

Cool is the Word

It has finally happened after 35+ years our AC system in the Parish Hall has given up its spirit and can't cool the facility. Overall we can't complain about how long it has lasted for the gym, meeting rooms and science lab contained in the building. At the same time $\frac{3}{4}$ of the AC system in the church has also worn out after 30+ years. It wasn't replaced when the renovations took place in 2014-2015, as a way to cut cost. We have gotten 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ years extra out of the system, so I think it was a good decision at the time. Now both the Parish Hall and Church must be replaced ASAP, so "Cool can be the Word".

After months of study and bids the Parish Advisory Council and the Diocese of Baton Rouge Finance Office has given permission for us to proceed. The cost of \$110,000 will be added to our remaining \$289,000 debt from our 15 year loan in 2015. We were on pace to pay off 6 years early in 2024 but will now expect to complete it as originally planned in 2030. If our income increases where we can once again look to an early pay out that would be wonderful. Thanks to all of you who have been so faithful and generous to Holy Family Church during this crisis of health and finance caused by the pandemic. Remember direct deposit remains a safe option.

It is our hope this project in the Parish Hall & Church will begin in early July, so as to be ready prior to the opening of our 2020-2021 school year. Of course this may mean we will have 1 weekend without appropriate cooling in the church. You will be kept informed in that case.

Our parish is 100 years old and our complex is 70+ years old with our buildings, so maintenance will always be an ongoing and necessary issue to address. It is my desire the next pastor will walk into a complex as ready as possible for the growth of HFC for the next 100 years.

Thank you for your love and support of Holy Family. I am very happy we can address this AC issue without having to do a financial campaign to pay the bills. Pray it remains the case.

Peace,

Fr. David