



Little Flower Catholic Church and School

Truly Catholic, Truly Innovative, Truly Different.

Dear Little Flower Community,

As I announced at the community meeting this past Sunday, we have been blessed in recent years with generous bequests and I am pleased to share a number of infrastructure improvements to our Parish School which will set up our community for the future. This investment has been approved by the Archbishop and the Building and Real Estate Office; with funds approved for July 1st distribution. We are confident that these improvements will result in a better experience for our current and future community members. In order to continue our mission, it is imperative that we repair, restore and beautify our school, just as we have recently with our church, organ and carillon.

These improvements include mechanical upgrades for airflow and circulation for a healthier learning environment and electrical infrastructure installation for a new intercom system and easy technology upgrades for years to come allowing us to keep up with rapidly evolving teaching systems. A new entrance and lobby will improve safety and security and allow our disabled and elderly parishioners to have better access to our facilities, including ADA compliant restrooms. Our kitchen will be replaced to better serve our community events, as well to expand use and hands on learning opportunities. The overall facelift to the school will reflect the energy, strength and community that is Little Flower.

Over the past few months, various representatives of the community, from our Parish Council to our School Board, Finance and Fundraising Committees and many more, have been meeting to work through proposals. Beginning with last year's endowment ideation activities (before the COVID-19 lockdown), we have been able to make improvements to the school and parish based on your inputs. Below is a listing of what has been accomplished, what is in work and what we now plan to address (denoted by the blue stars) to rebuild our campus for generations to come.

We are thankful for all that our parishioners and community members have done to make Little Flower what it is today. We give thanks to God for what He has done, and we trust in His will for our parish and school.

May God bless each and every one of us,

Fr. Lawrence Herzog, Pastor

Infrastructure Improvements
Note: These were collected, surveyed for interest and reviewed 02/09/2020

Endowment Ideas

Black – Parish and School
Purple – Parish
Blue – School
Yellow Box, Green Text – Recommendation
Grey Box, Grey Text – Status In-work or Done
Dark Grey Box, Grey Text – not recommended to proceed

Idea
Parish: Update Carillon (DONE)
Parish: Renovate the church basement (No Interest)
Parish: Organ Repair/Replacement - partially through endowment and capital fundraising (N/A – see below)
Parish: Organ Repair/Replacement - fully through endowment (DONE – separate bequest)
Idea
School: Science and Technology space (lab) and curriculum (Teacher Hired)
School: Middle School Science Program (MUST DO – examine as part of curriculum update)
School: Curriculum Study/Update (In-work)
School: Guided Reading Materials (part of curriculum)
School: a color printer (DONE)
School: Classroom furniture (Collecting List of Needs)
School: Intercom system (In-work)
School: Bus for field trips (No Interest)

Idea
★ Parish and School: Kitchen Renovation, enhanced programs, community outreach. (Architecture Study / Learning Plans from Committee)
Parish and School: Maintain sufficient reserve funds (retain & plan replenishment)
Parish and School: Outdoor Play/Learning Space (In-Work – announced 4/6)
Parish and School: Column Pads (in McEntee Hall) (In-Work)
★ Parish and School: Handicap accessible restrooms and entrance in school hall (Architecture Study)
★ Parish and School: Totally remodel the cafeteria (McEntee Hall) (Architecture Study)
Parish and School: Update Church/Rector Security and Safety (In-work)
Parish and School: Add a functional gym (would need \$3M - Architect)
★ Parish and School: Face Lift - School Entrance and McEntee Hall (Architecture Study)
★ Parish and School: Rebuild McEntee Hall Stage (Architecture Study)
★ Parish and School: Land Expansion / Space Study (Architecture Study)
Parish and School: Sound Study / Update for Church (In-Work, new sound system)
★ Parish and School: Install acoustical sound foam panels in McEntee Hall (In-work, Reuse Old Sound System from Church)
Parish and School: Build a room for meetings and/or luncheons (No Interest)

The list above was collected from and surveyed for interest from the LF Community. It was then vetted at the 02/09/20 Community meeting.

2021 Improvement Plans	Purpose / Benefit
Outdoor Learning Space	Improved safety, accessibility; Play is beneficial for early education learning; Marketing to new families; not just valuable for recess, but for parish and community gatherings.
Addition & Renovation Infrastructure	ADA Restroom and Secure Entrance, New Kitchen, Lobby, Storage
Curriculum, Tech and Other Updates	Math, Social Studies, Reading, Spanish, Science, Religion and much more; Teacher Laptops, Windows Updates, PA Intercom System, PE Protective Pads

Note: This information, a feedback/inquiry form and updates to projects can be found online at our website <https://www.littleflowerstl.org/LittleFlowerEndowmentProjects.aspx>