



ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH
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Dear Parishioner(s),

I know that many have been wondering about the status of the Church project, so I want to share with you, what we have done and where we are in the process thus far.

Timeline

November 13, 2020: Structural Engineer inspected the Church and informed us that it was his recommendation that we should vacate the Church.

December 4, 2020: Received the final Structural Engineer's report. That same day the report was sent to a trusted architect, who has a vested interest in our parish, to review. Shortly after he assembled a team that included himself, structural engineers, and construction consultants.

January 8, 2021: A letter communicating the status of the project was sent to the parish via Flocknote

February 2021: The construction consultants on the team made an onsite visit to review the Church structure.

March 2021: The Engineering Team presented Father and members of a Parish Advisory Team solutions on the Nave (Bell tower to transept) section of the church. After this they began working on plans for the transept and the altar section of the church.

April 23, 2021: Engineering Team met with Father and the Parish Advisory Team to present preliminary design plans. Once a laser scan of the structure is complete they will be able to develop more detailed plan to be used for bid specifications and final cost analysis.

It is important to note in this process, that with a 120 year old building and the significant repairs that we are about to undertake there are many details the engineering team has to consider such as the strength and stability of the walls, the interior ceiling of the church, and the design of the replacement trusses just to name a few. It's these details which take time to plan, that has made this process longer than we had hoped. But it is important that we take the time and right approach to prevent doing any further damage or creating future problems to the structure of our Church. All that being said, we do have expectations that the engineering team will have finalized plans for bid specifications and cost analysis completed within 12 weeks.

In addition to the Parish Advisory Committee that we already have formed to assist in the construction side of things, we are also in the process of assembling a Capital Campaign Committee to assist with the marketing and financial aspect of this project. In the meantime, if

you wish to donate some funds now, we do have a Church Repair account established, just mark on your donation "Church Repair".

In closing, I ask that you continue to pray for our Parish and for those who are assisting us in this project, that with God's grace we may soon return to worship in our Church.

In Christ,



Fr Curtis Robertson

Pastor