



MAINTAIN RENEW IMAGINE

Blessed Trinity Catholic Community



Let us build a house...



...where love can dwell and all can safely live, A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; Here the love of Christ shall end divisions...

...where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,
Where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace; Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus...

...where love is found in water, wine and wheat: A banquet hall on holy ground,
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us...

...where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone
To heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;
Let us bring an end to fear and danger...

...where all are named, their songs and visions heard
And loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,
LET THIS HOUSE PROCLAIM FROM FLOOR TO RAFTER...

**...ALL ARE WELCOME, ALL ARE WELCOME,
ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE!**



What is this place?

THE PRAYER OF “DEDICATION OF A CHURCH”

FATHER IN HEAVEN....we come before you, to dedicate to your lasting service this house of prayer, this temple of worship, this home in which we are nourished by your word and your sacraments.

Here is reflected the mystery of the Church.

The Church is fruitful, made holy by the blood of Christ:

a bride made radiant with his glory, a virgin splendid in wholeness of her faith,
a mother blessed through the power of the Spirit. The Church is holy, your chosen vineyard:
its branches envelop the world, its tendrils, carried on the tree of the cross,
reach up to the kingdom of heaven. The Church is favored, the dwelling place of God on earth:
a temple built of living stones, founded on the Apostles with Jesus Christ its corner stone.

The Church is exalted, a city set on a mountain: a beacon to the whole world,
bright with the glory of the Lamb, and echoing the prayers of her saints.

Lord, send your Spirit from heaven to make this church an ever-holy place,
and this altar a ready table for the sacrifice of Christ.

Here may the waters of baptism overwhelm the shame of sin:

here may your people die to sin and live again through grace as your children.

Here may your children, gathered around your altar, celebrate the memorial
of the Paschal Lamb, and be fed at the table of Christ's word and Christ's body.

Here may prayer, the Church's banquet, resound through heaven and earth
as a plea for the world's salvation. Here may the poor find justice, the victims of oppression, true freedom.
From here may the world clothed in the dignity of the children of God, enter with gladness your city of peace.

AMEN!



DIOCESE OF HELENA PASTORAL PLAN ~ BLESSED TRINITY



LIVING STONES

*planning
for tomorrow*

*"You form a building which rises on the foundation of the
apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone."
Ephesians 2:20*

Missoula Deanery Long range Pastoral Plan for Blessed Trinity Catholic Community

Approved by the Diocese of Helena Presbyteral Council, Council of Consultors and promulgated by Bishop Thomas, December 12, 2012

Vision:

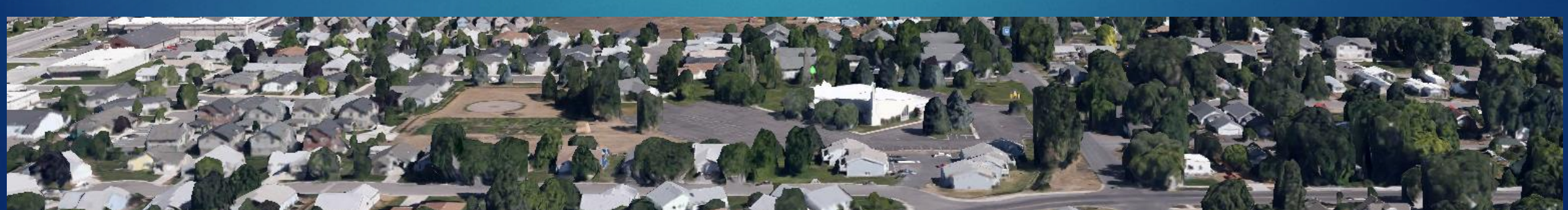
There is a desire to provide ministry in areas of growth in Missoula where there is currently no parish to serve.

Action: Study the location of BLESSED TRINITY PARISH in relationship to the population growth in Missoula to determine the best placement for this parish. As need dictates and it is financially feasible, begin the process of locating and procuring land and relocating the parish community in the area where the Missoula population is growing and there is no Catholic Church currently to serve. The Diocese would need to redraw Missoula parish boundaries to reflect the potential “new” site. Spirit of Christ in Lolo continues as a mission of Blessed Trinity Parish.



Some next steps:

- Formal land study of the southwest corridor in Missoula;
- Boundary review of current parish boundaries;
- Consider and develop “Mission Ministry Team” opportunities;
- Formation of Diocese-wide lay leadership.

