



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

Haggai 1:14

# July 21, 2024 Blessed Trinity Renovation Project UPDATE...

## LAND SALE PROGRESS

**In June 2024**, following the expiration date of the November Buy/Sell Agreement with our potential developer, a request was made to Blessed Trinity to extend that buy/sell agreement for one to two months. This was in order to accommodate a change, both in the planned development, *and to sell the land to a different developer*. This was necessary due to the unexpected

and significantly higher cost of the proposed development (planned to be condominiums). Before even considering this request to extend the Buy/Sell we asked to meet with the new proposed developer and to review his work throughout the Missoula Community. The meeting was helpful, informative, and impressive. Following that meeting all of our parish consultative teams (*Pastoral Council, Strategic Planning Team, Capital Campaign Team, Finance Council and Parish Staff*) met on June 28, 2024 to review the proposal and to chart a way forward.

AT THAT MEETING CONSENSUS WAS REACHED AND THE FOLLOWING DECISIONS WERE MADE:

1. We do not approve an extension of the expired Buy/Sell Agreement.
2. In order to proceed a new “Buy/Sell” agreement must be provided by the initial proposed buyer for review by both the parish consultative teams and our Diocese of Helena attorneys.
3. We are aware that the initial proposed buyer intends to sell the land he would purchase to a second developer.
4. Prior to our approval of the sale we must have serious dialogue and collaboration with the new proposed buyer regarding his proposed development (one-two bedroom rental apartments-rented at reasonable rates).
5. Access to the development must be well planned and executed, i.e. an easement along the southside of our current parking lot, with curbing, sidewalks and landscaping from Eaton Street. Development may not be accessed in any way through the church parking lot, but only through the easement “street” provided and maintained by the developer. Prior to any new “Buy/Sell Agreement” access to the development must be clarified and predetermined by the prospective purchaser. This would require a specific and clearly marked entrance from Eaton street, distinct from the main entrance to the Church parking lot.
6. Time is of the essence. Decisions must be made no later than early fall 2024.
7. When an new Buy/Sell agreement is provided, Blessed Trinity consultative groups will review and submit to the Diocese of Helena attorney’s for their review and recommendations.

When all the necessary information is available we will schedule a FULL PARISH GATHERING to review project plans, costs, expectations and our WAY FORWARD.

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# Blessed Trinity Capital Campaign **PROGRESS...**

*Our three year Capital Campaign concluded on March 31, 2023*

**As of July 7, 2024 we have received \$388,942—99% of the \$392,873 committed (our total GOAL was \$500,000). THANK YOU.**  
*(40 Households have exceeded their committed contributions. Thank you.)*

***IF YOU HAVE NOT YET COMPLETED YOUR COMMITMENT, YOU ARE WELCOME TO CONTINUE OFFERING YOUR GIFT WEEKLY OR MONTHLY TO REACH YOUR GOAL. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Jim McDonald, Parish Finance Coordinator.***

## WHAT WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED THUS FAR

Selection of Strategic Planning Team and Capital Campaign Team; TEN Full Parish Gatherings; Two Land appraisals; Property re-zoning process; Architectural consultations and preliminary drawings; Liturgical Design Consultations; Selection of Contractor; Entirely new lighting system in the worship space. New Sound system for Worship Space and Social Center; new organ; New construction addition for new organ installation. Negotiations with potential “buyer” of our land and the execution of a “Buy/Sell Agreement” which recently expired and is now being re-negotiated (note report on next page.); and, previously, new heating and air conditioning system for entire building and pastor’s residence.

**65% of parish households are participating.**

*55 parish households are participating who have not formally pledged support—those families have thus far contributed \$81,070. THANK YOU.*

*63 parish households have not, thus far, participated in the campaign. PARTICIPATION STILL WELCOME!*



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**THANK YOU!**