

Dear Parishioners,

The following is an update concerning facilities at Saint Francis. I would like to list some of the items that were accomplished during the summer months, and some items that are being planned for the near future.

- 1- Additional heart defibrillator units were installed to campus buildings, increasing the number of units by 4.
- 2- Dead trees were removed and several trees were trimmed for safety and aesthetics. Note, two trees remain to be removed near the Mary and Joseph Rooms.
- 3- Gym flooring was stained. Tiling in the coach's office and storage rooms were replaced.
- 4- Flooring to the main church aisle was repaired.
- 5- Church courtyard, sidewalks and both monument signs were pressure washed.
- 6- Hardware on church doors will be replaced and all of the wooden doors, Church and Parish Hall, will be stained.
- 7- Damaged ceiling tiles in the rectory were replaced.
- 8- Air conditioning unit, lower level of main education building was replaced.
- 9- New security cameras are being installed to main education building as well as annex education building. Additional security cameras are being added to other buildings on campus.
- 10- The audio equipment in chapel is being upgraded for children's liturgy and for overflow holiday Masses.

In the near future, two additional air conditioning units will be replaced, both over 20 years old. Units are located in the annex education building, first floor, as well as the parish hall.

Other projects being prepared include, bids received to repave the private road located in the back of the campus, as well bids to re-sealing and stripe all parking areas.

The exterior stairway to the rectory may have to be removed to address safety issues. An engineering firm is assessing the damage. A fire escape will be added.

Additional power washing is recommended for the annex education building located next door to the renovated parish offices, which will open in September.

Finally, St. Francis Xavier is grateful to be the recipient of eight new picnic tables and benches for our soccer field. We congratulate Ethan Rather on the completion of his Eagle scout project.

A word of thanks to the members of our St. Francis Xavier Property management committee and Finance Council, also our maintenance supervisor, Austin Carroll, for a productive summer. Most importantly, words of appreciation to you, the parishioners of St. Francis Xavier. With your faithful financial stewardship, we're making progress with our needed facilities and campus improvements.

The Pastoral Council will complete its five-year strategic ministerial plan for St. Francis Xavier in November. It too, will move us forward in planning facility needs for all of our ministries. It's an exciting time to be part of Saint Francis Xavier Parish.

Prayers that the summer months have brought you and your families time to renew and to enjoy relationships.

Hope and Joy,



Fr. Joe Culotta, Pastor