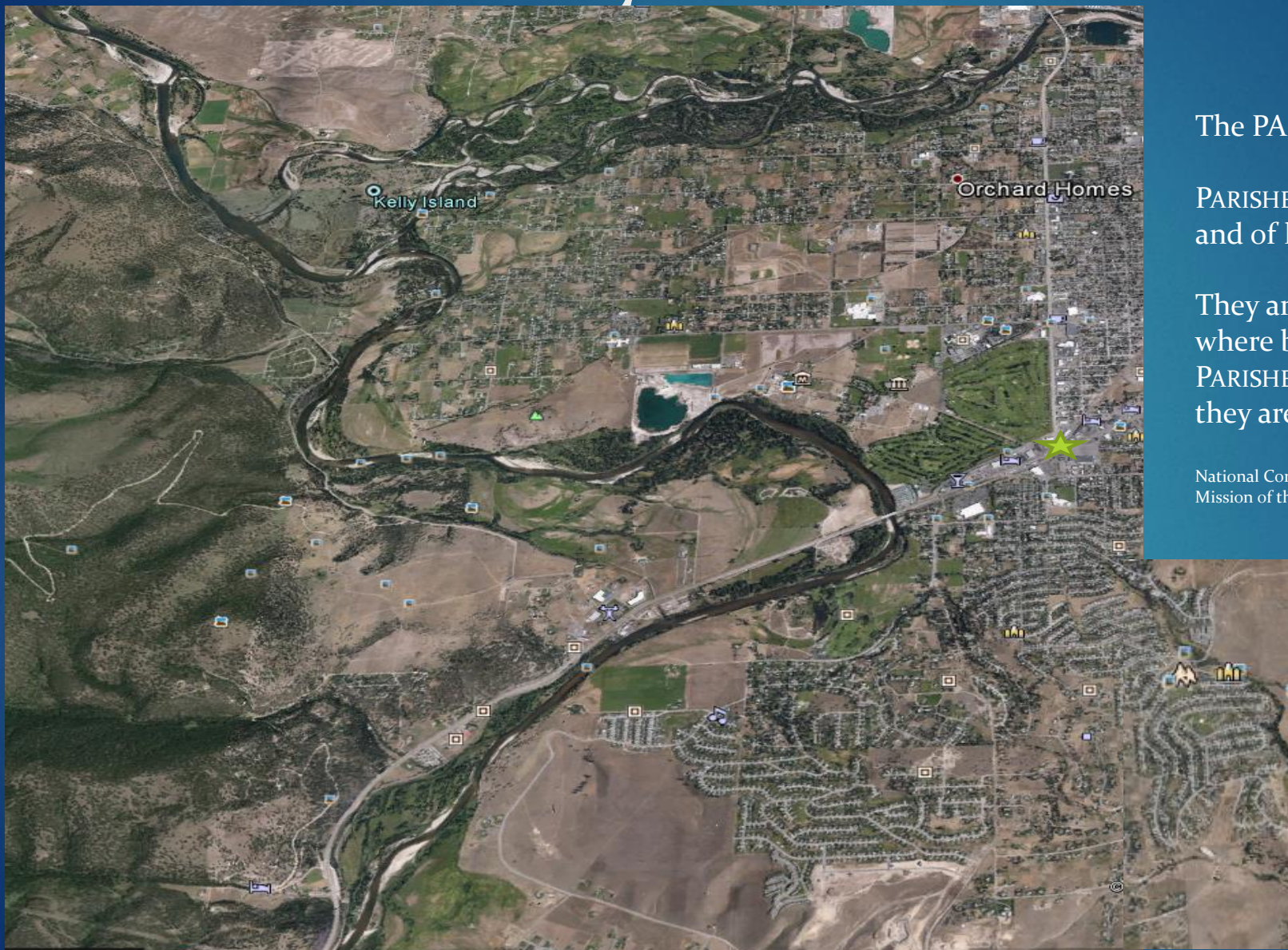


Missoula



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Blessed Trinity Parish “Boundaries”



The PARISH is where the Church lives.

PARISHES are communities of faith, of action, and of hope.

They are where the Gospel is proclaimed and celebrated, where believers are formed and sent to renew the earth. PARISHES are the home of the Christian Community; they are the heart of the Church.

National Conference of Catholic Bishops: Communities of Salt and Light, Reflections on the Social Mission of the Parish

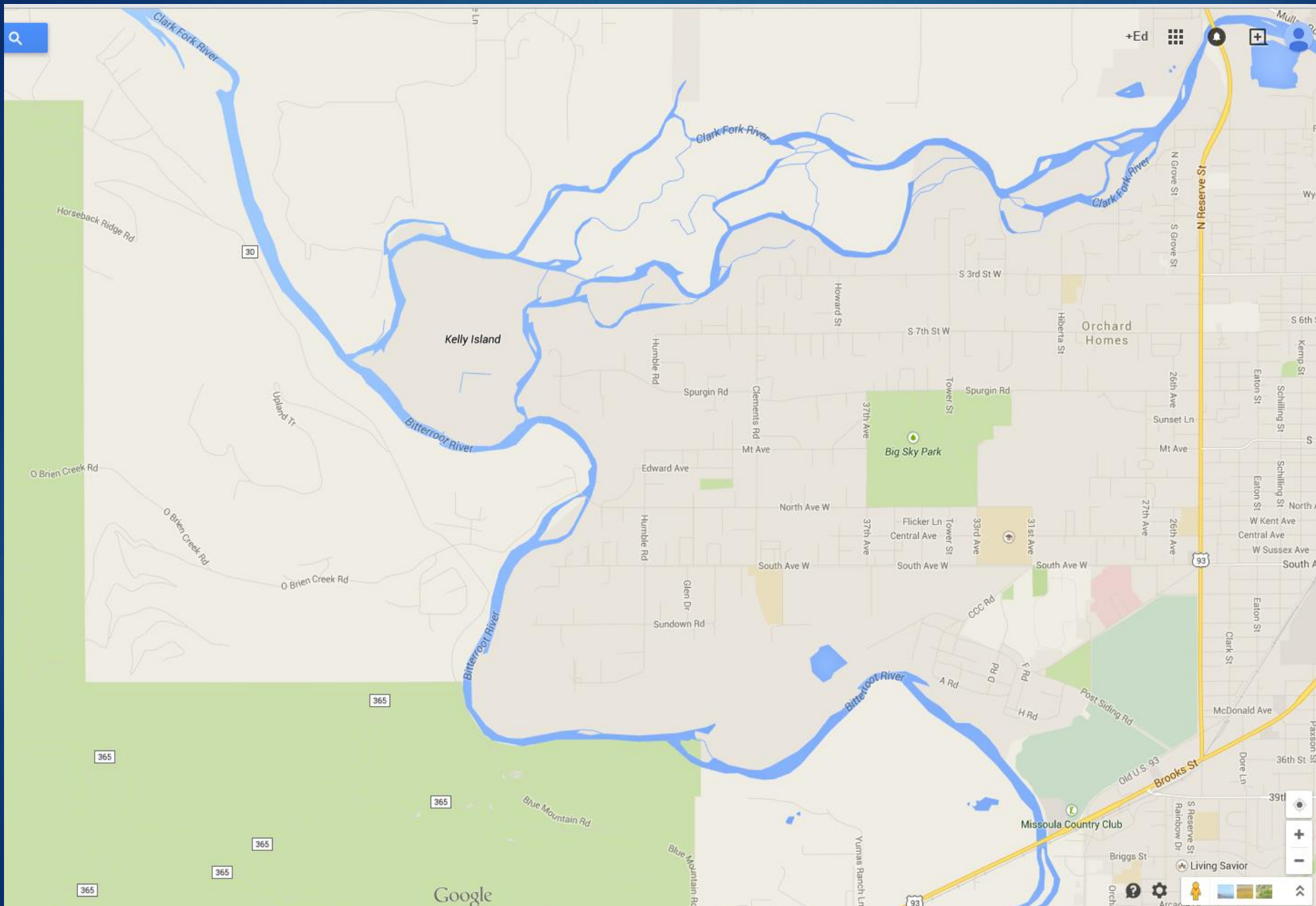
To this place WE are
SENT...

