



Saint Theresa Church

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Dear Friends,

I hope that you are doing well and that you are enjoying these beautiful days of fall. This past week was truly a bonus for all of us. I saw lots of people golfing, walking, kids playing in their yards and on the move. It almost reminded me of summertime.

You may have noticed, we have had to close the main staircase that leads to the parking lot at the rear of the church due to erosion. You can see that our staircase and railings have deteriorated over the years due to salt and the elements, making them now unsafe. In addition, our handicap entryway which leads into the main lobby of the parish has become a trip hazard. Several members of the parish have fallen due to the settling and separation of asphalt and concrete.

After consulting the Diocesan Director of Real Estate and Construction, Rob Eib, we made contact with Team Engineering who came onsite several times to look at the scope of this project and how it could best be addressed. After the investigation, it was decided that the best approach would be to reorganize the handicap entryway that leads into the parish and remove the existing stairs. In addition, proper drainage, and a new walkway to the rear parking lot will be added. We have selected M & W Construction to do the project.

With approval of the diocese and our Parish Finance Committee, this project is slated to begin within the next week or two. Obviously, weather is always a factor, but we are confident that the bulk of it will be accomplished prior to the beginning of winter.

This was not something that I had planned on having to address, however, for the safety of all who utilize our property, it is necessary. In addition, our lighting system outside around the parking lot will be addressed as well. We have made arrangements for new lights and poles to be replaced and installed also by M & W Construction.

It was my hope that we would be able to install the remaining porcelain tile in the main lobby. Hopefully we will be able to have that completed within a reasonable time.

Many parishioners have expressed a desire to support the outdoor staircase project. I recognize these are challenging time for everyone, however, if you are able to assist us financially, I would greatly appreciate it. Please put a note in the memo section of your check or an envelope marked "Parish Project". The project is roughly \$240,000.00.

In the spring/summer we will work on a terraced landscape where the stairs are presently. This will be an additional cost. I am confident that once the project is over it will add to the beauty of our property.

Thanks so much for your prayers and support. I am always overwhelmed by your generosity.

Wishing you a blessed week.

Yours,

Fr. Gary