

St. Joseph's Dreams UPDATE

Earlier this year we sent out a flyer with some of the needs of St. Joseph's Parish. We wanted to keep you updated on how these repairs are coming along. Through the generous donation of some of our parishioners we have been able to move forward on a few of our projects.



1 .Parish lawn and landscaping: We have had to re-think our plan for our church landscaping. We have learned that the well water and the soil are both not well suited for grass. Our group is meeting and discussing options to downsize the lawn area by possibly adding flower beds and statues. We would need to replace the current sprinkler system, add curbing, and landscaping rock. **We do have a \$5000.00 donation from a parishioner** to begin this work. We are hoping that someone will step forward with a donation for the statue/statues, plants, landscaping block/pavers.



2. Our Parking lots need some maintenance. We need to fill and seal the joints and cracks and also paint the markings for handicap and regular parking. **This item has been about 60k% completed.** The East parking lot, the North, and South sides of the church and the south side of the office have been completed. The West parking lot will be completed in the spring.



3. The Interior doors on either side of the church at the top of the stairs are in need of replacement. We would like to replace with a solid core door with new hardware and closures.

This project cost has been generously donated by a St. Joseph Parishioner.



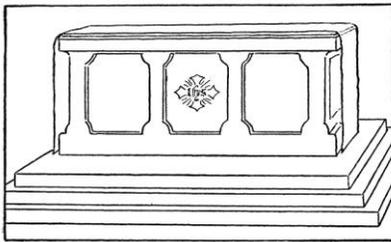
4. When the Pine Room was remodeled there were 8 older single pane windows that were left. We would like to replace these windows with new maintenance free windows. Not only will these last for a very long time, it will enhance the appearance and also help to lower our heating costs.



5. The church chimney needs to be tuck-pointed. This means that the masonry used to build the chimney needs to be removed and repaired to insure its stability.



6. Our church steeple is in need of repair. We will need to rent an 80 foot lift to repair and paint or find and hire a company to do this job. Along with this we need to replace and repair numerous broken tile.



7. We have received the altar that we were fortunate to get from the parish of Donnybrook which closed earlier this year. This altar matches the design of the back altar and the two side altars and would be the main altar on which Father celebrates Mass. **The repairs on this altar have been started. A generous donation from a St. Joseph parishioner's family is helping to fund a part of this project.**



8. Remember the Pine Room? Our Pine Room is amazing. I believe that we probably use the Pine Room more than any other community room in the city. BUT.... Unfortunately it is not fully paid for. We still have an outstanding debt of \$351,094.91! We would love to pay this off or pay it down.

If at any time you would like to discuss these items or are interested in making a donation towards any of these projects, please call Ann or Doug at the parish office at 701-483-2223 or at their home at 701-483-9616. We would love to visit with you about what is needed to make these items a reality.

End of year is coming up fast. Do you need a tax deduction? One of these projects would be a great place to start!!