“Go therefore and
make disciples...”



Beginning at the point where the Missoula county line crosses the Clark Fork River: **EAST** along the south bank of the river to a point where **CURTIS STREET** would meet the river. **SOUTH** on Curtis to Third Avenue West. East on Third Avenue. **WEST** to **JOHNSON STREET**; **SOUTH** on Johnson to **SOUTH** avenue West; West to the Missoula County Line.

East by Paxson Street and Virginia Drive. To the South includes all of the **SOUTH HILLS**, the **UPPER MILLER CREEK** area, and **LINDA VISTA**.



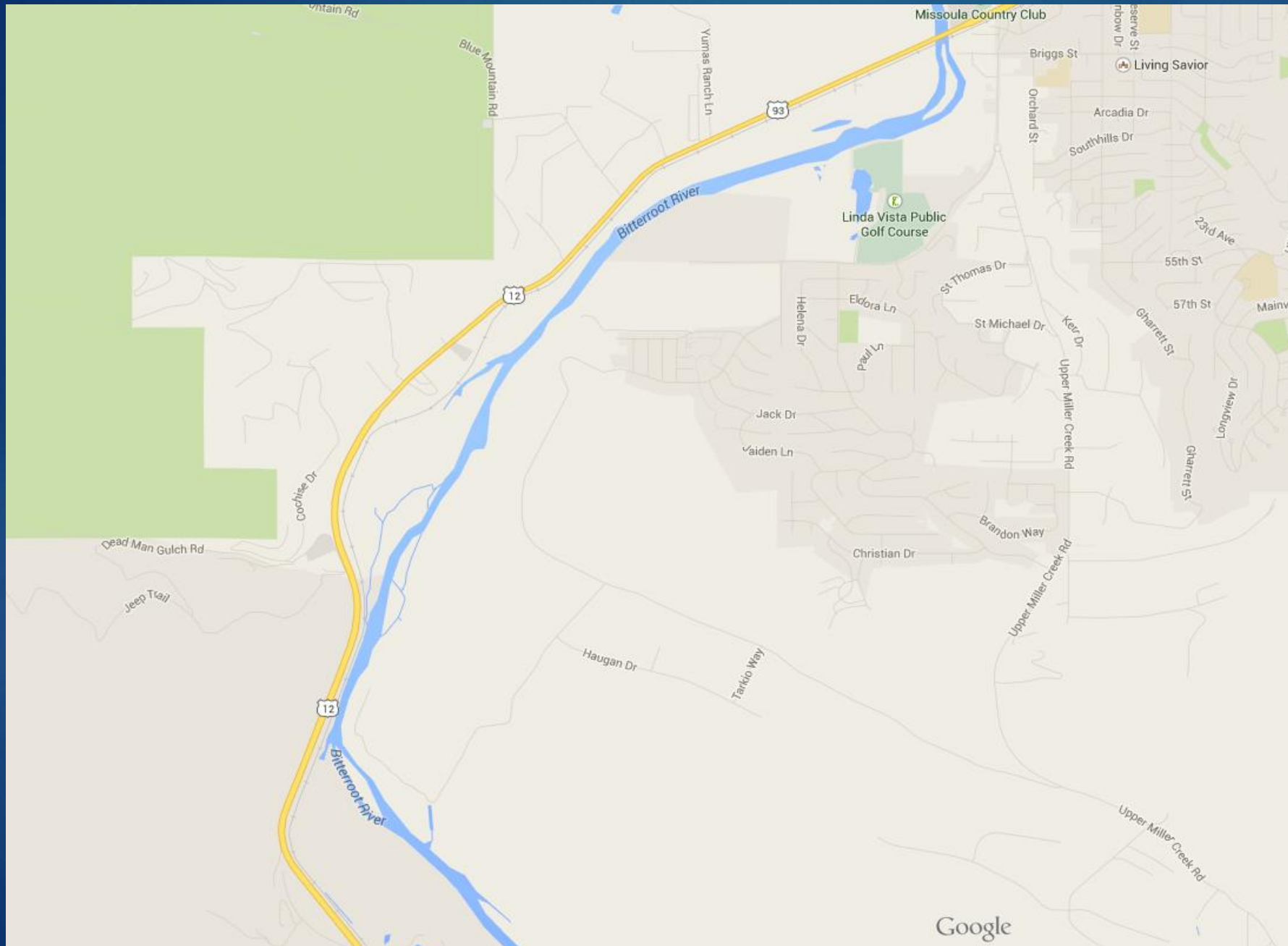


MISSOULA POPULATION

Missoula City population
in 2012 was 68,394;
up 18% from 2000.

Missoula County
population in 2013
was 111,807;
up 15% from 2000.

Source: Missoula Chamber of Commerce





THE BLESSED TRINITY FINANCE COUNCIL AND PASTORAL COUNCIL, OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS HAVE BEEN EVALUATING VARIOUS NEEDS IN OUR PARISH BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.

Some immediate and obvious needs have emerged.

