



St. Joseph Landscaping update,

First of all, let me express my sincere gratitude and that of all of St. Joseph Parish to those who donated money toward the St. Joseph Statue. We received a picture of the clay model, and it looks amazing! We decided when we started this project that we would not order the statue until we had all of the money needed to pay for it. Although that seemed like a bit of a challenge, many people stepped forward to offer assistance. A few of those were not even members of our church but maybe had a mother or father who had been. Thank you does not begin to cover our appreciation.

Even with the Pandemic, we are still scheduled for a delivery date of sometime in August. We will be busy the next couple of months putting in edgers, mulch, rock and the “meditation” area around the statue along with the sidewalks. We have decided to lay pavers instead of pouring concrete for the area around the statue. This will allow us to save money by doing the work ourselves, and we believe will have more of the design we are trying to achieve. The grass and sprinklers will be put in after the St. Joseph statue

has been set. We decided on this to minimize the possibility of ruining anything that has already been done and having to do it again.

You may have noticed the landscape materials in the west parking lot. This is just the beginning of the many things that will need to be accomplished this summer. We were able to purchase those items at a great price from a recent auction. Thank you to Kelly Privratsky, Ben Sticka and Dan Keller for taking their time and resources to help us achieve this.

The trees have been tentatively marked out. I do not believe that the definite species have been decided on as of yet, but will be shortly. The one tree that we planted last fall is coming back nicely. Also, the rose bushes that were transplanted from the west side of the office to Father’s yard and to the east side of the church office are all looking healthy.

We will need some strong and willing volunteers to help as we move forward with this project. Do you know of anyone? Let us know if you do or have them call me. I would love to visit with them 😊.

As always, I ask for your prayers as we move forward with this project. Without your help and generous donations, we would not have gotten this far. As we were pulling weeds last week (thank you Confirmation boys), I was telling St. Joseph that I hoped he was smiling down on us and would guide us through this project (I think he may have been actually laughing at my attempts to keep up with the kids).

Again, I want all of you to know how grateful we are for your prayers and contributions to this project. Whether you donated, you prayed for us, or you offered suggestions, we appreciate all of it! There is still much to do and many bills to pay. If you know of anyone who has expressed an interest in helping out with any of the above, please have them call me. I would love to share our vision with them.

We are excited and I hope you are too. Next summer we will be sitting in the statue area and enjoying our time with St. Joseph. I can’t wait! Anyone want to join me for a cup of coffee and an Our Father?

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