



SEPTEMBER 22, 2019

Update

Since the last Update Report on June 16, 2019 the **Strategic Planning Team** has continued to move forward based on the direction provided at the March 24, 2019 full parish meeting (*that report is available on the parish website*).

The LEAK As you are aware from bulletin articles this past month a significant leak has been discovered under the slab in the gathering space. The main location of “the leak” has been determined (it is the underground pipe leading to the font). How long the pipe has been broken is unknown (it could have been several months or much longer). Plumbers have isolated the water source—which has necessitated placing three valves on three major water lines coming from the well (up to this point there has been only one shut-off valve for all the water flowing into the building). The hope was that the leaking pipe could be isolated. However the leaking pipe is the water source for the font, bathrooms, sacristy sink and janitor closet. It will, therefore, be necessary that a portion of the gathering space will be excavated. The leaking pipe is 5-6 feet under the slab. Once opened the extent of damage to the soil under the slab will be determined, repairs to the pipe will be made and the excavated surface will be repaired/restored.

This “project” will begin on MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30. It is hoped most of the work will be completed by Friday, October 4. During that week bathrooms will be unusable, but will be available for the weekend of October 5/6.

Because of this project Mass will not be celebrated on Wednesday, October 2 or Thursday October 3. Catholic Mutual Insurance Company will cover the costs (deductible is \$1,000), except for repair or replacement of the damaged pipe.

Phase One: WORSHIP SPACE LIGHTING

Replacing the lighting system (including new programmable and dimmable lighting units/spots, etc.) in the worship space will begin in **October/November 2019**, pending arrival of the selected lights etc. As noted in the June 2019 update, the strategic planning team determined (with the assent of the Finance and Pastoral councils) to proceed with this phase of the project because of the continuing deterioration of the current system. As determined by the Finance Council, Pastoral Council and Strategic Planning Team, this part of the project will be financed through our parish savings account (*we are “borrowing” from our savings now with the intent of repaying following the parish capital campaign*). Total cost of this portion of the project is \$59,000 (less than the estimate given at the November 18, 2018 full parish meeting—at which consensus was reached to proceed.) Strategic Planning Team decided to delay painting the interior of the worship space until font and organ re-location can be completed.



Worship Space Sound System. Design continues to be in progress. Estimated cost is \$8,750. This does not include installation or microphones. This continues to be “a work in progress.” Whether this will be accomplished in Phase One remains to be seen.

SACRISTY renovation has been delayed until plumbing for the relocated font is determined and the current issues with “the leak” are resolved.

Blessed Trinity Capital Campaign



Consensus was reached at the November 2018 full parish meeting that Blessed Trinity should plan a parish capital campaign to fund the planned renovations for our parish building based on the revised cost estimates of \$500,000 presented at that gathering. This proposal was confirmed again at the March 2019 full parish meeting. The Strategic Planning Team, Pastoral Council and Finance Council have endorsed that recommendation and have determined to proceed.

Therefore Blessed Trinity will initiate a Capital Campaign on the **Feast of Christ the King, November 24, 2019.** The goal of the campaign, based on the revised plans, costs, and the consensus reached, will be \$500,000 over a three year period.

Capital Campaign Team selected The Strategic Planning Team has approved the selection of the Blessed Trinity Capital Campaign Team. Team members are Jim McDonald (parish Financial Services Coordinator); Pat Wegner, Hans Zuuring, Carolina Bridges, Louise Yamasaki, Daniel Hampson and Gary Weisbrich, who has accepted the position of Team Chair. S. Mary Jo Quinn and Fr. Ed Hislop also serve on the team.

Planning sub-committees During the Capital Campaign parishioners will be provided the opportunity to serve on various specific teams to provide input for the Strategic Planning Team as decisions are made regarding specific aspects of the project. These teams will include the following: Worship Space Art; Font; Organ/Music; Kitchen/Bathrooms; Accessibility; Gathering Space; History; Construction; Landscaping/Outside environment. Details regarding these and other “sub-committees” will be provided.

Blessed Trinity LAND SALE update

Progress continues to be made on the potential sale of a portion of the excess parish property/land. General agreement was reached at the November 2018 full parish meeting to proceed with consideration of the sale. Further consideration was given to the possibility at the March 2019 full parish gathering and general consensus for the Strategic Planning Team to proceed was reached. As noted in the June 2019 Update report, Blessed Trinity has contracted with WGM GROUP for boundary line relocation and re-zoning of the property. WGM represents the parish as they meet and work with the City of Missoula. We have also secured the services of a professional appraiser for land value appraisal.



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