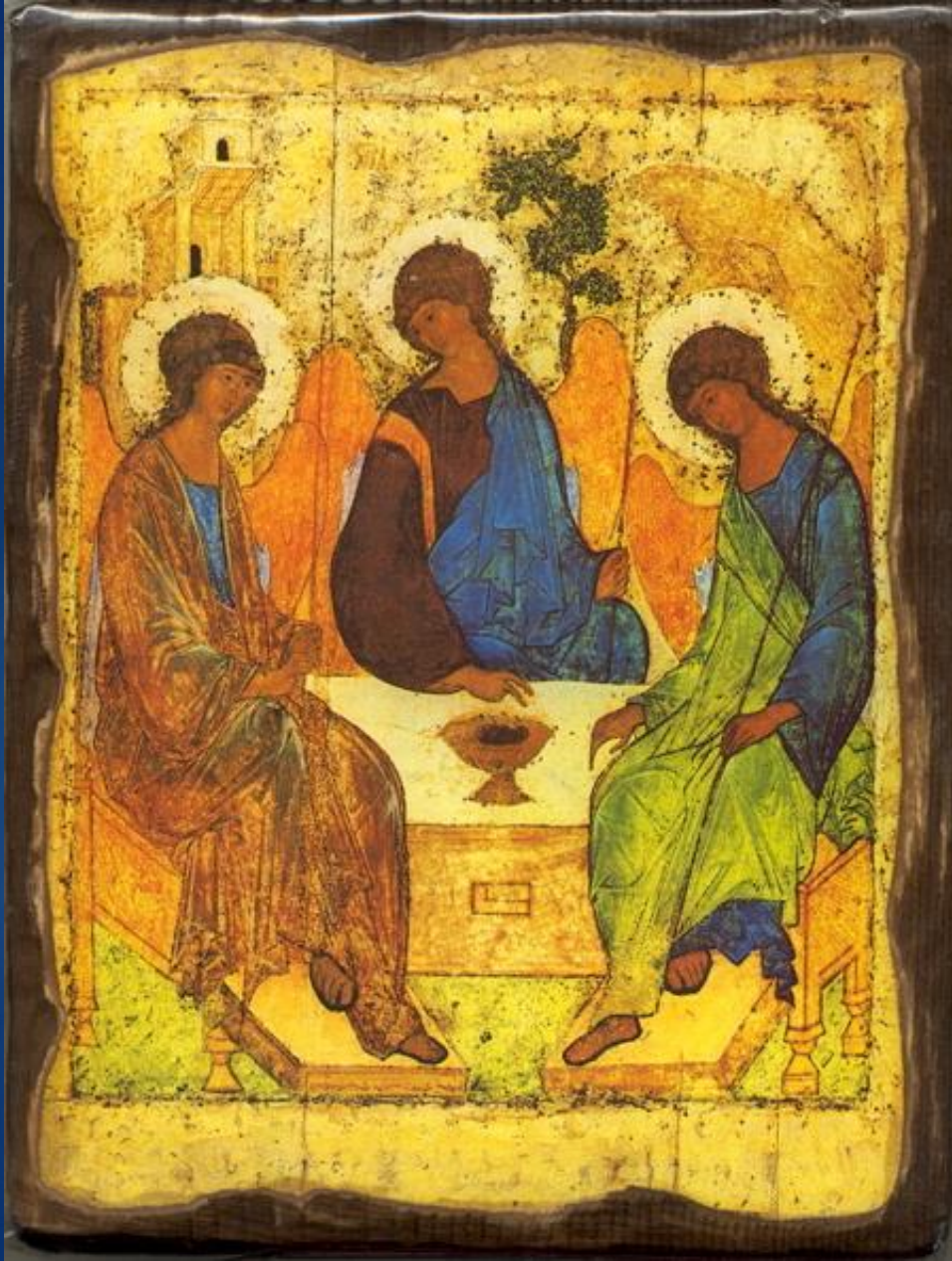
- ❖ The PARKING LOT must be resurfaced before the end of summer 2015.
- ❖ The HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM in the church must be replaced. The Finance Council has had the system evaluated and has received bids for replacing all of the church and parish house heating and AC with a more up to date and more efficient system. Hopefully this project will begin during summer 2015.



- ❖ The LIGHTING SYSTEM in the church and throughout the building is outdated and must be replaced soon (note the continuing problem with the west side bank of lights in the church).
- ❖ The church and social center sound system needs to be replaced.
- ❖ The interior and exterior of the Church building needs to be repainted.
- ❖ Pastor's residence: Interior of the home needs re-painting; the entire interior carpet needs to be replaced; the kitchen needs updating and the appliances should be replaced.

Other concerns raised by parishioners:

- ❖ The need for a complete updating and renovation of the parish kitchen;
- ❖ The need for significant updates to the restroom facilities.



Remember all the liturgical celebrations
we celebrated this past year.
Call into your memory and record
the sights, the sounds, the smells.

