



Extending the Mission

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Construction Update *St. Vincent Parish Family Center*

The renovation of the old Notre Dame High School into our new Parish Family Center will create a welcoming home for many of our parish ministries for future generations to come. When complete, the Parish Family Center will house the parish office, a small day chapel, multiple meeting rooms for

ministry groups, and a banquet hall that will serve as venue for future wedding receptions, Baptismal celebrations, family reunions, bereavement dinners, Lenten fish fries, Advent By Candlelight, parish/family missions, and other parish and community events. The existing gymnasium will remain and will be enhanced with new locker rooms and restrooms. (These will be on the same level of the gymnasium.) New entrances, windows, and exterior improvements will give the building a fresh, updated appearance while preserving its important role within our parish family.

To help guide this part of the project, the parish conducted a competitive selection process by requesting qualifications from construction management firms. Four qualified firms submitted proposals, and each was interviewed. After careful discussion and prayerful consideration, the Parish Construction Team, together with myself, selected Sides Construction of Jackson, Missouri, to serve as the parish's construction manager.

Sides Construction has been working alongside the architect since the early stages of planning, assisting with budgeting, scheduling, project coordination, and constructability reviews. They will continue to oversee construction activities, coordinate the work of subcontractors, and work closely with the parish and design team to help ensure the project is completed efficiently and within the approved project budget of \$6.9 million.

At this time of mid-July, demolition is approximately 90% complete, and Sides Construction is actively finalizing agreements with subcontractors as the project moves into the construction phase.

To date, the parish has paid \$71,250 for project mobilization and demolition. Future payments will be made as construction milestones are completed in accordance with the construction contract.

Over the next few weeks, parishioners will begin to see increased activity as crews mobilize and prepare for construction. During this time, portions of the parking area on the north side of the Parish Family Center will be affected. We appreciate your patience, understanding, and continued prayers as we work to improve our facilities for the benefit of our parish family's great resources and treasures!

As always, feel free to contact me or members of the Parish Construction Team (Brad Burdick, Rick Essner, Bob Janota, and Tom Reinagel) if you have questions.

Peace, *Father Rick*