



CAMPAIGN PROJECT UPDATE SUMMER 2014

CHURCH

The pews, chairs, and furniture in the church have been cleaned, stained, and sealed to extend the life of the wood and give the interior of the church a warm feel. The electrical cord to the baptismal font has been buried under the floor, eliminating a trip hazard and making the aisle more accessible. Two niches have been constructed in the former confessionals, which will hold statues of Saint André Bessette and Blessed Basil Moreau. The original statues were lost in shipping; the second attempt for delivery is set for the middle of the summer. New exterior and interior doors will complete the scope of anticipated work in the church.

SCHOOL ADDITION

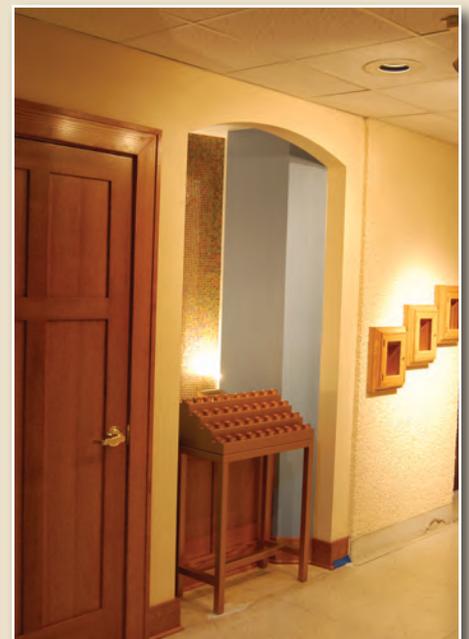
Diocesan policy states that we must have 50% of pledged cash in hand to begin construction. Due to the multi-year structure of campaign pledges, we are on pace to meet this requirement in the coming months and we are preparing to break ground in spring of 2015, with the hope of work being complete by early 2016. We have been working with the diocese to prepare financing and we have been working with the architects to finalize plans for the addition. Recent planning work has included:

- Working with teachers to plan the new classroom space and furniture.
- Visiting area gymnasiums to compare our schematics with other existing structures.
- Designing a lighting scheme.
- Choosing the court surface material.
- Determining the most efficient placement of team rooms and storage.
- Planning architectural elements to ensure the best possible atmosphere and feeling of spaciousness of the gym.
- Working with utility companies to determine the scope of work and cost to move utilities and prepare the site.

The final cost of the addition has not yet been finalized. We continue to work with the architects on selecting features that benefit both the school and the church while considering costs. We look forward to making the architect's renderings available on our website as they become available.

OUR PLACE OF WORSHIP

Below: the interior of our church after refurbishment. Pews and other furniture have been re-stained; new niches, closets, and front pew kneelers have been added.



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Below: the interior of Founders Hall at the Ackles Parish Life Center, before refurbishment and after. The hall has been host to numerous parish events, including the registration and donation drop-off point for the parish's annual Saint Nick Six road race. The center is also home to our parish offices, meeting rooms, and new Saint Joseph Preschool.



GROUNDS

We were successful in our campaign goal of acquiring additional parking in order to maximize green/play space near the school addition. Our first choice was to acquire the vacant lot on the corner of Hill and Colfax across from the school. In the end, the best course of action was to purchase the former carwash property on the corner of Hill and LaSalle across from the church. An added feature in the carwash acquisition is a large maintenance/storage garage, which will receive a patched roof and new paint job in the weeks ahead. Though the campaign set some money aside to move parking, the cost of this acquisition exceeded our budget and most of the money for the purchase, demolition, site prep, and paving has come from parish savings.

We are excited to have a new synthetic turf field in place as part of the school addition. Plans also call for beautification of the blacktop area between the school and rectory, and potentially an environmentally conscious roof on the addition with space for gardens.

ACKLES PARISH LIFE CENTER

The Ackles Parish Life Center and Saint Joseph Preschool are complete! We significantly renovated the building to create our own office space, meeting rooms, kitchen, and parish hall. The construction punch list is done, pictures have been hung, the preschool has just completed its first year, and the office team has spent ten months in their new workspace. Founder's Hall has been used for many parish gatherings, funeral luncheons, and a wide variety of both church and school activities. Now that the snow has melted, we will put in signs to direct more attention to our new building. If you have not been to the Ackles Center, please stop by and visit anytime!

CONTINUED THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE MADE THESE CAMPAIGN PROJECTS POSSIBLE!