

Renovation Projects

Adoration Chapel

Is the adoration chapel going to be open during Mass?

Yes.

Will the outside door have security access and better lighting?

Yes, the security and lighting for the entire campus will be reviewed and updated.

Archdiocese

Does the archdiocese contribute to the campaign?

No. They are unable to help every parish.

How much of my campaign contribution goes to the archdiocese?

Zero. All campaign contributions stay at St. Philip Neri – Blessed Sacrament.

Audio/Visual Upgrades

Will we be able to hear Mass in the Parish Center?

Yes, and with the video upgrades, Mass can be viewed in the Parish Center as well.

Will the audio system include provisions for the **Hearing Impaired**?

We are reviewing options for the church.

Bidding Process

Who is the architect?

Jackson, Jackson & Associates.

Will there be a contingency fund built into this budget?

Yes, we have built in 10%.

General contractors – the architect will provide input related to the contractor chosen. Tom Sammons, of the parish Facilities Team will provide oversight to the contractor.

Cry Room

Are we looking to add a cry room?

With sound upgrades the new Gathering Space and Parish Center will be options.

Choir Loft

Is the choir loft usable if we have an open ceiling above the gathering space?

Yes. The existing loft will remain and be accessible.

Construction Begins

When do we start?

We plan to begin construction after school is out in May. Then the Activity Center will be used for Mass during renovation.

How long will renovation take?

We project 6 months. We hope to complete renovation of the church prior to the parish center and resume Mass in the church.

Elevator

How was it decided where to place the elevator?

The current space won't accommodate a larger elevator. The architect suggested removing the pews. By doing this we gain a gathering space and a larger elevator.

How big will the new elevator be?

About twice the size; with an increased capacity of almost 1,000 pounds.

Estate Gifts

Why don't we use the money from estate gifts the parish has received?

We want to complete these projects without relying on parish investments. This is a prudent way to plan for the future.

Finance

How many parishioners do we have?

Approximately 620 registered families.

Does the \$1.2 million budget include the circle drive?

No.

General

What about the confessionals by the music area?

They are currently used for storage and will remain storage.

Will the Exterior of the Church be changed?

No, nothing will change.

Will the Woodwork in the Chapel be reconditioned as part of the projects?

Has not been addressed at this time. We will have to do some work in the adoration chapel because the woodwork is blonde and does not match the wood in the chapel

Handicapped Accessibility

Will Handicapped Parking be closer to the building?

Yes, Phase II includes a circle drive and additional handicap parking.

Will the family Restrooms be handicap accessible?

Yes. The new family restrooms will be ADA compliant.

Kitchen

Will the tables in the middle of the kitchen be moveable?

Yes.

Will there be a small sink in the kitchen?

Yes, we are adding a sink in the food prep area. We will still have a hand-washing sink next to the dishwashing sink.

Are we going to add electrical outlets in the kitchen?

Yes.

Where is the **Storage?**

We have added storage over in the library and we will keep the storage area we have currently by the kitchen.

What **Storage space will the Knights of Columbus have?**

It will be where the current elevator is located.

Narthex/Gathering Space

How wide are the doors opening into the church from the Narthex?

Full width of current aisle.

Will noise be a factor without a ceiling in the gathering space area?

Leaving the ceiling off allows for the feeling of inclusion in the church. This has been done at St. Mary in Portsmouth, Iowa – without sound problems.

What is the size of the new gathering space?

Approximately 600 square feet. (50 x 12)

What will the Gathering Space be used for?

Staging area for Weddings, Funerals, Sacraments; overflow for Masses; upset children; script sales; KoC promotions; visiting before/after Mass during inclement weather.

Parish Center

Are the existing restrooms in the Parish Center going to be enlarged?

No. Instead we will add a family restroom on both the church level and in the Parish Center. We will update the other restrooms – as the building code allows.

What is the **Flooring going to be in the main part of the basement?**

We are looking at carpeting.

What are the plans for the **Current Walls?**

We will pick carpet color first and then make a decision about the walls.

Will the seating capacity change?

No - but it will all be on one level (with the stage removed).

Does the Floor Plan change in the Parish Center?

Changes are: the kitchen will expand into the library and stage will be removed.

Will there be a Brides Room?

Yes, the multi-purpose room.

Will there be a room for Kids and Toys?

Yes, the multi-purpose room.

Security

Will the outside door have security access and better lighting?

Yes, we will have better lighting because we see this as the door to the adoration chapel.

Storage

Where is the Storage?

We have added storage in place of the library and will keep the current storage area we by the kitchen.

Will there be Storage space for Knights of Columbus?

Yes. It will be where the current elevator is located.

Campaign

Average Donation

Is there an estimated average donation per family?

Each parish family is in a unique economic position from every other family. While each campaign packet includes a suggested pledge amount, every household is asked to prayerfully consider committing 3% to 5% of their household income for each year of the campaign to this project, or if retired 3% to 5% of assets (in total) over 3 years.

Campaign Consultants

How long do our consultants from *For the Greater* remain?

For the Greater will stay in contact and is available for additional consulting, at no charge, until the pledge period is complete. (3 years).

Campaign Goal

What are we hoping to raise in this campaign? Is it enough?

We'd like to raise between \$1.2 and \$1.35 million. It would fully fund the renovation of both the church and parish center levels.

Collection Percentage

What percentage of pledges can we expect to be paid?

Historically, we've seen 97-100% of pledges collected.

Confidentiality

Is my gift made public?

No. All gifts are accepted in complete confidence.

Contractual Obligation

Is my pledge legally binding?

No, it is not. This is not a contract. Your pledge is morally binding – however, in the event of unforeseen economic circumstances that affect your family, your pledge would cease to be morally binding and the church expects you to take care of your family first.

Estate Planning

Can I include St. Philip Neri–Blessed Sacrament in my will/estate plan?

Absolutely. An estate gift could have a lasting impact on the parish.

Designated Gifts

Can we designate our gift for specific items in the church?

Yes, that is an option. The quickest path to a completion is with unrestricted gifts.

Donor Intent

Will my gift be used for anything besides these projects or the master plan?

All campaign gifts will be used only for the projects shared in the masterplan as detailed during campaign events. These contributions cannot be used for anything other than this purpose. This is covered in *Canon Law 1267:3*

Matching Gifts

I work for a matching gift company. How do I start this process?

Please contact the parish office to discuss this possibility.

Pledges

How often do I pay on my pledge?

Each family will determine its frequency of pledge payments. Monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, etc. All are acceptable.

How are payments set up?

Payments can be mailed in. Electronic Funds Transfer is also available.

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No. It is not a contract.

How long is the pledge period?

3 years

Will we receive pledge reminders?

Yes. Statements will be sent out quarterly, beginning in January.

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Stock/bonds/grain/gold

Can we donate stocks, bonds, mutual funds, loads of grain, gold, etc.?

Yes, all are acceptable. Your accountant can explain the benefits.

Taxes

Are contributions to the campaign deductible?

Yes, if you itemize.