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Bulletin announcements need to be in by Noon on Thursdays.

Secretary in the office only on Thursday from 8:30AM till 1:30PM

Mass Schedule: Sunday Morning Mass at 10:00 AM & Fridays at 8:30AM

Marriage: Contact parish priest 6 months before Baptism: Contact parish priest

SEPTEMBER 10, 2017-TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Unless specified below Mass times are as listed.
ST. BENEDICT---Sunday 10:00AM
Weekday Mass---Tuesday 7:30AM and Friday 8:30AM
BAILEYVILLE---Saturday 7:00PM and Sunday 8:30AM
Weekday Mass---Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:30AM

Sat. Sept. 9-Baileyville +Jeanette Holthaus
Sun. Sept. 10-Baileyville -People of the Parishes
Sun. Sept. 10-St. Benedict +Everett & Dorothy Pearl Murphy
Tues.-Sept. 12-St. Benedict +Marvin Bergman
Tues. Sept. 12-Baileyville +Virgil Sudbeck
Tues. Sept 12-Mass at Life Care at 11AM- +James Macke
Wed.-Sept. 13-Baileyville +Jeanette Holthaus
Thurs.-Sept. 14-Baileyville Liv/Dec. Art Heiman Family
Fri.-Sept. 15- St. Benedict +Ernest Haug
Sat. Sept. 16-Baileyville People of the Parishes
Sun. Sept. 17-Baileyville +Kayla Strathman
Sun. Sept. 17-St. Benedict +Loran Bergman & +Alan Stallbaumer

COLLECTIONS for September 3, 2017-Total: \$1,279.00.
 Thank you to all who donated towards the Mission Coop.
 We collected \$861.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to Father Regie on his 20th Anniversary! Thank you for being a dedicated and loving Shepard of God's flock. May God bless you on your milestone of devotion and service.

HAPPY GRANDPARENTS DAY to all grandparents! Thank you for everything you do in your grandchildren's life. You will always have a special place in their heart!

DEAR BROTHERS & SISTERS IN CHRIST,
 Nest Sunday (September 17) is celebrated as Catechetical Sunday with the focus on the theme "Living as Missionary Disciples." Those whom the Parish has designated to serve as CCD teachers will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry at the 10:00am Mass. On this Catechetical Sunday, while we thank our CCD teachers for their dedicated and generous service in the parish, it is a wonderful opportunity for all of us to reflect on the role that each one of us plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicated themselves to this mission as a community of faith. Fr. Regie

RELIEF FOR HURRICANE VICTIMS-A second collection for the support of the Church in those affected dioceses will be taken up today.

REMEMBER Larry Nordhus in your prayers. His funeral was on Sept. 7 at Sts. Peter and Paul in Seneca. Sympathy to his brother Dave Nordhus and his relatives. May he rest in peace.

REMEMBER Mary Ann Huninghake in your prayers. Her funeral was on Friday, Sept. 8 at Sts. Peter & Paul in Seneca. Sympathy to her granddaughter, Christina Stallbaumer and her other relatives. May she rest in peace.

ROSARY-The rosary will be prayed at the grotto Wednesday September 13, at 7:00 pm. **NOTE TIME CHANGE**

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS & LECTORS training will be after Mass today.

JR/SR HIGH CCD will be on Wednesday, Sept 13 at 7:30PM at Sacred Heart at Baileyville.

ELEMENTARY CCD will begin on Wednesday, Sept. 20. Parents only meeting with Fr. Regie on Sunday, September 17 at 5PM at Sacred Heart hall at Baileyville.

Ministries for Sept. 17-24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Cross: Brad Schmitz
Servers: Elijah Ruegge & Rachel Schmitz
Candle Holders: John Siess & Kanin Sudbeck
Eucharistic Ministers: Janelle Schmitz, Josh Sudebck, Connie Huerter, Marsha Korber, Duana Huerter
Lector 1: Connie Huerter
Lector 2: Alan Schmitz
Ushers: Kevin Nordhus & Troy Nordhus
Offertory: Brent & Jenny Heiman Family
Rosary: Dan Tangeman
Organist: Kayla Sudbeck
Cantor: Staci Haug
Money Counters: Joyce & Evelyn

ALTAR SOCIETY EVENTS & NEWS

DISHES-Please pick up your dishes that has been left from funerals or receptions on the parish house back porch. Thank you!

