

Building Committee News

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Next phase of construction to begin.

Let there be light!

In consultation with the Pastoral and Finance Councils, along with input from the Building Committee and other advisors, steps have been taken to move forward with the next elements of renovation of the church. These will begin this summer and continue into fall. During this time there will be no disruption to our regular weekend Mass schedule in the church.

The first and perhaps most notable improvement during this phase will be the replacement of the lighting in the church nave. New wiring and lights utilizing directional fixtures will be installed. The new system will be safer, more efficient, more comfortable, and more effective for the configuration of the pews.

The lighting will also be improved later this fall with the planned installation of a skylight over the altar. The sky light will add natural daylight to brighten the worship space and enhance the beauty of the altar. Again, both these projects will be completed without disruption to our weekend Mass schedule.

Baptismal Font

Also this fall, another important sacramental element will be added to the church. The new baptismal font will be constructed in the floor at the east end. Its beautiful design will accommodate both immersion baptisms of adults at the Easter Vigil and infant baptisms throughout the year. It will also serve as focal point of welcome for all who enter the church—a reminder of our own baptism, and its connection to the Eucharist we celebrate each week.

Nursery

The last big project for this phase of the renovation will be the creation of a nursery. This will be constructed at the west end of the church, incorporating the current Marian shrine and storage area. The new nursery will provide a safe, convenient facility for childcare during Masses. New roofing for this area is also planned.

Crucifix

Work is also beginning on selecting the crucifix that will be an important part of our newly renovated worship space. Consideration is being given to its size, style and design. Artists may be invited to submit their designs for consideration.

Other improvements

Other projects for this summer will include replacing the wooden doors at the west end of the church with clear glass doors. This will allow parents with young children to be able to see and hear Mass while taking a little "time out" with the little ones.

Also, the cypress trees on the south side of the church building will be removed. Two of these trees have already been removed due to disease; if allowed to remain, the others would begin to cause structural damage to the church building. Their removal will also allow more natural light into the church.

Call for Help

Even though there is a plan to put all this into motion, there are still many details to work out. The Building Committee is looking for people to help with the design of the nursery, baptismal font and crucifix. To volunteer to serve on the subcommittee, or to share your ideas, please contact the following:

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You may also share your ideas with any of the Building Committee members. There is still important work to be done!

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