

School Heating and Ventilation Project

Summer 2022

Dear Parishioners,

The members of the Finance Council, Parish Council, and Building & Grounds Committee along with Father John have made the decision to proceed with replacing the school heating and ventilation system. This project will take place THIS summer and early fall. As many of you know, our current heating system at the school is over 50 years old and we have limped along for several years hoping it makes it through each heating season. We have uneven heat—classrooms on the lower floors are too cold and classrooms on the upper floor are unbearably hot. The system is unreliable and we are in constant worry about whether it will work each day. It's time to upgrade before we have a major failure. Replacing the system will not only insure heat during the winter but will improve ventilation and air flow throughout the school building during the entire year.

We have the approval of the diocese to contract with North American Mechanical Inc. (the contractor who installed our HVAC system in the church a few years ago). They will begin work in the very near future. The cost will be approximately \$1,075,000. This is a very large number, but we would like to let you know that we have ALL funding in place for this project. We received a generous memorial from a recently deceased parishioner; we have taken advantage of the government programs available during the pandemic; we have the support of our parish trust; we have had many other donations and gifts toward this project; and we have the backing from a very generous school supporter. We are not asking for any monetary gifts for this project. We are simply asking for your prayers and support.

Our school is vital to our parish life. We need our youth and we are committed to the success of the school. Over the last few years, we have replaced our school roofs; upgraded our school technology, installed a new gym floor, replaced our math, science and language arts curricula, and remodeled our library. This summer, we will also be replacing our school windows, which thanks to generous supporters, are also paid for. Keeping our school open and up-to-date is a priority of our parish.

If you should have any questions or thoughts, please reach out to any member of the Finance Council, Parish Council, or Building & Grounds Committee or to Father John.