SEPT. 2017-(3RD TUESDAY)-CRESTVIEW-Brenda Haug, Marilyn Holthaus, Deb Koelzer, Lori Sudbeck.

SEPT. 2017-(3RD WEDNESDAY)-LIFE CARE- Holly Schmitz, Julie Sudbeck, Lillian Engelken, Diane Schmitz, Rose Mary Sudbeck.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS those who are sick, taking treatments, hospitalized or still recovering: Brad Bowhay, Ivan Rottinghaus, Clara Krogman, Aiden Berkhart, Lyle Rottinghaus, Monica Olberding Countryman, Brad Hammes, Laura Schmelzle, Karsyn Aylward, Ambrose Martin son of Larrissa Nordhus, Martin, Eldon Kriley, Mary Lally, Kenny Olberding, Dennis Bergman, Greg Fangman, Jed Henry, Tim Sack, Victor Holthaus, Sara Conroy, Joyce Koch, Kathleen Ronnebaum, Kristi (Mike) Meyer, Father Edward Oen, Vivianne Marousek, Leon Holthaus, Shirley Schmitz, Larry Sudbeck, Jayla Nolte, Joyce Holthaus.

LOVING OUR LORD LADIES' CONFERENCE Whether you need a day away in your comfy t-shirt or a reason to dress up and get out of the house, join us at Loving our Lord Ladies' Conference. **Who:** YOU - all women, of all faiths, of all ages **Where:** Highland Community College Western Center Baileyville, KS **When:** Sept. 16 from 9:00-1:00(ish) (share in snacks and appetizers) **What:** Sessions during this half day event will include: nutrition, healthy mind and soul, made in God's image, handling anger, social media **Why:** refresh your mind and your soul, learn from other women, and encourage each other **How:** Email or text Kelsey Scism at scismka@gmail.com or (402)239-8182, more information .

BENEFIT & AUCTION for Shirley Schmitz will be on Sept. 17 at the Seneca K of C Hall. Serving pulled pork lunch from 11AM to 2PM. Auction immediately to follow, including a gun auction.

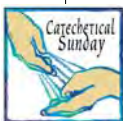
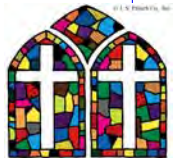
ANNUNCIATION CHURCH PICNIC, Frankfort, Ks. will be on September 24 from 4 to 7PM. Serving roast beef dinner with all the trimmings. Adults \$10, ages 10 and under \$5. Lots of games and a Quilt auction and a silent auction. Everyone welcome!



HOLY FAMILY FALL BAZAAR, Summerfield, Ks will be on Sunday, October 1. Serving from 4:30PM to 8PM. Adults \$10 and under 12 is \$5. Country Store, chance book. Proceeds to the church restoration. Everyone welcome!

NEMAHA COUNTY HOME HEALTH will be having Flu Shots on October 20 after the 8:30AM Mass on Friday. More information to follow.

4-H CLUB MEETING will be on Sunday, Sept. 10 at 7PM in Sacred Heart South Building.



HALL & CHURCH is spoken for on these dates for 2017:

Sept. 24-Heiman Reunion-Hall
Sept. 30-Bergman-Hall
Oct. 4-Confirmation at Baileville
Oct. 14-Stallbaumer-Hall
Oct. 14-Church tour at 10AM with Confirmation Class from Topeka.
Oct. 19-Finance Council Meeting at 7PM
Nov. 10-11-12-Pancake Breakfast
Nov. 15-Annual Church Cleaning
Nov. 23-Scott-Hall
Nov. 24-25-Rusche-Hall
Dec. 9-Hall-Halley/Rottinghaus
Dec. 23-McKinley-Hall
Dec. 24-Olberding-Hall
Dec. 25-Scott-Hall
Dec. 30-Sudbeck-Hall



HALL & CHURCH is spoken for on these dates for 2018:

Feb. 2-3-4-Soup Supper
Apr. 8-Altar Society Meeting & Election of Officers
April 14-Huerter Wedding-Church
April 17-Rottinghaus & Engelken Wedding-Church
March 25-Easter Egg Hunt-CYO
May 6-May Crowning
May 27-Rottinghaus-Hall
June 9-Hasenkamp & Steinlage Wedding @ 4PM-Church
June 13-Hall Cleaning-No renting of hall until after picnic
June 16-Sudbeck Wedding-Church
June 22-23-24-25-Annual Church Picnic
Aug. 5-Schmitz Reunion/Niehues-Hall
Sept. 1-DeMint & Lemons Wedding-Church

DVD'S of THERESA RETTELE'S Tour of St. Mary's Church is available at the Rectory for the cost of \$10.00.

