

Dear parishioners,

I write you today with happy news and sincere thanksgiving for your incredible generosity. In the past several weeks, you have demonstrated your profound altruism! First, you filled a good portion of the social hall with winter clothing and blankets for the needy in our area. Second, you bought gifts for those in need from the giving tree. Third, in just two weeks you've reduced the amount we need for UCA from \$10,000 to \$3,500. To top it all off, as of this past weekend's collection, we EXCEEDED our fundraising goal for the restoration project!

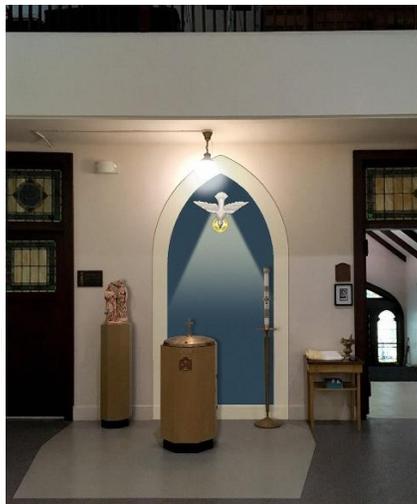
The overage will provide for a contingency which all construction projects need, as well as supplies to update the free-standing altar and ambo to match the rest of the altars. We are also considering adding a couple of other components to the project such as pulling the high altar forward a few feet and re-creating a doorway straight across from the crying room door. This would allow access to the sacristy without disrupting Adoration or people praying in the church. Another consideration is to have the area behind the baptistry painted in a way that sets that area apart. A third idea is installing a beautiful wooden railing around the baptistry. These secondary projects to finish off the restoration were being saved for a future time down the road when we would have the opportunity to raise some more funds. Now, with your wonderful generosity, we may be able to add these finishing touches much sooner. Of course, since all of these finishing touches are not part of the current fundraising goal for the restoration project, their cost would be in addition to the original goal that we had set. So, we are asking that those of you who have not completed your pledge to the project to please continue to do so. Doing this may provide enough funds not only to complete the main work of the restoration project, but to add these finishing touches as well! Further, if we should end the project with more money in the designated account than we will have needed, the remaining amount will be put into the general building fund, which can always use extra funds.

As you will see next time you're at church, the restoration company's work trailer is already in place and work is all set to start on Dec. 28th! Please check out this upcoming weekend's bulletin for some areas that we need volunteers in preparation for the start of the restoration.

As your pastor, and on behalf of the parish staff, thank you! Your charitableness is astounding and deeply appreciated.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Steven Laflamme



Cash on hand:



As of December 15th, there is also \$9,221 in pledges remaining to be fulfilled.