



IMMACULATE HEART^{OF} MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

A LETTER FROM THE PASTOR AUGUST 5, 2018

Dear friends in the Lord,

Six months ago I wrote to you in this space about the “water works” on our parish and school grounds. The likely appearance of barricades near the church driveway this week suggests that an update is appropriate.

Many of you will remember the “big dig” in the Maloney Center parking lot two years ago. It was caused by a leak in the large DeKalb County water main that runs under our property. After extensive excavation, the County located and repaired that leak.

Astute observers will have noticed that water has again been pooling at the entrance to the Maloney parking lot for the last six months. The County has determined that the old water main has experienced another major failure. That same 1950s-era pipe runs under the front of the historic church and under the middle of our IHM School building, so I am relieved that the County has decided to abandon it altogether and is in the process of replacing it with a new water main along right-of-ways in the vicinity.

The barricade near the driveway has been placed by the County because they worry that vehicular traffic over the failing main may be speeding its demise. Your pastor is more concerned with what six months of constant water flow has done to the ground under our pavement and the safety hazard that may pose. Please be assured that we are monitoring the situation vigilantly. And please join me in praying that this project will end happily—and soon.

Your brother in Christ’s word and work,