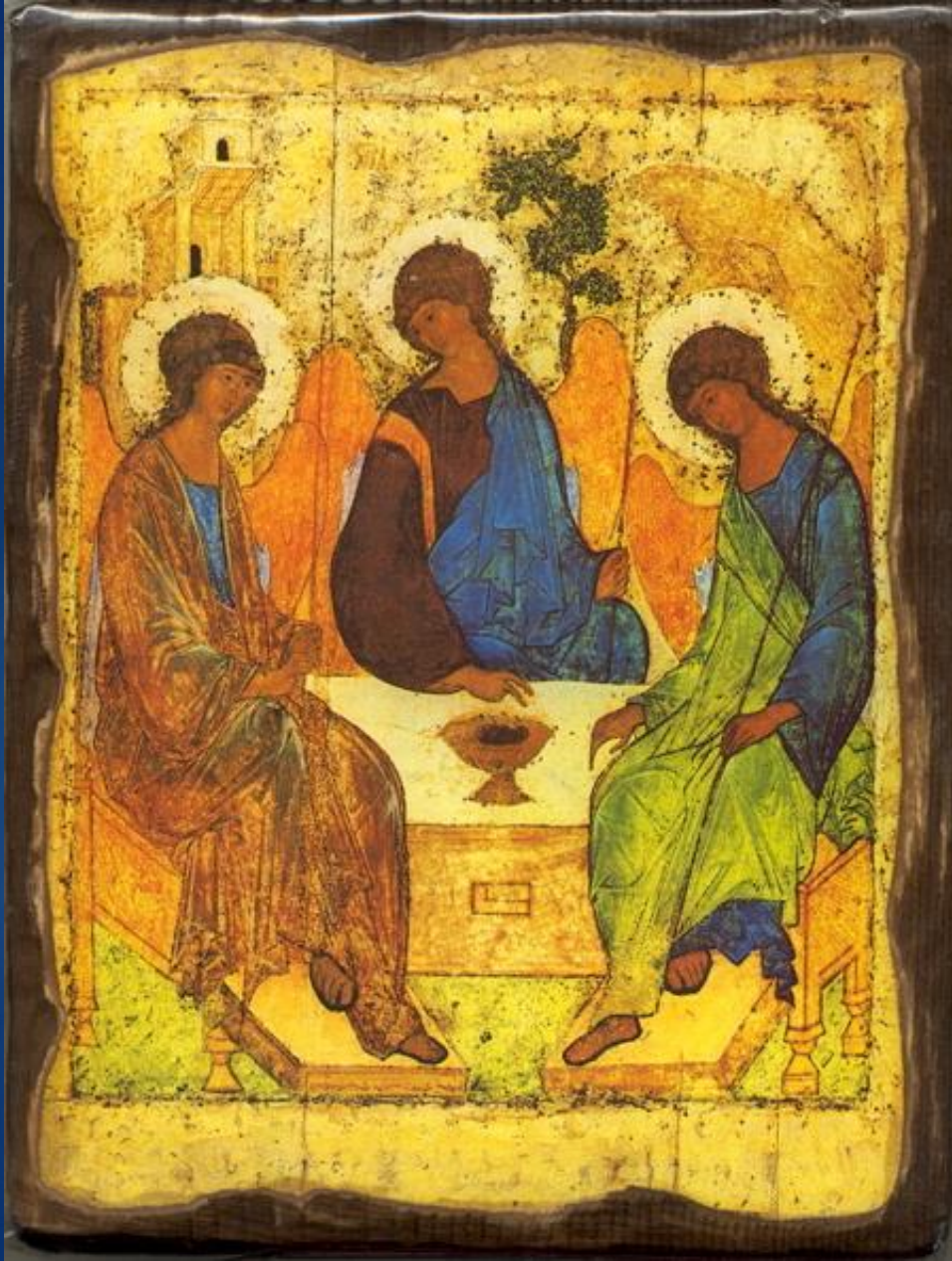
Write down thoughts/phrases/impressions/
as we remember together.

- Advent....
- Christmas....
- Epiphany....
- Winter Ordinary Time....
- Lent....
- Easter....

As we move through this presentation,
ask yourself:

- What do you love about this area of the
worship space?
- What could be improved to enhance the
celebration of each particular season?





Before moving forward...

Because we believe and experience this “house for the Church” in which we are nourished by God’s Word and Sacraments is a “temple built of living stones” reflecting the “mystery of the whole Church,” the need to seek both guidance and professional evaluation was determined. Prior to taking on these extensive projects both councils, the Pastoral staff and Fr. Hislop decided that we would seek an overall professional evaluation of the building, most particularly the worship space.



From the October 12, 2014 BULLETIN...

From Father Ed...

LITURGICAL DESIGN AND CHURCH BUILDING CONSULTANT AT BLESSED TRINITY, Tuesday, October 16.

The Blessed Trinity Pastoral Council, Finance Council and Pastoral Staff has invited **Mr. Kenneth J. Griesemer** to review the Blessed Trinity Worship space in order to make recommendations regarding needed improvements to the space.

Mr. Griesemer is a liturgical architect and design consultant with significant experience in worship space design, renovation and building. After working as a liturgical architect and design consultant since 1985, he established his consulting firm in Albuquerque, New Mexico on October 4, 1999, Feast of St. Francis Assisi. Mr. Griesemer provides professional liturgical design consulting services around the country.

We have determined to seek his professional evaluation of our worship space and church building as we begin both short-term and long-term planning for needed and essential improvements. Developing such a plan is necessary.

Mr. Griesemer will meet with the Pastoral Staff on Tuesday afternoon and with the Pastoral Council, Finance Council and the newly formed Strategic Planning Team on Tuesday evening. At this meeting he will report on his evaluation of the space and make some recommendations for our planning process.

SITE VISIT REPORT

On Tuesday, October 14, 2014, at the invitation of the pastor Fr. Ed Hislop, Liturgical Design Consultant Ken Griesemer of Albuquerque, NM, visited Blessed Trinity Catholic Community to conduct a one-day consultation regarding the existing church facility. The visit consisted of a tour guided by Fr. Hislop and Sister Mary Jo Quinn, SCL, a discussion of current needs, time spent reviewing drawings of the existing facility and developing comments, a meeting with parish staff, and an evening meeting with parish leadership. Consultant Ken Griesemer approached the review of the facilities with a “fresh, outside eye” as a way to highlight areas for possible improvement.