150th ANNIVERSARY BOOKS are still available. The book provides the unique story of St. Mary's Parish from its founding. The family photos are sure to be cherished in decades to come. Copies available for pickup at the Rectory; leave a message at 336-3174 or email to Mary Beth at tmhave1991@gmail.com or stmarys9208@gmail.com, Copies also are available through the Kansas Rural Water Association office located west of Seneca. Your grandchildren or great-grandchildren will appreciate having a copy.

GENEALOGY--The parish has acquired genealogy information on many families of the parish including Bergman, Boeckman, Deters, Engelken, Fangman, Grosser-Holthaus, Haug, Haverkamp, Heiman, Grobe-Holthaus, Holthaus, Huerter, Hulsing, Liening, Lierz, Kramer, Krogman, Mohrman, Olberding, Rethman, Ronnebaum, Rottinghaus, Schmitz, Sextro, Strathman, Strathman B, Stegeman, Sudbeck, Wichman . Suggested donation is \$20.

LIFE CARE FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD is in need of supplies. Items that are needed: stuffed animals-that are clean and not dirty or torn, little cars, musical instruments, puzzles, jump ropes, school supplies such as: pencils, pens, crayons, notebooks, coloring books, colored pencils, hats, socks, sunglasses, hair bands, stickers, picture books, small tools, tape measures, sewing kits, fabric squares, deflated balls with pumps, solar calculators, rulers, scissors, shirts. The donations could be dropped off any time at Life Care and if anyone wants to volunteer to wrap shoe boxes or fill shoe boxes feel free to call Tracie at [785-336-0723](tel:785-336-0723).

PRAIRIE STAR RANCH - Under the Stars Sept 23rd PSR welcomes all high school youth groups and families for the 13th annual Prairie Star Under the Stars event. Camping adventure which includes Canoes, Climbing Tower, a Gaga Ball tournament, the Sacraments (Sunday obligation), prayer, star gazing, camp fires, camping, and so much more. If you're looking for an event filled with adventure, activities, and prayer, this is it. Registration paperwork and more information available online at www.archkck.org/ranch.

SADDLE CLUB-Join our Spring and Fall Clubs! Bring your boots and your bibles, as we delve into the beauty of Christian discipleship on horseback. Offered twice a year in the spring and fall, Saddle Club meetings introduce members to various aspects of Christian thought and horse ownership through demonstrations, unmounted lessons, barn projects, and riding time each week. Saddle Club is open to ages 9-18 and runs on Saturdays from September 16th to October 14th. Limited spots are available! Register today at www.archkck.org/ranch or contact the Retreat Team at: psrministry@archkck.org; 785-746-5693

BUNCO-Race against Breast Cancer will be on Sat., Sept. 30 at 7PM, at the Willows Restaurant & Bar. \$15 per person. Limited spots available to RSVP. Contact Courtney Schmelzle at 785-336-0426.

DEAR PADRE SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

I want my children to be merciful and forgiving like Jesus, but I don't want them to be permissive of sin because someone else thinks it's OK. How can I teach this balance? The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches, "Education in the faith by parents should begin in the child's earliest years. This already happens when family members help one another to grow in faith by the witness of a Christian life in keeping with the Gospel" (CCC 2226). The balance of advocating the magnitude of God's mercy without diminishing the severity of sin is best taught through witness. You should hold your children accountable (and vice versa) and explain with loving candor how lax attitudes and actions have consequences. As we are taught in Proverbs 27:5, "Better is an open rebuke than a love that remains hidden." An intimate relationship with God also helps. It's easier to instill greater compassion in ourselves and in others when we've experienced God's infinite mercy firsthand. Jesus asked the woman caught in adultery, "Has no one condemned you?" She replied, "No one, sir." Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, [and] from now on do not sin any more" (John 8:10-11). Christ loves the sinner and despises the sin—but he doesn't dwell on the sin. Instead, Jesus rejoices when sinners enter a newfound relationship with his merciful Father, knowing that the experience of God's mercy is the catalyst for ultimate change and lasting conversion, where neither the sinner is condemned nor the sin condoned. —Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR

