

St. Thomas the Apostle Church Renovation Status Report May 18, 2021

Approval

Father Leonard, Jackie Prenger, Kathy Graessle, Jan Heckemeyer, Brian Luebbering and Lauri Luebbering met with Deacon Braddock and Father Doke to discuss St. Thomas the Apostle Parish's request for approval of the Church Renovation Project, which included approval of a pledge campaign and a loan to fund this project. Father Doke explained that Bishop McKnight approved our renovation project and also approved the Parish for a 5-year loan of up to \$300,000.

Finance

The Finance Committee reports that there is \$300,000 available for renovation expenses. The total project is estimated at \$600,000. The Pledge Drive goal is to collect \$300,000. A Pledge Drive will be planned accordingly:

- Conrad Schmitt will print promotional material. Sheri Wieberg is drafting a flyer.
- The Pledge Drive will run for 2 months
- Pledge payments will be collected for 3 years.
- Yellow envelopes will be used for collecting on-going payments
- Payment options we are looking into include:
 - Automated ACH payments
 - PayPal accessed from the Parish website
 - Checks – Yellow envelopes can be used for on-going payments.

Preparation

The Parish will have 2 weeks to clear out the Church, so a tight, well-organized schedule is needed. The committee will break down the clearing out tasks in preparation for several people to help. We will be asking for volunteers, especially those with the ability to help with removing the church benches.

Flooring

The parish did not receive other inquiries to bid on flooring. Samples and flooring estimates have been received from St. Elizabeth TV & Appliance. The committee will continue to work with them to select flooring options.

Electrical

The Parish did not receive other inquiries for electrical bids. Meyer Electric will continue to work with the committee on estimates. The existing light fixtures need to be re-wired with upward and downward lighting, all lights need to be upgraded to LED and additional outlets installed. The committee will be working to define electrical tasks to ensure coordination with the master schedule.

Side Altars

Details for the side altars have been provided to multiple cabinet makers, who are preparing their design and estimate.

Statues will need to be approved by Father Dan Merz with the Liturgical Commission.

Sound

Sound boards have been ordered. The Design for the millwork has been finalized. All detailed tasks have been identified and a schedule is set. The goal is to have material ready for installation by September 5.

Design / Paint

An updated contract has been received from Conrad Schmitt to remove the scaffolding work. The parish will have a contract directly with the scaffolding company, which will potentially save us 15%.

Schedule

The Parish Council has approved an August 8 start date. 2 weeks (August 8– 22) have been scheduled for clearing out the Church, followed by 2 weeks (August 23– September 6) for setting up the scaffolding. Conrad Schmitt will be scheduled to begin work after Labor Day weekend. The committee continues to work on the schedule.

Next Meeting

The next meeting for the Renovation Committee will be May 26, 7:00 p.m. in the St. Thomas the Apostle School library. All are welcome.