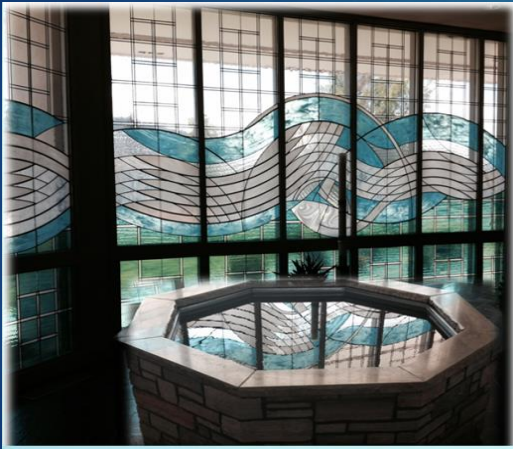
Gathering Space

Evaluation
Recommendations
Accessibility



Baptismal Font

Evaluation
Recommendations
Art Glass



Assembly Area

Evaluation
Recommendations
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Sanctuary Area

Evaluation
Recommendations:
Altar, Ambo, Chair. Other furnishings
Accessibility



THE PRAYER OF
“DEDICATION OF AN ALTAR “

FATHER, WE PRAISE YOU AND GIVE YOU THANKS....

Make this altar a **sign of Christ**
from whose pierced side flowed blood and water,
which usher in the Sacraments of the Church.

Make it a **table of joy**,
where the friends of Christ may hasten to cast upon you their burdens
and cares and take up their journey restored.

Make it a **place of communion and peace**,
so that those who share the body and blood of your Son
may be filled with his Spirit and grow in your life of love.

Make it a **source of unity and friendship**
where your people may gather as one to share your spirit of mutual love.

Make it a **center of our praise and thanksgiving**
until we arrive at the eternal tabernacle, where together with Christ,
high priest and living altar,
we will offer you an everlasting sacrifice of praise.

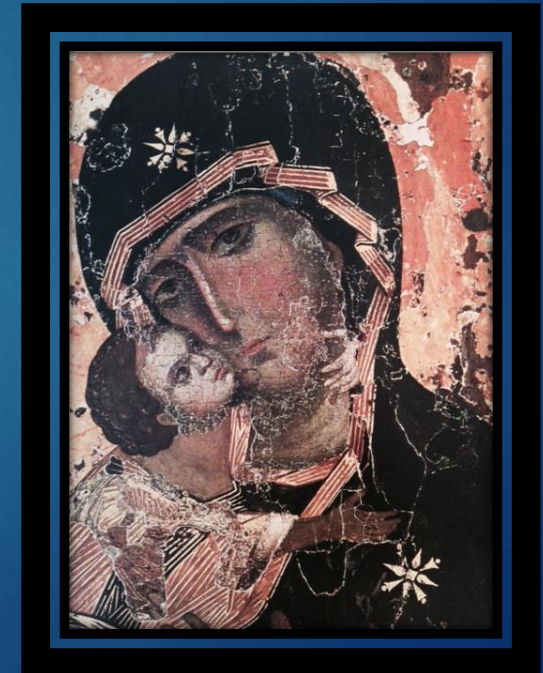
From the Rite of Dedication of a Church and an Altar, #48



Shrines and Sacred Art

Evaluation

Recommendations



The Chapels

Evaluation and Recommendations

Blessed Sacrament Chapel



“Christ present in the Eucharistic species is a treasure the Church has come to cherish and revere over the centuries.” In this place we remember the dying and nourish them for the journey home with Holy Viaticum, the Body and Blood of Christ. Here we pray for the sick and from the Lord’s Table we carry to them his body and blood, that Christ’s healing love may embrace them in the holy communion of love. Here we reverence Christ’s presence among us in the blood and wine which comes

from heaven—food and drink for the people of God. This is a place of quiet prayer, a testament to our faith, and the faith of the whole Church, in the enduring presence of the risen Christ in the bread and wine of the Eucharistic celebration.



The Chapels

Evaluation and Recommendations

Reconciliation Chapel



By its design, furnishings, and location within the church building, the place for reconciliation can assist penitents on the path to contrition and sorrow for sin and to proclaim their reconciliation with God and the community of faith.

Built of Living Stones #104



Reconciliation Chapel at Blessed Trinity

Here, again, the promise of baptism is renewed:
To turn from sin so as to live
in the freedom of God's children.

Here, trust in the mercy of God is confessed.

Here, preparation is made to gather with the Church,
made ready again to eat and drink at the Lord's Holy Table.

The Sacristy

Evaluation and Recommendations

Sacristy



A covered "sacrarium sink," draining to the earth (dry-well) should be added to the sacristy. This feature provides for the proper purification of the communion vessels.

The existing sacristy is obviously very small, and its irregular shape makes the room inefficient. A long term solution for this lack of space should be considered.



Interior Finishes

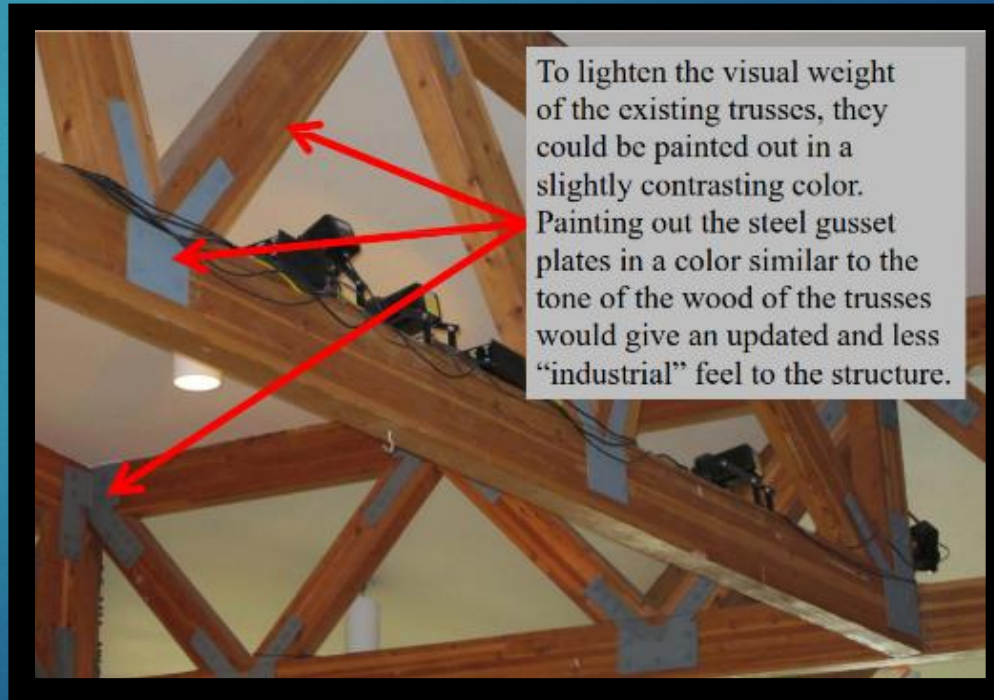
Evaluation and Recommendations



Update wood trim

Inset panels of a slightly contrasting color could be added to the walls and even to the ceiling between the existing trusses.