MARRIAGE MINUTE SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

Do you ever feel alone in your marriage or parenting? In this week's Gospel, Jesus reassures us that he is present where two gather in his name. In the stress of everyday life, we can feel isolated or disconnected from our spouse or God. One simple thing we can do to recover that connection and overcome the isolation is to simply pray with our spouse for our marriage and our children. Praying together doesn't guarantee our desired outcome, but it does always: • Require vulnerability, and therefore bring us closer to our spouse • Remind us that we have an all-powerful Father who only wants what is best for us • Open us up to possibilities we did not see before For tips on praying with your spouse.

CAREER OPPORTUNITY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ARE ADDING A FINANCIAL REPRESENTATIVE POSITION IN YOUR AREA

Continuing the works began by Father Michael J. McGivney in 1882, for the protection of his parishioners, best describes the work of a Knights of Columbus Field Representative. Ideal for a determined, high energy, high expectation, self-disciplined, independent, professional individual desiring to serve others. There is currently an opening in your area for which we are looking to hire a representative. We work exclusively with the families of Brother Knights and Catholic gentlemen who are eligible to join the K of C. We have established territories where representatives devote their working day to the needs of the members in their assigned councils. Selling **needed** life insurance, long-term care, disability income and annuity products to Brother Knights and their families is the cornerstone of their **financial plans**, and meeting the requirements of a successful field representative will allow you to earn a professional-level income. This is a full time position, with excellent training and benefits provided. If this sounds like an opportunity that may be the right fit for you or someone you know, contact **John A Mahon, General Agent, (785) 408-8806, or john.mahon@kofc.org**.

A priest, newly called to a small country town, needed to mail a letter. Passing a young boy on the street, the priest asked where he could find the post office. After getting his answer, the priest thanked the boy and said, "If you'll come to the church this Sunday, you can hear me tell everyone how to get to heaven." "I don't know, Father," the boy replied. "You don't even know how to get to the post office!"

Proposed Improvement Projects at St. Mary's Parish ...

September 10, 2017

Dear Parishioners of St. Mary's Parish. Greetings to you from Fr. Regie!

As I mentioned recently, it has been a wonderful time since I arrived at the parish except for the dry season. (Just FYI: it was already dry when I got here, so as they say, don't shoot the messenger). I am very grateful to all of you for the warm welcome and cooperation. I feel blessed to be here and look forward to working with you in building up this parish and strengthening the parish life. I have already met a couple of times with the Pastoral and Finance councils and the Maintenance Committee and they have been sharing with me the direction and the vision of the parish that include a couple of projects, which they have been discussing for quite some time now. After much prayer and discerning, I have decided to present them to you for your thoughtful consideration and feedback. They are: 1) the condition of the Sisters' House; and, 2) a plan for the improvements on west side and accessibility.

Sisters' House

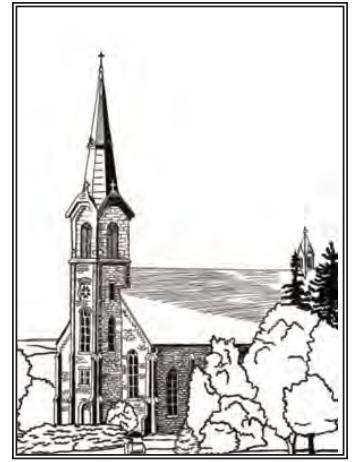
The Parish Council has recently given extensive discussion to the condition of the Sisters' House south of St. Mary's Church and they have considered what possible uses there might be for the building.

The Council also itemized the required repair work that would be required to make the building presentable. There are multiple locations where the ceilings have collapsed, the

roof needs to be replaced, there is moisture in the basement and most of the doors and windows need extensive attention, along with plumbing and electrical issues. Other than some trim painting in 2009, little maintenance has been done or proposed for the house for nearly 40 years.

In addition, even if a plausible purpose for the building were to be proposed, the Council's opinion is that the potential costs of making the house "functional" or "up-to-code" would make it cost-prohibitive.

And so there is consensus of the Council members to remove the building to allow for the beautification of the south side of the church as part of the west side improvement as that plan includes making the bathroom in the church basement more handicap accessible. There are suggestions to make a Meditation Garden with St. Scholastica's statue, particularly to honor the many Benedictine Sisters who taught at the St. Benedict School and served this parish and community for many decades.



