

Building and Grounds Report to Pastoral Council - Oct 2025

Alternates: Michelle Brakhage has graciously volunteered to be an alternate but the committee needs to have a second one. *****

A parishioner wrote that the condition of the side parking lot is in poor repair. It gets full on Sundays and it is extremely difficult to see the white lines. Will put this on the list of items to address. Some thoughts:

- Address in the fall, if possible
- Clearing the far left corner with shovels then power washing the entire lot.
- Mark where the lines need to be and note the colors.
- Seal the entire lot and allow it to dry thoroughly before striping. We should be able to do this ourselves.
- I've looked at some striping machines and started to make a list from which to choose. We have SOME striping paint on hand.

Tree trimming: Meanwhile, I've searched for contacts for three tree cutting services. The criterion is to cut branches approximately 4 feet away from the building as well as dead tree(s) in the near wooded area. Ed met with Mike Sheahan right after 5:00 PM Mass on Sept. 27.

Bathroom upgrades: bathroom projects are on hold, but we STILL NEED more bids from which to compare and choose. Michelle is waiting for the people she contacted to provide a quote. Hopefully the floor cost aspect will be available this coming week. The epoxy IS supposed to have good reliability/lifetime guarantee.

Leak: Unfortunately, there was a leak in the office ceiling not far from the "nighttime" or "helper" desk. Alex was expected to look at the gutters on the same day.

Moldy chairs: Still in progress, depending on the rain and availability.

Gardens/Grounds: The St. Kateri habitat certification sign will be erected adjacent to the patio in the pollinator garden.

Pollinator Garden Project adjacent to the back patio:

- The pollinator garden has been planted and plant labels have been created and placed in the garden.
- Funding: \$500 Grant from First State Resource and Conservation and Development Council, Inc and additional funding from the White Clay Creek Watershed Association A sign will be ordered to recognize the funding for the pollinator gardening.

Prayer garden/meadow

- Ben Orr replaced steps up to prayer garden as part of his Eagle Scout Project Ben transplanted some donated plants and mulched the meadow adjacent to the prayer garden. Since the initial mulching the meadow has been weeded of the crabgrass and other weeds and donated plants have been planted. The sacred
- grounds committee will continue to plant native plants and sow seed as plants and seed become available.

Trees

The magnolia and red cedar trees were both acquired free of charge as part of the Tree for Every Delawarean Initiative (TEDI).

submitted by Ed Baum