

School/Parish Hall, Rectory, Church Maintenance Update First of all, thank you to everyone for your commitment to our parishes. Also, thank you very much for your patience while the school has been undergoing renovations. Here are some updates. Work at the school is nearing completion. The contractor is awaiting a safety gate delivery to install for the motorized lift. This is the last that was ordered to be completed in the interior/entrance/painting/doors/floors per Fr. Birkel's directions. At some point, we will want to get one toilet each operable in the upstairs boys/girls restrooms, but we do not have an estimate yet. The bathroom on the first level is currently operable. CCD classes have been ongoing in the school this year. I got Diode to extend free WiFi in the school to help out our CCD teachers in their classrooms & the gym. The PCCW & Knights of Columbus graciously paid for new Smart TVs in the classrooms & The Center. We will wait until Black Friday to look for a deal for a Smart TV for the gymnasium. I would envision the ability to have online capability for teaching faith formation & also the ability to have pictorial slides at funeral dinners, etc with this Smart TV in the gym. The gym/kitchen does need cleaned and the tables/chairs need protective caps put on them (already purchased) to protect the floor. Rosalie Tynan from the PCCW & Randy Prellwitz from the K of C are doing a walk-thru of the gym/kitchen Saturday, October 12th, to form a plan to get utensils & furniture moved back & cleaned. Once things are cleaned, I would feel the gym & the entire school is good-to-go for funeral luncheons, faith formation, group meetings, coffee & donuts, fish fry's, etc. To date, we have spent about \$80k on the school. There will be more bills upcoming & outstanding but we should still have approximately \$195k left from the Paul Prellwitz Gift to St. Michael's, which is donor designated for maintenance/repairs, not to mention the Carmen Juarez Gift which is not donor advised and is untouched. I believe this gift is around \$250k.

I ordered a structural & systems assessment on all of our buildings/HVAC/electrical from JEO Consulting out of Lincoln to give us a map of what issues we might have, timeframes of importance/lifespan, etc. Those results are forthcoming and I would envision using that to determine if/when we spend anything else on the church/school. We do have significant issues with the rectory—there is currently a leak in the living room ceiling, the roof needs replaced, the windows & siding are rough, there are foundation/cracking issues with the driveway/garage landing, & there is a sinkhole on the apron of the curb that we are responsible for per the city. The engineers from JEO said that it would be more cost effective to begin repairing these items on the rectory as opposed to tearing down & building new. With that in mind, I did sign a contract for LP Smartsiding (Prellwitz Exteriors) for approximately \$18k. We are working with our insurer Catholic Mutual Group, JEO, & Prellwitz Exteriors to get the roof replaced. With aid of Bruce Busing & vetting by the Parish Finance Council, we are going to use Thrasher Foundations to repair the driveway cracks/foundation issues using poly-level lift for \$9476. I have estimates for windows from Pella Windows and Casey Nelson Exteriors, and might be getting a third one before bringing these to the Parish Finance Council for their input. My goal is to begin working on exterior rectory needs first and then later on looking at interior needs (flooring, bathrooms, electrical, kitchen updates).

As I mentioned at the welcome picnic back in July, a couple of goals of mine are to make sure we have enough Catholics 50 years from now to still have a parish in existence. It is also my responsibility to make sure we have buildings, grounds, a rectory, and a church safe enough for the Bishop to send a priest to live here in 50 years. All of this I take very seriously, along with an understanding that funds are limited, needs are many, and prudent management always leaves funds for the future. I am not looking to spend the combined entirety of the Prellwitz & Juarez gifts. The minds on the Parish Finance Council, input from professionals I know & trust, and prudence will help steer the ship for building issues. As they say, without a margin there is no mission. We have the most important mission in all of history: the salvation of souls & the sharing of the Good News of Jesus Christ. Please pray for me that I may be a prudent steward of God's mysteries in the Sacraments & His Church. God bless you all! – Fr. Fulton

The Prayer of St. Francis deSales

Be at peace.

*Do not look forward in fear to the changes of life;
rather look to them with full hope as they arise.*

God, whose very own you are, will deliver you from out of them.

*He has kept you hitherto, and He will lead you safely through all things;
and when you cannot stand it, God will bury you in his arms.*

*Do not fear what may happen tomorrow; the same everlasting Father who cares
for you today will take care of you then and every day.*

He will either shield you from suffering, or give you unfailing strength to bear it.

Be at peace, and put aside all anxious thoughts and imagination.



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Let us pray for one another. God bless you!