

St. Mary Building & Grounds Update

St Mary Maintenance staff and the Buildings and Grounds Committee, as a subcommittee of the St Mary Stewardship (Finance) Commission, have been analyzing the current uses of all our buildings and ground as well as future needs of the parish and school.

The Red House



The Buildings and Grounds Committee analyzed the use, condition, location and future potential of the property at **2857 Ashmont**. It's condition would need substantial investment for any living situation such as rental or parish use. This property is outside the footprint of the St Mary campus, providing little future expansion potential. This property is currently pending sale.

The Committee also noted that the property **For Sale** at **3435 Monteith** was of interest to the parish. That plot sits inside our campus footprint which provides the possibility for a functional future use. With approval of our Pastor, Fr. Ken, the Buildings and Grounds Committee, and the Stewardship Commission,

St Mary purchased 3435 Monteith. The inspection of the property found it to be in very good shape. The current plan is to lease the house to provide income for St. Mary. The B&G Committee will begin discussions on the long term potential for that property.



Church Improvements

The Church doors are back and looking better than they have in many years! Safety additions such as push bars for exit enhance the new doors. Drip caps were added to keep water from entering at the top, protecting the door. The vendor will return soon to complete the sweep mechanism between and below each door, sealing from outside weather.



Tile in the sanctuary is a tremendous improvement! The Sanctuary carpet needed replacing, and the tile returns the church closer to the original flooring. The tile also covers exposed underflooring remaining from removal of the old organ console, and increases acoustics prior to installation of our new organ.

Installation of our new organ is scheduled to start in November. Please see the **ORGAN UPDATE** in this bulletin for all the details.



Rectory/Parish Office

The Rectory/Parish Office building has many struggles and deficiencies. The first step was to seal the outside from allowing further damage. This has not been completed in decades. Over the summer, we updated the outside by patching and protecting wood and painting all wood (window frames, columns and siding). This allows us to move forward, starting a more detailed assessment of the building for future use.

Next Up Projects....to the heating and cooling that keep our church and school comfortable.

- ◆ **Heating and cooling**...new controls will increase our ability to monitor the temperature, providing a more comfortable atmosphere while saving money. The new control program allows us better visibility and regulation of the temperature in church and school.
- ◆ **Revised piping on our boilers** will allow our units to more efficiently heat and dispense water to warm our large facilities.
- ◆ **New valves in the cafeteria and gym** will reverse our backward heating problem. The gym and cafeteria are on the same service for heat, but the gym is usually much warmer than the cafeteria. These enhancements will allow students in the cafeteria to be warmer while eating, and students in the gym not to be roasting while running!

The Buildings and Grounds Committee is studying ways to enhance usage of our current campus.

- * How can we use more of the underutilized Rectory/Parish Office?
- * Can we improve traffic flow?
- * Can we make better use of other areas of campus?

If you have ideas/thoughts, please feel free to discuss with any of these members:

Staff: Fr. Ken Schartz, Jeff Rinear, & Bill Hurst.

St. Mary Organizations Representative: Chris Hamant (SMAC), Chris Zimmer (Stewardship) & Katherine Mulligan (PTO)

At Large Representatives: Eileen Aber, Christie Boron, Rob Busemeyer, Frank Care, & Daniel Kiley