Faith Moves Us Forward

West Side Improvements, Access to Restroom

After meeting with the Finance Council, the Parish Council and the Maintenance Committee, I learned that there is a desire to proceed with the improvements in replacing many broken sidewalks around the church and rectory and to make other improvements in the landscaping at the church. I called a joint meeting of the three committees last Wednesday for a presentation and discussion so that a consensus could be developed about the project.

In reviewing notes of prior Council meetings, I learned that in late 2014, the Parish Council asked the Maintenance Committee to work on this project and to present a plan to the Council. The committee has done much work on it. In 2015, the replacement of the church roof was advanced as a priority. With that project completed early this year, the focus was again turned to the west side and bathroom access.

The Maintenance Committee reported that four goals were established for the project. They were to:

1. Improve the access and safety to the church from the west side
2. Improve handicap accessibility to the church and to an improved restroom in the basement
3. Improve appearance of the church and grounds
4. Make maintenance of the grounds easier

A rendition of the plan is printed on the back of this page. A table showing the projected costs is on the last page. The most noticeable features of the plan include:

- Paved parallel and angle parking with a sidewalk along the east side of the street
- Additional parking spaces for handicapped
- An unloading and loading area for tour buses and also for funerals
- New handicapped entrance ramp that is more accessible
- Entry steps that are "monolithic" so that people have more area to enter and depart and so that someone in a wheelchair can enter or exit any of the doors
- A short wall around the plaza with a capstone to also provide seating

The projected costs were also assembled by the Maintenance Committee. The Committee proposes that the Parish continue to use the services of Shane Holthaus from Seneca as the supervisor for the project. This allows for parishioners to help which in turn reduces the costs of labor associated with the concrete by approximately 25% and other aspects as well.

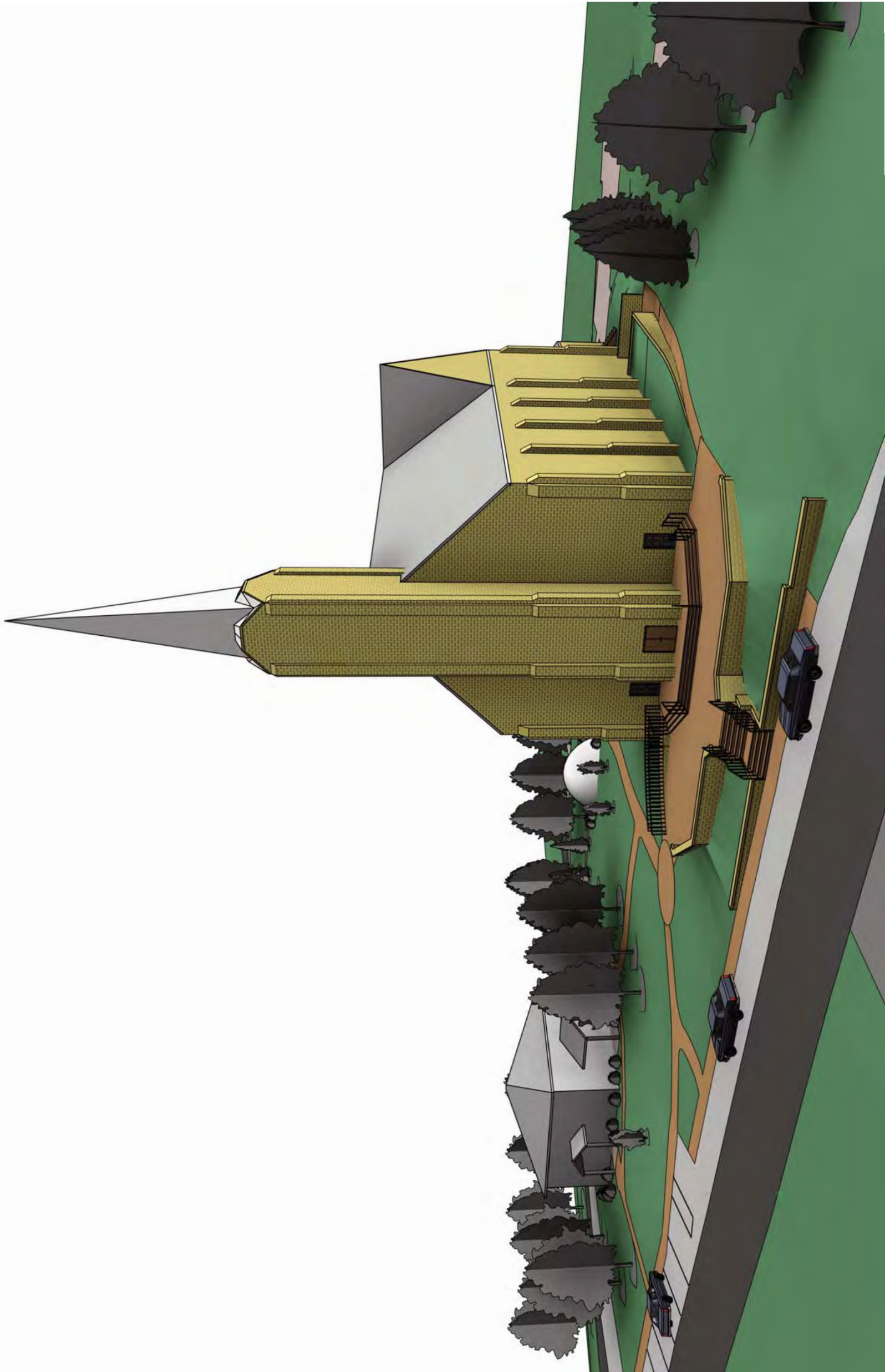
There was consensus at our joint meeting to present the plan and information to the parishioners. As your Pastor, I ask that if anyone who has constructive suggestions or comments or questions about this plan to bring those to my attention.

