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ELEVATOR PROJECT UPDATE

Much work has been done and much work needs to be done to bring this project to conclusion. When we first started the planning for the new elevator, we knew that many things needed to come together to have a successful project. Not only are many steps required to plan and complete a construction project of this size, but many approvals need to be obtained from the Archdiocese of Dubuque. The Archdiocese requires six different approvals be obtained at various stages of the project. Beyond the construction part of the project is the financing component. We must be assured that we have the funding to complete the project. Finally, we are working with the City to relocate 5th Street and obtain additional parking.

STATUS OF THE PROJECT. In order to do a project like this, the Archdiocese of Dubuque oversees the entire project and must provide approvals as the project moves forward. First the Archdiocese must approve the exploration of the project to see if it is feasible. They approved the exploration and found that the project was feasible. Next, the Archdiocese must approve the fundraising for the project. The Archdiocese approved our fund raising plan and we are continuing with that plan. Next, the Archdiocese had to approve the conceptual drawings showing what the addition to the church would look like. We went through many revisions of the plan before we felt it was ready to submit to the Archdiocese. Finally, the drawings were submitted to the Archdiocese Building Committee for review. We personally met with the Committee at the Community College in Peosta. The Committee strongly recommended that we add two unisex bathrooms in our plan. This includes one bathroom on the main floor of the church and an additional bathroom in the lower level. The Committee also wanted us to consider making minor changes to the exterior look of the addition to make it better blend in with the existing church. These changes were made and the plans were resubmitted to the Archdiocese. The Archdiocese has now approved our revised plan. The entire process of getting the drawings approved took over three months. Our architect, Novak Design, has now completed the construction drawings and they are being submitted to the Archdiocese for approval. This process should not take as long as obtaining the prior approval. At the same time, we have sent the drawings out for bids to determine what the final project cost will be. Hopefully, the bids will be close to the original projections. We know they will be somewhat more because we are adding two bathrooms. Once the final bids are obtained, we will have to submit them to the Archdiocese for approval. Once the bids are approved, we can

begin construction. At that time we will have a construction timeline and know when the project will be completed.

STATUS OF FUNDRAISING. As a result of our fundraising efforts, we have received pledges totaling \$876,690. With the additional costs resulting from the changes in the plans, we are hopeful that the pledges will cover the construction costs. If you have not yet made a pledge, now would be a good time to consider making a pledge. You can make a pledge by calling the parish office (362-8061). So far the parish has received \$379,751.39 of the amounts pledged. If you are not current in your pledge, now would be a good time to bring your pledge current. If you have questions regarding your pledge, you can call the parish office.

RELOCATION OF 5TH STREET. The City is moving forward with the relocation of 5th Street and the construction of the 16th Avenue extension. Land acquisition by the City is in process and the City hopes to have utilities relocation (gas, water, sanitary sewer, storm sewer, electrical and cable) completed this summer. The paving may not be completed until the summer of 2018. We have had several meetings with the City and their contractors to coordinate this project with the needs of the Church, so that there will be a minimum of disruption.