

Dear Parishioners,

We are still working on several important projects which were discussed when I gave the State of the Parish talk last February. I thought it might be helpful to offer updates on how things are progressing.

After a year of consultation, planning, and a lot of hard work by the members of the Handicapped Accessibility Committee, Pastoral Council, and Finance Council, a site for the elevator has been agreed upon. We have also decided on a contractor for this project.

On the east side of our building complex there are three doors. The north door is an entrance into the kitchen area of the parish hall downstairs and the lobby of the church upstairs. The center door is an entrance to the Kishwaukee Community College classrooms downstairs and to Jill Hansen's office upstairs. The south door is an entrance to more classrooms downstairs and to the old rectory upstairs. The elevator will be an addition built onto the center door on the east side of the building. Our new elevator will have three levels: an entrance level off the parking lot; an upper level that services the main level of the church and parish center; and a lower level that services the parish hall and the classrooms.

Shales McNutt Construction is the contractor for this project. They have an excellent reputation. They have built many large buildings like schools and hospitals. While our project is much smaller in comparison, they have treated it with the same care and concern they have for all of their other building contracts. Furthermore, their bid was by far the lowest, ranging between \$250,000 and \$300,000.

Currently we have been given permission by the diocese to pursue more finalized designs for this project. So, we are well on our way.

We will embark upon a capital campaign in order to pay for this project. In this way, we will be able to keep our parish in good financial health in the future.

Next week, I will write about a couple of other projects that are going to be in store for us in the coming weeks and months.

In joyful hope,  
Fr. Tim Seigel