



Reflections of the pastor 1.12.17

Best wishes for all of God's blessings for all in this new year! The wonderful celebration of Christmas has come to an end. Thank you for making our worship worthy through that entire liturgical season. Your generosity in time, organization, and faith, accomplished that. Thank you for your monetary support also.

AGM Thank you for all those who attended the AGM on November 17th, 2016. Thanks to all those who provided reports. I have circulated my own report. I highlight two items:
a. concerning the Financial Report, it was pointed out that for the current maintenance of our parish and school we need a weekly offering of about \$20,000.00. Each family gives an average of \$12.00 per week to meet our expenses. If each family gave \$8.00 more to their current weekly donation we would meet our financial obligations. **b.** Thanks to the generosity of parishioners, a concept drawing for our possible future elevator was presented. It is an exciting project. The drawing is on the back of this Reflections page. Now we need to look to build a committee of enthusiastic parishioners to focus specifically on our long range facility plan.

Sharing God's Gifts As those who use envelopes have noticed, included in the box for your convenience is the bi-monthly Sharing God's Gifts envelope. Note we have begun to pay off our contribution for last year of \$100,600.00. As of January 2017 we still owe \$70,000.00. We're getting there! Thank you for your efforts in supporting our ministries in the Archdiocese and your patience with our alternate week extra collection for this endeavour. Don't forget to consider Pre-authorized Contributions. The forms are at the back of the church or in the office.

Technology **a.** A permanent screen is being installed in the Hall stage. You have noticed the screen on the Corydon side in the Church. We wait now for the projector installation. Once in operation the screen will enable pretty well everyone in the church to comfortably participate. **b.** After months and months of aggravation and frustration, finally our telephone system is working properly, thanks to the efforts of many but particularly MTS who spent many hours evicting the gremlins in the system. **c.** The panic door lock on the inside Church door on the Corydon side has been replaced so that the Church can be secure even when social events occur in the Hall. The outside doors still need be secured with the iron bar. **d.** New electrical plugs are now at the coffee room in the hall– no more overloading the circuits. There are new plugs for musicians in the Church as well.

Going Green In our constant process of making our plant energy efficient, with the assistance of a grant from Hydro, new LED lights were installed in the school gym over Christmas break. We are assured that they will pay for themselves within 18 months. It was noted at the AGM that savings from the Knights project of replacing hundreds of lights in the church and school with LED's and our program of window replacements has saved thousands of dollars already!

Doors As most know, our magnificent doors at the front and sides of the church have been a source of concern. They have often not been working properly. They are custom made ancient doors. Research and expert advice have dictated that the most cost effective approach to maintain the aesthetic integrity of the building is having an expert regularly maintain the doors.

Youth Room Until the music room in the school is completed, the Youth room in the Church Hall is currently being used by the school for the music program. Thank you to Lynn Campbell and the youth for their patience.

Knights of Columbus Our trusty Knights of Columbus continue their many parish good works, most recently a special project of painting rooms in the Ed Centre and the north walls of the Hall.

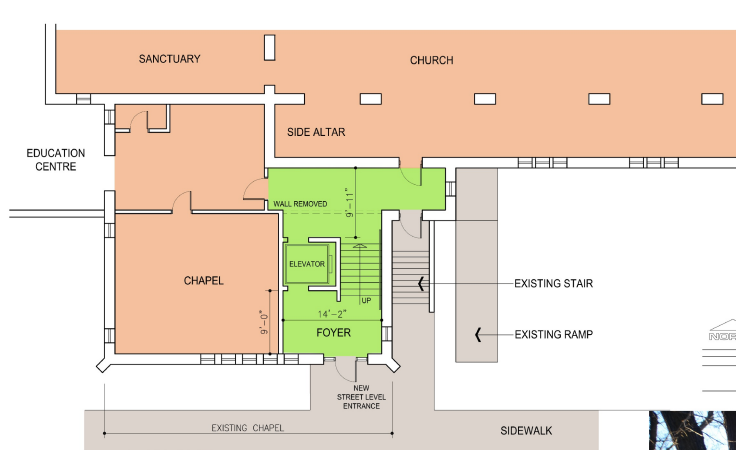
Ed Centre We are blessed to have our Education Centre. It is always an active place. Please note the two program series offered in January/February: Finding God in the Dark and the Bishop Robert Barron video series, Jesus Christ & Discipleship. (Check the weekly Bulletin for details.) The Bishop Barron videos are excellent and fit well into our diocesan Synod process. Keep your eyes peeled for the Lenten Lecture series which will address practical issues concerning death and dying. Details will be posted soon.

There continue to be exciting and challenging things happening in our parish and school. I trust that we will meet all of them with prayer and good will and hope. May God continually bless all of you.



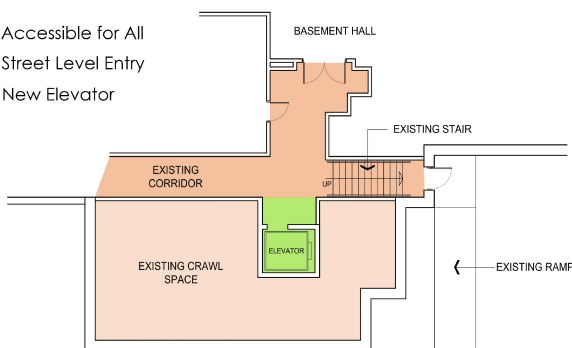
Peace and prayers

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Main Floor Plan

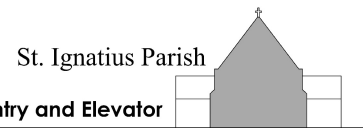
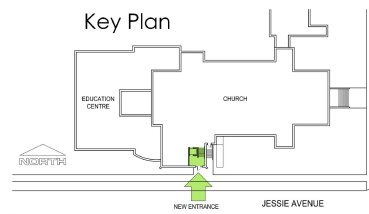
- Accessible for All
- Street Level Entry
- New Elevator



Basement Floor Plan

Proposed Street Level Entry and Elevator

November 2016



Existing



Proposed