

Sacred Heart Renovation Meeting

February 6, 2025 2:00pm-3:10pm

Present: Fr. Ryan, Tom Groeschl, Mike Tamara, Ryan Pigg, Katie Ortega, Michelle Ludtke

Agenda: Discussion about use of spaces at Sacred Heart Church

Meeting started with prayer led by Fr. Ryan.

(Stellmacher floor plan was shared on the screen.)

Do we have sense of new Archbishop's direction? Fr. Ryan suggests the new Archbishop will be on board with what we have started with.

Confessionals

Suggest more of a moveable screen in the room with the priest and penitent. Would like additional sound proofing around the individual rooms. Would like to sound proof or dampen the sound in those rooms. Ryan P. said there are many options for soundproofing/insulating/acoustical panels. May need to look at the doors themselves if there are slats there. Believe there are electrical outlets in each room. There is an option of using a white noise machine as well. There are light switches in room labeled 102. Need to be sure controls are on the priest side and to make sure the switches make sense. Question whether there is a venting system in those rooms. We are not sure if that is in the rooms or not. **TG will check on ventilation.**

Chapel

Looking at updates in the chapel area. Wondering if the flooring here should match the nave and sanctuary? Parishioners do sit in the chapel some time with elderly and people with kids to view Mass. Considering altar up against wall. No need for free-standing altar. Furnishings for altar, ambo and chair. Keep the same pews there. Remove the tiny stations of the cross and outdated liturgical art. Would like some intentional art on the walls. Also have vigil lights in that room and would like that to stay in that space. Southwest corner had stained glass in the portion to the left of the altar in the chapel. Ryan P. stated that the stained glass would be replaced to match with new glass in church. Question about losing the door from the church to the chapel. Decided to keep it stay for communion to those in chapel. Discussion about the glass that is between chapel gathering space. Would like to build a wall instead of glass. Thinking making an alcove in that space so that a casket would fit in that area. Would we want all doors to match the new ones that will be placed in the church. So all doors to chapel and those going to the meeting room should be similar in style. Question about current door going into the Hospitality room is no longer a door, but would just open into hallway. Will need to decide on which bathroom style for the Vesting Sacristy. Good that changing stations are in both mens and womens bathrooms.

Narthex

Replacing all flooring in the narthex. Discussion on walk off area. Removeable walk off mats, tile into nicer flooring, recessed matting, recessed carpeting. Fr. Ryan is thinking a recessed carpeting. Tom suggested 6 feet of walk off carpet in all door area. Nicer tiled surface between the entry and the back of church. Studio lo will look into more flooring options and share with us at that time. Interior designer will help to share options.

Back area behind altar

Ryan P will talk with architect on record to see options with fire doors, etc.. Suggest to retain frames, but cover with wood. Question whether the doors are fire rated. The doors in the back area are a pair of doors- not single as they are depicted in drawing.

Working Sacristy

Suggested replacing countertops in the working sacristy and replacing flooring and painting. Need to discuss the cabinetry in the working sacristy to see if we need to update the cabinetry as well. Need to add

a sacarium in the working sacristy behind the altar. Question of whether we would repaint the cabinets. Discussion of not painting, but maybe restaining. Katie O. are the cabinets functional and hold all that you need to hold? Do we need any cabinets to lock? **Fr. Ryan and Fr. Matt to discuss what is needed and what can be gotten rid of in the sacristy space and any sacristy space, how much hanging space for vestments, place for priests to set things, upper and lower cabinets needed. (Both for working sacristy and vesting sacristy.)** Built to be a chase behind the sanctuary that has the closet in front of it. Looking at possibility to add a furnace for the rooms behind the altar. There is a lack of cool air in the spaces behind the altar. There is a 20 x 20 duct work that is in that chase, but that is all there is in there. If we eliminate the chase we have to go with the plan to have heating and cooling in that behind altar space. Possibility of moving the fridge into that space. Would be okay with having a larger refrigerator- like apartment size refrigerator. Place for incense preparation. Is there a desire for a thurible closet? A place for lighters, thurible and also a vent like a bathroom vent with an automatic timer on it. Katie said they can share drawings of some that they have worked on. Decide if work room or the server sacristy? In theory, the fan could be vented through the roof.

Server Sacristy

Room 12 will be a place for altar server dressing and some storage for the choir area. Possibility of using the cabinet on the east wall for the albs. Currently have shelves, but that could be converted into hanging for albs. Question about moving sink in the server vesting sacristy, but decided to leave for hand wash sink.

Drop ceilings about 8 feet and 13 feet high in both the working and children sacristy. The framing of the church has about 14 feet high. Projector screen question. Would like to look at more options for projecting. Lighter color inside the brick. Wondering if the wall could be light enough that the projection could just be on the wall? Could install projector on the ceiling space. Screen could be theoretically be covered and push a button for it to extend. Possibly propose the location over the doors in the front. Possibility of moving the televisions out of the storage room to set them up in the front of church. **Decided to consult with sound/etc. to determine size of projection needed.** Katie said they will continue to look at options.

AV area room in 122. Could be used for controls or connecting to choir in back, etc.

Choir area

Thinking about the choir space will be in the center right section in the back of church. Would like to put a panel around the choir space. Could also have controls and equipment panels in that space as well. Would include the organ console and piano in that space as well. Fr. Ryan suggested that we plan for 15-30 people in the choir. Choir is always accompanied when the choir sings with a piano or organ. Currently have a baby grand piano at that church site. Open to possibly switching to electric piano if needed.

Ryan P. said they should have a sketch set by Friday. Will be looking at finishes with Elizabet, interior designer, to talk about what our wants are with that.

Do the organ speakers over the doors need to stay? What is the desire with sound system? Crown is currently housing speakers for ambo and priests. Fr. Ryan states we are open to moving the speakers that are currently above the doors and open to a new sound system. Possibility of column speakers? Option of the flatscreen being above the doorway in place of the speakers.

Flooring replacement- What kind of flooring are we thinking for the church space. Fr. Ryan stated that they have not talked about that specifically yet, but he is thinking tile and possibly some mosaics on the floor.

Holy Family looks forward to the brushed up floor plan space and continued discussions at that point.