

St. Joseph's Dreams:

It takes a lot of hard work and unfortunately money to keep a parish running smoothly and up to date on repairs and maintenance. Over the last year or so we have completed many needed repairs, but we here at St Joseph's still have some work to do. The following is a list of our "St Joseph's Dreams". They are not listed in any particular order. If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas, we welcome your input. Please call us at the office at 701-483-2223. We would appreciate any and all help.



1. Parish lawn and landscaping. Over the years we have had trouble keeping our lawn looking nice. Also the landscaping timbers have rotted and decayed and need to be replaced. There have also been basement leaks around the area of the flower beds. The removal of these flower beds will allow us to repair this. We have started on this project but in order to do it properly we will need to put some money into it. We are currently getting the well water tested and also the soil tested. Once this is done we will need to decide how to proceed. We have received a bid to (if needed) remove and replace the topsoil. Along with this we would need to replace the current sprinkler system, add curbing, landscaping rock, and either hydro seed or lay sod. We do have a \$5000.00 donation from a parishioner to begin this work.

2. We would also love to add a statue of St Joseph to our landscaping or if finances allowed we could also add the Blessed Virgin Mary and/or Jesus.



3. 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.



4. 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.



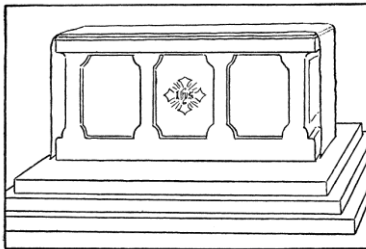
5. When the Pine Room was remodeled there were 8 older single pane windows that were left. We would like to replace these windows with new maintenance free windows. Not only will these last for a very long time, it will enhance the appearance and also help



6. 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.



7. 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.



8. We would like to replace the wooden center altar with an altar that we are 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. It would need some repairs but we feel it would be a beautiful addition to our church.



9. 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 \$367,000.00! We would love to pay this off or pay it down.

In the near future a display of all of the items we feel need attention will be set up in the Pine Room in the basement of the church. If at any time you would like to discuss these items 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. God Bless.