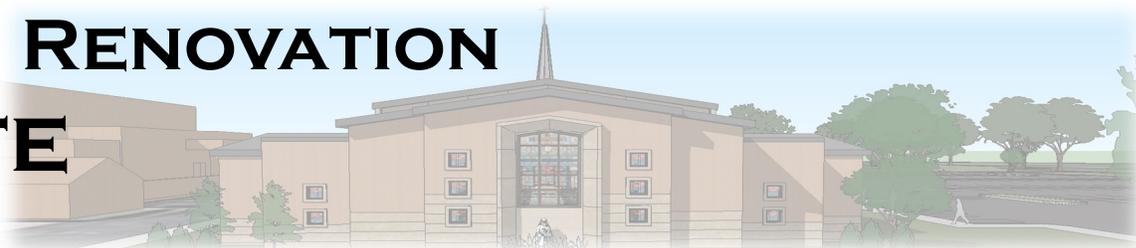


CHURCH RENOVATION UPDATE



LET'S REVIEW

In 2016, our Diocese started the *Witness to Hope* campaign in order to raise some much needed money for the great work they do in our name. Holy Family and 11 other parishes added their own needs to the campaign in order to accomplish two goods: meeting the diocesan goal and addressing the needs of their parishes.

In the end, Holy Family raised \$4.2 million, Praise the Lord. Of that, the diocese received \$1.3 million and we received \$2.9 million. Msgr. Vincke worked with the Building Committee to develop a plan to renovate our church and address our future needs. In the end, that plan required more than \$4.8 million.

This is when I arrived with a mandate from the Bishop to figure out our needs and how much money would be needed to meet those needs and then get after it. We commenced the *Restore the Temple* campaign, which took our total budget from \$2.9 million to \$3.5 million: Bless your generous hearts! We then reassessed the needs and redesigned the plan to fit the amount of money we had. That is the plan we are now executing.

THIS BRINGS US TO TODAY

Our church renovation officially began with the celebration of our last Mass in the church and the relocation of the Blessed Sacrament and our worship space to the Father Bush Parish Center. In preparation for this move, we put much time and effort into creating a dignified temporary worship space.

When we began the renovation, we were told to plan for about 10 months. We are almost 2 months into that time and I believe I speak for all of us when I say that that joyful day cannot come too soon.

When that blessed day comes, we will walk into a renovated church with a beautiful gathering area that features a bridal room and handicap accessible bathrooms. Moving from the gathering area, we will see new confessionals (also handicap accessible), and all of our stained glass windows and pews newly cleaned and restored. All of these things and more with our altar in the East.

I pledged to communicate as best I can on this process and this newsletter is one more effort to do so. Please make sure and check my bulletin articles and, if you are able, we have been very actively updating progress on our various social media sources (Facebook, Instagram and Twitter).

In terms of the project of restoring our church, no kidding, things could not be going better. I know this is because of your prayers and I am so grateful.

May God bless the work of our hands!

WHAT HAS BEEN DONE SO FAR?

- ✔ Obtained approval from Holy Family and Diocesan finance councils to move forward with our renovation project
- ✔ Stained glass windows removed
- ✔ Cross and corpus removed and stored
- ✔ Altar moved to storage
- ✔ Pews removed by restoration company
- ✔ Organ console and pipes moved to storage and remaining pipes in church covered and protected.
- ✔ Asphalt and sidewalk on the north side of church removed and site prepped for replacement
- ✔ Asbestos ceiling abated
- ✔ Completed planned demolition of the 1951 built section of the church

DID YOU KNOW...?

Our stained glass windows are being cleaned and will be reinstalled with transparent protection and our pews are being totally refurbished to be used in our new worship space?

THE MIRACLE OF THE GUARDIAN ANGELS

Our Church (as it was) could be divided into two sections; the section built in 1951 and the section built in 1958. The 1958 section is untouched in this process, but the 1951 section is what was torn down. In the process of tearing it down, our construction crews found that the pillars holding up the roof were rotted through and were not, in fact, holding up the roof! The roof we were praying under was basically held up by the walls: not something the walls were built for. We discovered this on the Feast of the Guardian Angels and it seems to me that this is not a coincidence, but God showing us how His Angels have been protecting us all along: praise the Lord!

WHAT IS LEFT TO DO?

- Relocate main entrance for easier parking flow
- Create handicap parking adjacent to the church
- Rebuild the nave (main body of the church)
- Construct new handicap accessible bathrooms
- Construct new handicap accessible sanctuary
- Construct handicap accessible confessionals
- Remodel existing space to become the new gathering space
- Install New Heating/Cooling Systems
- Install New Sound System
- All sorts of other exciting things!

DID YOU KNOW...?

Almost all our limestone will be put back into our new Church.

DID YOU KNOW...?

All money paid into the campaign now goes directly to Holy Family Church.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- **First and foremost prayer: No kidding guys, pray every time you pass the Church. Pray for our efforts, pray for the guys working, pray that we all bear this time with joy and patience.**
- **Stay faithful to your pledge: we need everyone who can to stay faithful to the pledge you made in order to pull this off.**
- **Pay your pledge off early if you wish.**
- **If you are new to our parish and want to help fund our church renovation, please give to our *Restore the Temple* fund. Giving is possible through Pushpay on our app, website, or by calling or visiting the parish office.**