

Sacred Heart Information Meeting

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

1pm Meeting- 57 parishioners present

Fr. Ryan led prayer.

Introduction

History of Sacred Heart. Need for church in this area.

Facility Study- Look for future needs. Update Sacred Heart. No significant renovation since when it was built. Prepare church for next 30-40 years.

LOA campaign funds are designated partially for the renovation of SH church, along with SP and Endowment.

Planning phase requirement for Archdiocese. 4 steps necessary. We are currently in step 2.

Studio io selected for their expertise in this age church.

Details shared:

New statue in entry

Baptismal font moved to the back of church. Pews will be cut away

Stations of the cross added to the walls.

New stained glass windows.

Updating some of the lighting in the church. Linear flow to the altar, tabernacle table, mosaic on the backdrop

Presider chairs, devotional statues and candles,

Sanctuary rail to distinguish the sanctuary from the church space

Brocade pattern on the sides of the altar.

Redo the crown above the altar.

Stained glass above the altar.

Speakers above doors will have new casing.

Preserving the existing pews- they are good shape and are able to save money.

Sanctuary lights and sound system will be replaced as well.

Choir is planned to move to the

Choir area will be wheelchair accessible, all sound and technology will be able to be controlled from the choir area. Maintain the hearing loop system.

General contractor is designed to be from the FDL area. Studio io will work with them.

Questions:

Bathroom- concern about accessibility.

Is skylight going to stay? Yes, stained glass window will be of Holy Spirit.

Concern about the choir being in the back of church. Hard for the musician to hear the congregation. Could be some lag time from sound being from the back choir area to the front. Fr. Ryan stated that we will be sure that we will do all that we can to not have disconnect between the music, musician and priest.

When it is going to start? How long will it take? Can I have my funeral here? Planning to start this summer for the start of the project and try to be finished by Christmas. Where will church be at while church is closed. Possibility of using the SH gym for a period of time or add some Masses to the other church sites.

Loves renditions that are there. Bringing together of old and new to instruct what is going into the future. Sometimes visual is good to draw us to God. Feels that this church is somewhat bear.

Assume handicap access would be something that would be done. Fr Ryan stated that there will be give and take and we will have some information about bathrooms.

What happens during adoration? Adoration chapel will be renovated in similar style to the main church. Adoration will most likely move to one of the other churches during renovation.

Sound-proof confessionals, take windows out of back of Adoration chapel.

Are the changes going to be facial and not structural? Do we need to consider structural changes. Have invested a lot in our facilities. Look at stained glass windows- these are not leaded.

Steps to the altar. Planning to install a ramp behind the altar so that people are able to enter there.

Call center of St Vincent de Paul. Want statue of Virgin Mary in blue in the front of church.

Church floor would be no longer carpet, but will be tile to give dimension with other colors, etc. Concern that it could be louder in church.

Adoration Chapel accessibility to the outside. Not probably because would cause structural changes.

Communion Rail-

Heating in the Sacristy at the front of church it is always cold there and in the choir area.

German Schmear is an application that can be put on the brick to lighten it up.

Stations of the Cross will be on the sides of the church.

No outside renovations are being planned.

Cost 1.2-1.5 million estimated cost for the current renderings.

Enjoys the simplicity of the church. Not in favor of spending money, would want to use the money to help people instead.

Painting of the bricks will not happen.

Seating in church being reduced.

Comment about windows out of back for safety for people coming to use the bathrooms. Possibly security of entering the adoration chapel.

Repurposed statues and woodwork from the front of church- repurposing the crucifix. Concern that they are dated.

Vesting sacristy will move to the Hospitality Room. Will help to create a larger meeting space. Behind the altar, repurpose the storage area. Mass servers will be in the vesting area in the front of church.

Other purposes to use the church space. Are there other ideas for the use of the church itself. Study was more for the use of all of the building spaces. Want to keep the sacred space to remain sacred.

Purpose of the woodwork in the front of church- decorative to tie the sanctuary space together.

Red candles in the front of church rendering. Adoration candles will stay in the adoration chapel. Will probably get new candle stand.

Hanging crucifix question. Want to layer visuals in the church so that depending on where you are seated different things might see or focus on different things. Question on if the layering is necessary.

Plan to eliminate the screen and projector. Need to look further on how to make the electronics work. Possibly have the screens/announcements be in the narthex area.

Church in Florida has a screen that project the music and encourages singing from the congregation.

Consideration for a handicap neutral gender bathroom.

Likes video of the responses and music. Hymnals are heavy for older group.

Who makes the final decisions on the designs of the church. Father said Pastoral Council, Finance Council will be part of the decision making process. Representation from Pastoral Council, Finance Council and B&G Committee.

Tabernacle will stay where it is now- in the center of the sanctuary.

Tabernacle in church might go to Adoration chapel and then refinish the one in the tabernacle.

Saturday evening Mass has the back row full. Need to have accessibility to distribute communion.

Weddings- does it make sense to do some much renovation? Sacramental life is important to church.

Our Lady of Guadalupe- will the painting be considered or put in another place.

Are we going to keep the school and having Wednesday night religious ed coming back? Vast majority came to the summer program. Most are choosing the summer program. Future of the school building. Advocap is using the building currently.