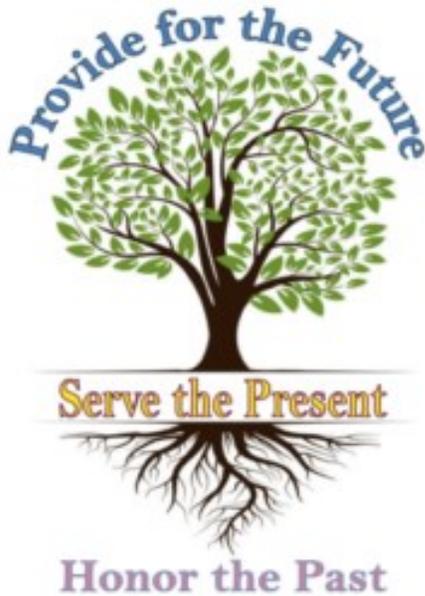


**October 30, 2022 Blessed Trinity**

# **Renovation Project UPDATE...**



**“The Lord stirred up the people, so they set to work on God’s House.”**

Haggai 1:14

**LAND SALE UPDATE.** The Strategic Planning Team, Pastoral Council and Pastoral Staff determined on Thursday, October 27, not to accept the latest offer for the sale of our excess land to a potential buyer (a previous offer had also been rejected). The higher price offered, following our first rejection, would still not have been sufficient to meet our renovation needs and to purchase a new parish house (*remember, the parish house needed to be removed to provide the access to the proposed development along the North side of our property, as required by the City of Missoula*). Current significant increases for property and the current high cost of housing in Missoula, are some of the reasons we chose, at this time, not to proceed with the sale. **THE PRIMARY REASON** for this decision was the potential loss of the house and the need to purchase another home. We continue to be grateful to the potential buyer for their interest in our land.

**SO....WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?** As you recall, in the initial presentation of our Capital Campaign in March 2020, our series of FULL PARISH GATHERINGS determined that the project would be planned in THREE PHASES (1. The worship space; 2. Gathering space; 3. Entry space and outdoor parking and landscaping).

**COST ESTIMATES** provided during our full parish gatherings, have changed significantly due to rising prices of materials, housing, construction, etc. etc.

**MUCH**, however has already been accomplished. 1. Prior to our capital campaign we had replaced the entire heating and air-conditioning system in the building; 2. **ALL LIGHTING** in the worship space has been replaced with a “state of the art system;” 3. An entirely new **SOUND SYSTEM** has been installed in both worship space and social center; 4. The previous organ, which we received from Carroll College as a “gift,” has been replaced with a **NEW ORGAN**, with a generous gift from a donor; 5. That organ will soon be permanently installed (maybe before Christmas!)—plans are completed, permits have been granted and our selected construction firm is ready to begin soon. This will require some outside construction. The organ pipes will be installed in the upper section to the west of the windows and to the left (east) of the ambo.

We will now continue to work, as funding permits, on Phase One, the **WORSHIP SPACE**, some of which has already been accomplished. The Capital Campaign Booklet, available at the church entrances, describes the details of each phase.

In addition the parish **KITCHEN** needs to be completely updated.

**WE CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD!**

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