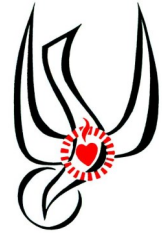


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Dear Holy Spirit Parishioners,

27 years – where has the time gone??

Church of the Holy Spirit was built 27 years ago, and with that age, comes much more needed maintenance work. The Finance Council and the Building and Grounds Advisory Committee (BGAC) have been working hard to make sure our church is a beautiful, safe, well kept, House of God, where everyone is welcomed. Due to hail damage, the shingles were replaced last year on the church and the rectory with the help of the insurance company. This year, three major items have been decided to move forward on – the parking lot, a nitrogen-based fire suppressant system, and the sound system.

The BGAC received quotes from 6 different reputable companies for the parking lot and the members have put in many hours of research and interviews and have decided on and presented to the Finance Council, the company Hanson Paving to do the work. The new parking lot comes with a price tag of nearly \$250,000.

After several costly repairs to leaking pipes in the fire suppressant system, and most recently, a portion of the ceiling of the church being removed to repair pipes, it has been decided to move forward with the installation of a nitrogen-based fire suppressant system. This will remove the oxygen in the pipes and will not allow the pipes to rust thus eliminating future sheetrock removal to repair pipes. This much needed improvement will be done by Summit Fire Protection and will cost almost \$16,000.

Sue Iten has done her due diligence and has presented TechNick for replacing and upgrading the sound system in church. There are three proposed phases, but the finance council has chosen to go with the first phase for now. The first phase replaces the sound board, speakers, amp, cables, and provides a listen assist feature. This phase will be almost \$12,000, but a generous donation of \$9,000 has already been given for this project.

Why is this in the bulletin? For two reasons: 1. To inform you of the hard work that volunteers are putting in to keep God's house beautiful, 2. To ask for your support. The above projects are quite costly, but very necessary. The Finance Council has been making sure some funds have been set aside for major projects like this, but over the years there has been no way to know exactly how much is needed when the time comes to do the fixing. If you want to contribute to one or all of these projects, you can do so but putting a marked envelope in the collection, calling the office, talking to a trustee or finance council member, or by going to the website and making an online donation.

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all the volunteers who have and continue to work on these and other projects! Also, thank you for prayerfully considering donating to these projects!! May God richly bless your generosity!

Sincerely,

- The Holy Spirit Finance Council, BGAC, Janice Wuebkers, and Fr. Mark Stang