

Dear Friends,

I am so pleased to announce the completion of the elevator and addition to the building. As of now, we have final occupancy, and our building is now accessible for all people with physical handicaps. There are a few small details that still need to be completed like resurfacing part of the parking lot, and painting the outside of the elevator tower. This will all be done very soon.

We are planning a dedication ceremony and reception for Sunday, May 11, at 9:15am. The reception will continue after the 10:30am Mass. I know that date is also Mother's Day; it is also the day of the May Crowning and a lot of other events. Holidays are celebrated every year. This is the only time we will have to celebrate something as big as the dedication of this addition. As a community, we are investing a great deal of time, energy and financial support in this project and we want to celebrate it well. Unfortunately other scheduling conflicts have come up that make it impossible to celebrate the dedication of our new elevator on another date. I do hope our entire parish can come together in joy to celebrate this historic moment for our parish.

Once again, I am so proud of the work we have accomplished with this project. We took a very large step in order to show real compassion for people with physical handicaps. As individuals and as a community, we have taken the gospel message to heart by making very large sacrifices for the good of others in our community who truly need our help. Of course, the elevator is open to everyone who wants to use it.

The new addition looks great! The way it ties into the old building, it almost looks like it has always been there. The wall colors, the carpeting, and the way everything ties together give the new addition a feeling of warmth and welcoming that should provide many years of enjoyment. We will do some landscaping along the east side of the building and before long it is going to look even better.

Thank you very much, everyone, for your support, your encouragement and your generosity in supporting this wonderful project.

In joyful hope,
Fr. Tim Seigel