

Worship Space Enhancements Completed!...mostly.



After years of development, changes were made to our worship space. Mid-January through the end of February, work was done to bring new focus and functionality to our worship space. We constructed a stone wall behind the altar to provide a visual focus for the liturgy of the Eucharist and the Word. Behind this new wall, a storage area was erected to gather the many music ministry instruments and resources which can clutter the space, yet require easy access. The music ministry will also have a new, permanent riser platform built. This two-level riser is located in the Northeast corner of the space, where the musicians were previously. The platform will accommodate 20 persons on the risers, with an additional 10 on the floor immediately in front, where those with accessibility issues can join the group. Musicians are able to accompany the choir on the floor, around the piano. With this change also comes new audio system technology. A new digital mixing board and processing equipment provide for clearer and more balanced sound. In addition to these changes, we replaced the carpeting down the ramp and in the Mary of Magdela Chapel. Currently deferred, but intended for later, is carpet replacement in the church, sacristy and narthex. The Finance Council is working out the longer-term funding strategy for several projects of interest and wishes to ensure good cash flow for the parish.

This project is budgeted for an expense of \$127,000. Initial seed money was received in the amount of approximately \$50,000. The remainder of the funds will come from our Reserve account, a healthy holding of investments currently valued at more than \$300,000. No additional funding will be sought from our parish community to complete this project.