The wood trim and “diamonds” around the worship space should be replaced with more appropriate trim or molding.



To lighten the visual weight of the existing trusses, they could be painted out in a slightly contrasting color. Painting out the steel gusset plates in a color similar to the tone of the wood of the trusses would give an updated and less “industrial” feel to the structure.

Updated and more visually interesting colors could be added to the corridors and office areas of the facility.

Lighting

Evaluation and Recommendations

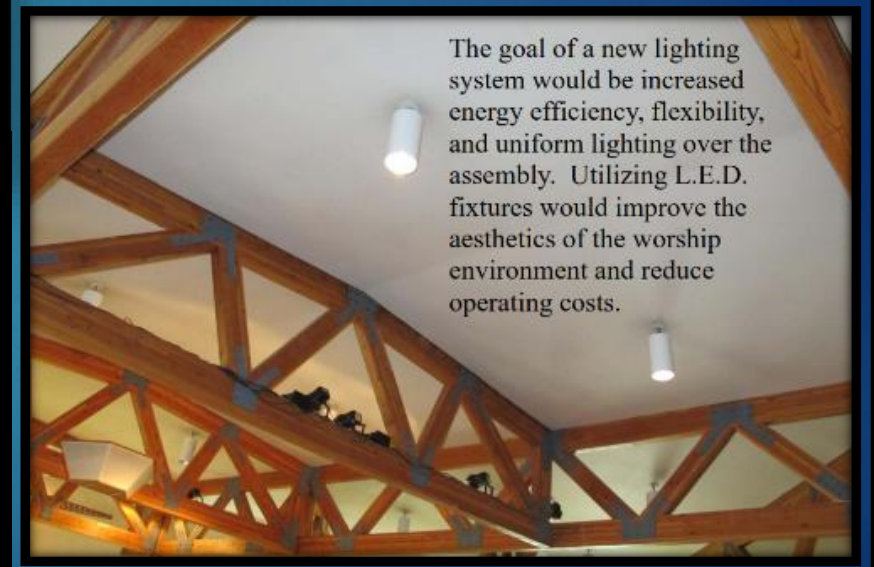
The rapid advances in lighting technology in recent years makes replacement of the existing lighting system a high priority. The new L.E.D. (light emitting diode) technology brings much greater energy efficiency and its use can result in noticeable savings for the parish.



THE LIGHTING IN THE WORSHIP SPACE SHOULD BE DESIGNED TO ACCOMPLISH THREE GOALS:

- Uniform ambient lighting over the assembly and music areas.**
- Focus or spot lighting on the sanctuary (altar table, ambo, chair, places of ritual action), baptismal font, and shrines.**
- Architectural highlights (to accentuate the building design and enhance the feeling of the overall space).**

The current lighting system is problematic, outdated and inefficient. The spotlight system is not installed according to code.

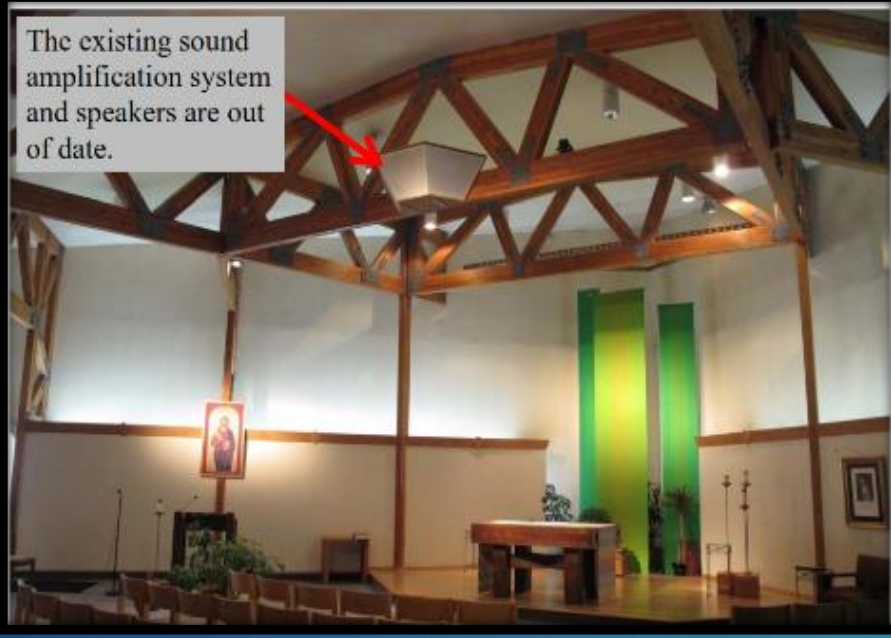


A new dimming system with up to date electronic technology should be included in the new system for the worship space. A system with pre-set scene capability is strongly recommended to provide the parish with easy to operate options for various liturgical seasons and needs.

Sound

Evaluation and Recommendations

The existing sound amplification system and speakers are out of date.



Similar to the advances in lighting, sound amplification equipment and loudspeaker technology have continued to improve significantly. Given the age of the current system, it is recommended that a new system be designed for the church.

