

CASE STATEMENT

This campaign will help us address a long list of both county and insurance code violations as well as the overall disrepair of the buildings. Many of these issues have come about simply from age and extensive use of the buildings. Other issues stem from faulty construction or seismic movement; such as the flooding issue and retaining wall issues in the Ministry Center. There are much needed repairs and upgrades to be made in all four of the main buildings in our parish. The repairs and updates for Fr. Ray Hall, the church and the office buildings will be taken on over the next few years. Due to the serious nature of the problems in the Ministry Center we cannot wait until the spring and so we have already begun the process of securing bids for dealing with the flooding issue as well as repairing the retaining wall.



As you can see from a few of the photos included, many of the issues stem from the age of the buildings and many years of hard use. The HVAC systems in Fr Ray Hall and the church have simply reached the end of their “lifespan” and the same is true for the plumbing issues. The code violations in the kitchen of Fr. Ray Hall are rather extensive and will require almost a total overhaul. The electrical systems in both buildings need to be brought up to code. We will be addressing accessibility issues in both Fr. Ray Hall and the church with the addition of two automated handicap accessible doors as well as replacing the steps at





the front entrance of the church with a graduated ramp to address the issues the steps cause for those of us who use walkers, canes and otherwise have difficulty with steps. In many instances we will be replacing worn-out energy inefficient systems with new energy efficient ones that address safety and code violations from the county and or the insurance company which will in the long run actually save us

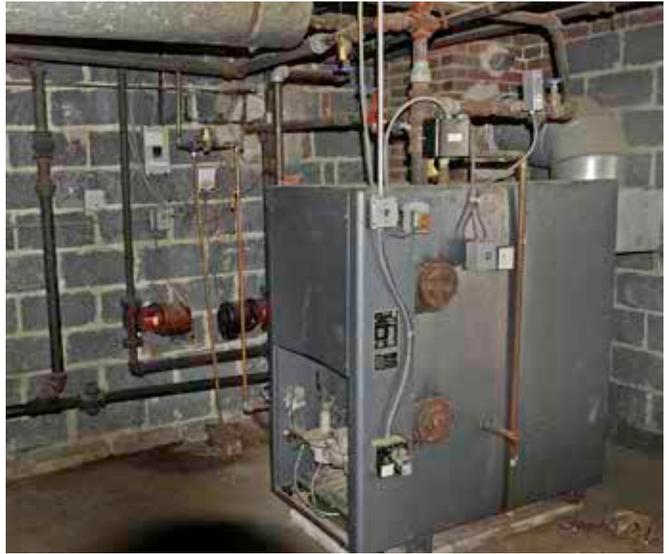


money on utility bills. One of the issues is the windows in Fr. Ray Hall which, aside from being terribly energy inefficient, are single pane non safety glass and pose a safety threat as well as a code violation. We will also be taking steps to mitigate the noise issue in Fr. Ray Hall by installing “sound dampening panels” in the large main room of the hall. In an attempt to address space issues for the Religious Education program and general meetings, we will remove the dividing wall between two small rooms at the front to create one larger multipurpose room. We will also replace the folding doors on the stage with soundproof ones to allow separate meetings to take place simultaneously. The roofing on both the hall and the church are in need



of replacement and all doors that do not have fire coded push bars for emergency egress must be replaced as well.

In the church itself, we need to repair or replace the entire electrical system as well as the HVAC system, which would include replacement of the mammoth air handler in the choir loft,



allowing us to open up the choir loft for overflow seating. The pews, kneelers and book holders also need to be rebuilt and or replaced as does the flooring in both the sanctuary and main body of the church. With the installation of automated handicap accessible doors on the side of the church

we will need to move the bathroom from the front of the church to the back of the church in the vesting room area; this also will address the constant complaint of the distraction caused by people having to cross in front of the altar to go to the bathroom during Mass.

While the scope of these projects is large I have been assured by the engineers that the buildings, in particular Fr. Ray Hall and the church, are sound and well worth the attention and repair. It is my sincere belief that just as the early parish community worked together to build these buildings so too we can pull together to repair and restore them for future generations.

