
Pastor's Journal...
Fr. William P. Felix



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This past week the footings were poured for the new addition to St. Joseph Church. Masonry work began to bring the foundation walls and the elevator pit to grade. The main work for the next five weeks will be forming and pouring the foundation walls and stoop as well as the concrete masonry for the walls and elevator shaft. In a couple of weeks, a crew will be in to do cleaning and brick restoration on the current face of the church. At the same time, they will be doing the brick repair, tuck pointing, and replacement of the gutters on the east side of the church. This is causing the water damage on the inside of the church. Everything seems to be right on schedule.

The most important thing we can do now is to remain current on the contributions for this project. In fact, for those of us who made pledges over a five-year period, the more we can pay those off earlier the better, which will cut the amount we will need to borrow when the project is completed. We trust that those who have made long-term pledges will send the contributions into us on a regular basis. We don't send out reminders on a regular basis like other campaigns do. All of that costs money that can go directly to our project. If you have a question about your pledge and where you are at, please feel free to contact Lori Setzer, our business manager. Anyone who made a one-time contribution and may be able to do more, additional contributions are truly appreciated. Once the billing begins I will keep you posted on where we stand.

Please remember that the mission appeal priest will be here next weekend for Masses. Any checks you may want to write should be made out to the parish, with 2026 mission appeal in the memo line. All contributions are gathered by us and sent to our Diocesan Missions Office, and then distributed to the respective mission apostolate. This is done so that funds are guarded against any fraud. We receive a report from the Missions Office once all is accounted for and the money has been received by the proper agency. Money is never given directly to the priest who does the mission appeal.

The fruits of the garden are starting to appear. Continued enjoyment of these summer months. Blessings and best wishes,