A new audio system should include a hearing assistance feature for those in need.

The use of a professional audio system designer with experience in liturgical worship space project is recommended.



Careful attention to storage needs could help reduce the visual clutter that often occurs in a music area. A new sound system could be designed to include a flexible and minimally intrusive sound cabinet and controls.



Liturgical Music Space

Evaluation and Recommendations

An acoustical consultant familiar with Catholic liturgy and music could assist the parish in creating the most effective set up for music ministry.



Moving FORWARD...

- ❖ Given the scope and complexity of this renewal project, it is recommended that the parish obtain the services of an architect. This professional would be responsible for organizing necessary sub-consultants and developing the details of possible solutions into a Master Plan for the renewal and renovation project.
- ❖ An architect would also assist the parish in preparing a preliminary cost estimate or budget for the various aspect of the project. This would then allow the parish to make decisions regarding prioritization and timing of the work.
- ❖ FUNDING
- ❖ Considering CURRENT and PRESSING NEEDS in light of the LONG-TERM DIOCESE OF HELENA LIVING STONES PASTORAL PLAN FOR BLESSED TRINITY,

HOW SHALL WE MOVE FORWARD NOW?



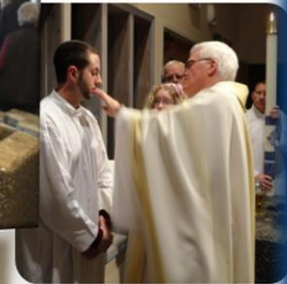
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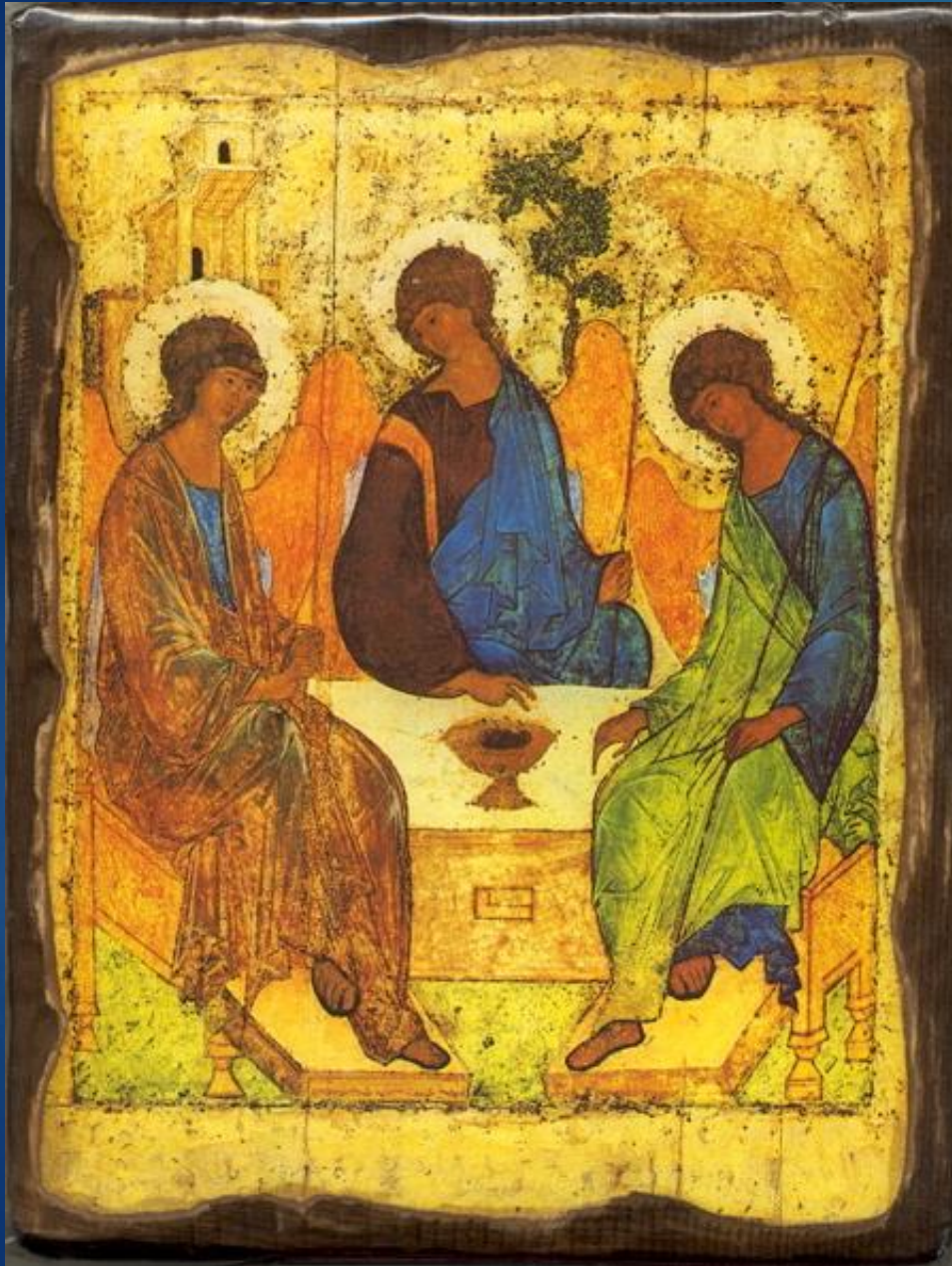
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to celebrate its faith and vision,
it gathers to celebrate what is most personally theirs
and most nobly human and truly Church.

The actions of the assembly witness
the great deeds God has done; they confirm an age-old covenant.
With such vision and depth of the assembly
can the environment be anything less
than a vehicle to meet the Lord
and to encounter one another?

The challenge of our environment is the final challenge of Christ:
WE MUST MAKE READY UNTIL HE RETURNS IN GLORY.”