



KEYS TO OUR NEW HOME PROJECT UPDATE

(a summary of presentations given at Masses the weekend of January 23-24)

It has been several months since our last update. Much has been accomplished in that time. Since last August, there have been a series of meetings (some weekly) with the architects, engineers and construction teams, to finalize a design that meets our parish needs, within the scope of our budget and Diocesan guidelines, and meets Village code and zoning requirements.

Where Are We?

Recently, we passed a significant milestone, as the Village Plan Commission has given St. Peters approval of the final design and site. The updated drawings are now displayed at the back of church, so please stop by and take a look.

On behalf of Father Slawek, the committee members and St. Peter's parishioners, we extend our thanks to Mayor Jeff Pruyn, village officials and other members of the village team for their help in this process. They made the time to meet with us on many occasions and provided valuable guidance, which in turn allowed us to hold down design costs as we worked through various scenarios.

Next Steps

Soon, the plan will go before the Village Board for final approval. In the meantime, the architectural firm will begin the final drawings needed for the construction. Weather permitting, we expect to break ground, in June of this year with an 11 to 12 month construction time line.

As has been mentioned in prior updates, the Diocese has been very supportive of our project, both financially and spiritually. As a part of his goal to visit all diocesan parishes, Bishop Conlon is currently scheduled to spending the first weekend of June visiting St. Peters. Among other things, Bishop will be attending all masses to have a chance to meet our parishioners. In light of this visit, we are hopeful that we can schedule the ground-breaking to take place during his visit.

Your continued weekly support, combined with contributions of the pledge received, as well as your prayers, have made this a dream a reality. However, although we have made great strides in raising funds toward our goal, you may have also noticed that our campaign pledges have grown stagnant and have been holding at the \$1.6 million level for many months. Unfortunately, we remain short \$700K of our \$2.25million goal. At this time, just under 30% of parishioners have pledged to help with this significant project. We know we can do better as a parish and will continue to pray for additional pledges over the course of the project. Consequently, based on the current funding outlook, some difficult decisions are being considered with regard to the design of the Church, Narthex and gathering space, in order to meet the reduced funding. Below are the compromises currently under consideration. It is our hope that outstanding parishioner pledge commitments will come forward to avoid the necessity of these compromises.

Major Design Compromises

- **CHOIR LOFT** - Without elevator access, the choir loft will be built as non-occupancy space. Structural components to add an elevator at a later date will be included; until funding is available, the space is limited to storage.
- **PARISH OFFICES** - Space for parish offices will be included, but the build out will have to wait until funding is available.
- **GATHERING SPACE** - The gathering space will have a "roughed-in" food preparation area, but final finishing and equipment will be on hold until funding is available.
- **SOUND SYSTEM** - The Church and Narthex will have a basic sound system, but the plans for upgraded sound, as well as video monitors for any overflow in the Narthex to better see the altar and hear the Mass will be excluded at this time.

The good news is that there is still more than a year before the project is completed, allowing time for additional pledges to come forward and for us to look for alternate funding to complete the above areas. In the near future, we will be providing information on memorial purchases such as stained glass windows, statuary, etc.

In the meantime we are moving into the next phase of the process with God's continued guidance. God bless all of you and your continued support.