUL FAMILY

God has done three miracles now in our construction: saving us from a collapsed roof, saving us tens of thousands of dollars in county fees and now finding us \$60,000 to get the houses taken down: please make sure and continue to bless and thank our God, calling out to heaven with gratitude and faith in His Divine Assistance.

NEWS ABOUT PEWS

The company working on our pews presented us with an option to make all our pews padded and we are praying about it. The total cost to pad the pews would add \$15,000 which is less than we thought, but still a lot more than we budgeted. Please pray for God to show us what to do.

OUR TIME IN EXILE

I gotta tell you, I am so blown away by your hearts...praying Mass in the halls at Father Bush Parish Center should be a challenge, but it has not been for a couple reasons:

First, so many beautiful people giving so much of their time and talents to make this flow and flow well.

Second, all of us choosing to take the bad that comes with the future good: refusing to complain, making the best of it all, praying our hearts out...I just can't believe how blessed I am to be a pastor to such amazing people: I mean that with all my heart.

A PRAYER FOR WORKERS

○ Glorious St. Joseph!

Protect with loving power your sons,
especially entrusted to you.

Remind all the workers on our construction
site, they are not working, rejoicing, or suffer-
ing alone, but at their side is Jesus,
with Mary, His Mother and ours,
to sustain them, to dry the sweat of their brow,
giving value to their toil.

Teach them to turn work into a very high
instrument of sanctification as you did.

Amen.

(Amended prayer of Pope John XXIII)

Let us Pray....

Jesus,
Be with those working
on our church.
Bless the work of their hands, keep
them safe & draw them closer to
your Sacred Heart.

Amen

THIS IS ALL HAPPENING BECAUSE OF GOD'S GOODNESS & YOUR GENEROSITY

Please stay faithful to your pledge and if you want to add to it or finish it early,
this will help us greatly.

If you have yet to give or pledge,
You are invited to use the form below to join in our efforts.

(Detach Here)

YES, I WANT TO HELP RESTORE THE TEMPLE!

I pledge to give \$ _____ Monthly Quarterly Yearly One Time

Start pledge date _____ for a total gift of \$ _____

My commitment is for 1 year 2 years

I commit to praying for the *Restore the Temple* Campaign.

Please contact me about including the *Restore the Temple* Campaign in my
estate planning.

Enclosed is a check (payable to Restore the Temple).

I will set up my pledge and payment through *PushPay*:
Found on the Holy Family app or website.

THANK YOU AND MAY GOD BLESS YOUR FAITHFUL GENEROSITY!

Pledges express a faith commitment, but are not legally binding.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

**LORD, you have entrusted this
sacred space to our care. Through the
intercession of the Holy Family,
bless our efforts to sacrifice and
restore your temple. AMEN.**