



St. Mary's and St. Benedict's Churches Buildings and Grounds Committee September 5, 2024



Introduction

The staff at St. Mary's and St. Benedict's work hard to maintain our facilities in a condition we can be proud of as parishioners. They are Terri Orbin, Joe Yaskulski and Anthony Jim Specchio, Jr who work hard to stretch our budget and get repairs and improvements done as economically as possible. We use contractors as needed to supplement their skills and tackle the larger efforts recognizing there is plenty of routine maintenance, mowing and snow removal to do most of the time. As volunteer parishioners, Chuck Franzese leads our Building and Grounds Committee for St. Mary's with Tom Letteer leading the efforts for St. Benedict's. The following is a summary of what we have spent in the past 8 years to the keep both facilities up to a respectable standard and look great to us and our visitors. These repairs were completed without using our investments or borrowing money.

St. Mary's Projects Completed

2017:

We had to repair the Business Office roof; replace a section of sidewalk at the corner of the Center; installed new AC Splits in the main church, and repaired the pew veneer and replaced the end sections for a total of \$70,267.

2018:

We repaired and replaced circulation pumps in church; and repaired a section of church floor and exterminated termites for a total of \$3,147.

2019:

Repaired a leak on the church roof near the bell tower; replaced the Parish Center Kitchen steps and landing; and repaired the brick and replaced the rubber roofing on the 9th St entrance of Church for a total \$18,060.

2020:

Replaced Center East Door with automatic door; installed Carbon Monoxide detectors; and made office repairs from the roof leak in 2017 for a total of \$13,700.

2021:

After a lightning strike, replaced controller and smoke detectors in church and office for a total of \$5,058.

2022:

Responding to a Village code inspection we added the Center Flammable Cabinet Ventilation; replaced one window on south side of church basement; repaired Center Men's Room plumbing and floor; repaired the Office Bay Window Roof; repaired Office West Side Gable Vent & Flashing; Cleaned and repaired screens in the Bell Tower; repaired the bell system; replaced the Office front porch railing; and improved the Center electric for kitchen for a total of \$16,976.

Listening Sessions in the Parish Center

This is your opportunity to ask questions and to share your input on our future.

You need to only attend one session.

- Saturday, September 21st – 9:00 am
- Sunday, September 29th – 11:15 am
(following Mass)

Please RSVP by calling the office at:

607-535-2786

or emailing Fr. Jeff at

fr.jeffrey.tunnicliff@dor.org

2024:

We replaced several blocks of the Decatur St. sidewalk by order of Vil. of WG; South Church Tower Masonry and Office Window Foundation repair; replaced the Sewer lateral from Center to Tenth Street; replaced a large section of sidewalk behind Office, and made improvements to the sound system for a total of \$28,200

Total 2017 thru 2024: \$155,408 for St. Mary's

St. Benedict's Projects Completed

2019:

Painted the basement floor; repaired the floor in the back of church where the old cry room was; repaired kneelers; and hung flags in the back of the church for a total of \$2,850.

2020:

Replaced front doors including panic hardware at a cost of \$4,600.

2021:

Replaced the sign outside at a cost of \$2,783

2022:

Replaced the chair lift to the basement at a total cost of 3,300

2023:

Replaced the sound system at a total cost of \$4,132.

2024:

Resealing the parking area at a total cost of \$1,750.



Total 2017 thru 2024: \$16,905 for St. Benedict's

Rectory Projects Completed (2023 only—no projects 2017-2023)

Repaired the kitchen roof vent boot; did weather stripping on the kitchen door; cleaned out the basement; cleaned gutters; painted the exterior trim; removed overgrown shrubbery around the house; and repaired the deck for a total of \$400.

Future Projects to be considered at St. Mary's (Estimated Budgets)

Parish Center upper window replacement; rehabilitation of Stain Glass windows; replace Center Boilers and/or combined system with Splits in Gym area; replace Boilers in Church; replace Church ceiling fans; replace Center ceiling fans; pave driveways at Garage & Center; Garage repairs, painting, siding or replacement; Church carpet; Center ADA ramp and landing; Center East side sidewalks; cover the exterior stairs to Center basement; replace all or part of wrap around porch on the Office; and sound proofing confessionals and hearing loop for a total cost of \$755,500.

Future Projects to be considered at St. Benedict's

Replace the carpet; replace the ceiling fans; resurface parking lot and driveway; replace the ADA Ramp in back of church, or consider a wheel chair lift in the front entrance to the Church; and if it is decided to add the wheel chair lift, replacement of the front sidewalk to meet ADA as well for a total cost of \$97,000. ***We are presently awaiting a roof inspection, knowing some work is needed soon.*** We also anticipate needing to replace the boiler in a few years.

Future Projects to be considered at Rectory

Replace the carpet throughout the house; paint the interior, replace or repair the wrap around deck, and replace the roof for a total of \$67,000.

Total of Future Projects to be considered by both Parishes \$919,500 (plus St. Benedict's roof)

*My church is composed of people like me.
I help make it what it is.
It will be friendly, if I am.
It will do great work, if I work.
It will make generous gifts to many causes,
if I am a generous giver.
It will bring other people into its worship and
fellowship,
if I invite and bring them.
It will be a church of loyalty and love,
of fearlessness and faith, and a church with a
noble spirit,
if I, who make it what it is,
am filled with these same things.
Therefore, with the help of God,
I shall dedicate myself to the task of
being all the things I want my church to be.
(taken from our diocesan stewardship manual)*