Please place your comments in the box labeled "Project Comments" located on the table at the back of the church no later than this coming Friday evening, Sept. 15 so that any concerns can be addressed when we discuss this project next Sunday after Mass. You may use the tear-off portion of the form on the attached or submit your own paper. I request that anyone submitting comments or questions to please print their name on the form; comments are not to be submitted anonymously.

This is a very exciting time for our parish. I believe that meeting these needs for our parish will lead to a deepening of our parish family's shared faith, thriving in ways that, as time goes by, will make even greater impact in the lives of God's people for ages to come. I am very grateful for the generous gifts of prayer, talents and financial support that you share with our parish family throughout the year. We are fortunate that so many of our parishioners respond with such generosity to the needs of our parish. I am truly blessed, and so grateful for the opportunity to serve as your pastor. I ask God's continued blessings on you and your loved ones.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Regie Saldanha



**Estimated Project Costs
West Side Improvements, Bathroom Access**

Item / Category	Projected Cost No Parish Help	St. Mary's Method With Local Help	Estimated Reduction
Relocation of water line/meter	\$2,200	\$2,200	\$0
Relocation of overhead power line	\$7,070	\$7,070	\$0
Dirt work/excavation	\$5,000	\$1,000	\$4,000
Removal of existing concrete	\$5,000	\$1,000	\$4,000
Concrete (materials, labor)	\$79,700	\$57,750	\$21,950
Stone walls (material, labor)	\$31,000	\$31,000	\$0
Electrical work (e.g. lamposts)	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
Landscaping, seeding, etc.	\$3,000	\$2,000	\$1,000
Railings	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0
Downspouts/Drainage	\$3,000	\$2,000	\$1,000
Design	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$0
Potential Incidental Costs	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
Remodel of basement for bathroom	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
Total estimated expenses	\$161,470	\$129,520	\$31,950
Donations to date for West Side Improvement			
	\$70,849	\$70,849	
Suggested capital campaign	\$25,000	\$25,000	
Projected use of parish funds	\$65,621	\$33,671	
Optional: Sprinkler System	\$17,789	\$12,789	\$5,000
<i>*Note: The above does not include potential state tax credit for some aspects of the project or potential STEP Foundation grant</i>			

Please share your comments on the proposed improvement project as presented by completing the form below. Place your comments in the box at the back of church labeled "Project Comments".

Comments will be reviewed prior to next Sunday. A discussion will be held after Mass on Sunday, September 17. Questions or comments that are submitted will be answered at that time.

-- complete and separate lower form; place form in box at back of church; print name on form --

Please share any opinion, comments or questions about the proposed project improvements for the west side of St. Mary's Church and access to restroom.

I / We like the proposed improvements and have no other questions or comments

I / We have the following questions or comments concerning the project:

PRINT NAME: _____