

Dear Fellow Parishioners:

Praying you are well and healthy!

We wish to update you on our Regina Caeli Parish Center building project. While we had hoped the project would have broken ground or already been completed, we are blessed that it is not. The last thing our parish needs right now, financially speaking, is another building to maintain. God's time.

As we are all very well aware, much has changed since March:

-- When this project first started, the parish had given money from its "rainy day" fund to the building fund. When the parish was forced to close, the building committee unanimously voted to give the money back.

-- A donor had come forward, offering to pay for the balance of the project if the parish could raise \$600,000 (which we did). Sadly, the current state of things has made it impossible for the donor to follow through.

-- Nye County has informed us that the building of a new structure, or any changes to our current structures, would require us to have water capacity on hand to fire suppress the largest structure on our campus. Our largest structure is the church at nearly 10,000 square feet. Therefore, we need to double our water capacity on hand, from 20,000 to 40,000 gallons. A large additional expense.

-- The Diocese of Las Vegas has informed us they will not be in a position to loan funds for a parish building project until some time in 2022.

-- The very successful Drive-thru Fish Fry in October, organized by the Knights of Columbus, raised over \$2,000 after expenses. In the past, the proceeds were split between the KofC and the building fund. It was decided that, because of urgent need, the parish general account received all the funds. **WATCH FOR ANOTHER DRIVE-THRU FISH FRY SOON!!**

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-- We were asked to build a 6,500 square foot building, the drawings of this most of you have seen. In light of the current situation, it has been decided to return to the original plan of a simple, 5,000 square foot building.

-- Having experienced recent vandalism of some storage sheds, the parish is examining options to fence in the property. An approximate \$40,000 expense.

On the positive side, **WE TRULY APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE REGINA CAELI PARISH CENTER!** Financially, we have over \$610,000 in the building fund - over \$400,000 raised in just the last four years! Our prayers are being heard loud and clear by our Lord, and the Blessed Mother is surely interceding for us!

We continue to move forward and hope to break ground in 2021. Bishop Thomas remains very supportive of our efforts.

If you have any questions, comments, ideas - we would love to hear them.

Thank you for your gifts of time, talent and treasure. Extra special thanks for your faith and continued prayers.

All God's blessings to you and your families in 2021!

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