

Dear Parishioners,

On Monday, March 5, the repair work for the ceiling in the church will begin. Because of the fact that scaffolding is going to be up and the worker will start quite early in the morning, daily Mass is going to be celebrated in another location in the building. This past week we removed everything from the current meeting room, painted the walls and put a beautiful wooden table, that is perfect for an altar, in that room. We also put a spare tabernacle and vigil light in the room along with an ambo so that we now have a suitable place to celebrate daily Mass.

That room definitely needed work. The walls were looking like they needed a coat of paint. I would like to thank Zack Engles for doing such a good job painting the walls.

For the moment, the move to this room is temporary. However, it makes a lot of sense to keep that room as a daily Mass chapel on a permanent basis. The room is large enough to accommodate a group of thirty people comfortably, which is more than enough space for our normal daily Mass crowd. Also, the space would be far more intimate, warm, and inviting than the large church for a smaller celebration of the Eucharist. Of course, there are practical reasons for moving daily Mass away from the large church. We could save a lot of money by not heating and air conditioning the large church for such a small crowd of people. It costs a lot of money to heat and air condition the Church for a half an hour a day. The new daily Mass chapel, which is part of the current rectory, is heated and air conditioned because it is part of the current rectory and parish office system.

No final decision has been made yet; I am writing this just to inform the community about what I am thinking. This topic has been discussed among the staff and other leadership of the parish and the idea seems to have been well received. Of course, I am completely open to the wishes of the community and if this daily Mass chapel doesn't work out, we can move it back into the church when the ceiling repair is done.

In joyful hope,  
Fr. Tim Seigel