



“Come encounter Christ, Joyfully share his love, Go Make Disciples!”

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Dear Parishioners and friends:

Further to a recent letter to parishioners in which we explained, that even though we have two buildings, our continued goal is for parish unity and that all parishioners feel like one Christ the King family. Today, we want to update Parishioners on work we have been carrying out to ensure both of our facilities continue to be functional and available for all parish needs.

We have two very useful facilities in Christ the King Parish and we are investing in both where possible. Before discussing our spending, we think it important to recognize the great effort of parish volunteers and the work of our service organizations, who carry out work on landscaping, painting, trades work, site and room management and a host of other services that contribute to the success of the parish.
THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS.

There are some changes in our financial situation this year. In the previous two years, living in a pandemic meant that the church was used much less, and as a result, the requirement for cleaning and maintenance spending was reduced. In addition, the parish benefitted from COVID subsidies which help supplement a drop in Parishioner Revenue. This year, with COVID restrictions lifted, we are very thankful that attendance numbers are increasing, and we pray that these numbers and corresponding revenue will continue to increase so that we get back to pre-COVID levels. In addition, we did have a weather-related setback in our revenue collections earlier in the year. Winter storms in January and February reduced attendance levels and associated revenue at masses on four different weekends.

Despite our revenue situation, there is necessary maintenance that is required. Some of the necessary Initiatives that we are working on include:

- Livestream upgrade at Saint Thomas More (STM)- Anyone familiar with our past livestream production recognized that improvements were required and would notice a tremendous improvement in video and audio quality lately. Our work continues and is scheduled to be complete by late June.
- Organ Relocation at STM- This work was required to take advantage of the fine sounds of the organ where it could be played in conjunction with other choir activities. Although the project will not be totally complete until late June, we have been able to enjoy a small sample of some great organ sounds since Easter.
- Heat pump installation in the John Paul Room at St Vincent de Paul (SVP). This room is used extensively by the CTK funeral ministry and by others and this installation will raise comfort level for users in summer and winter

- Lighting upgrades at both sites-LED lighting has been installed in the main church and the stage area at STM and in the main church and Stewardship Centre at SVP. This is the latest in our comprehensive changeover to LED lighting which is a much more efficient method of lighting.
- Replacement of the overhead fan with more efficient destratification fans at SVP. These have been set on a timer and will be programmed to be used when most required.
- During last winter's storms, several leaks were detected at both sites. To deal with this, initiatives that we are working on this year are repairing the wall in the classroom at STM and replacing a small section of roof over the entrance of SVP. We will also be investigating the repair and replacement of the façade around the Stewardship center at SVP as there appears to be significant water damage within its substructure.
- We are upgrading the interior of the confessional at STM and replacing the ceiling over the STM stage.
- Numerous smaller items continue to require attention such as exterior doors at both sites required accessibility work and weather-stripping repairs and exterior lighting required replacement in some cases.
- We are in the process of putting maintenance contracts in place for our mechanical equipment.

As you can see, we intend to keep these two buildings inviting and functional for all parishioners.

We had set a parish budget of \$25,000 for maintenance for 2022, and we have also benefitted from parishioner contributions of \$3,000 for Livestreaming and Heat Pump initiatives. To date, approximately \$18,000 has been spent or committed and we are not quite 50% through the year. Given this, we may be facing a situation where we will have to slow down some of these high priority maintenance projects because of our funding situation.

We know that Christ the King Parishioners are generous, and we thank you for giving to support our mission. We also know things are hard, but if God has blessed you, we encourage to consider prayerfully giving to support our maintenance requirements. You can do so various ways. On-line avenues are available and within our Parish envelopes, there is included a Maintenance collection envelope for June 5th.

May God bless you and your families.

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