

The items listed in this handout are for informational purposes. The degree to what is included is to the best of our knowledge. There definitely has been many more discussions, phone calls, emails trying to organize said meetings, interviews, clarify information, etc... The committees and councils have done and are doing their very best in how God is guiding them in moving the process forward for the Church of St. Mary's - past, present, and future. We appreciate any and all prayers for our parish so we are including the prayer we will say at the end of all masses for you to use and take along.

Prayer for the Church of St. Mary

Loving Trinity - *Father, Son, and Holy Spirit*,
we come before you with hearts of petition.
We, the parish faith community of St. Mary's
have suffered the loss of our beautiful church.
We ask your help as we work to rebuild our worship space.

God, our Father,
direct our minds, hearts, and wills to determine how to move forward,
creating a worship space that will bring us closer to you and to one another.

Jesus, our brother,
teach us to respect each other's opinions and suggestions,
receiving them in a loving and peaceful manner
as we make these important decisions for our community now,
as well as for our future generations.

Holy Spirit, source of all life,
open our minds and hearts to the many ways you speak to us.
Grant us the willingness to listen to all options suggested,
and instill in us a mellowness of heart to prayerfully consider these possibilities.

Gracious and loving Trinity - *Father, Son, and Holy Spirit*,
be with us now as you have been with us in the past,
and will be in the future. Amen.

Mary, our patroness, we ask your intercession as we pray,

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, mother of God,
PRAY FOR US SINNERS, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

By our prayers and intercessions, let us listen with our hearts and let the Holy Spirit guide our souls to a miraculous consensus in bringing our beautiful St. Mary's faith community home.

Let us build our City of God... and may our tears be turned into dancing...

Church of St. Mary



1 Corínthians 3:10-15

¹⁰ By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should build with care. ¹¹ For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. ¹² If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, ¹³ their work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person's work. ¹⁴ If what has been built survives, the builder will receive a reward. ¹⁵ If it is burned up, the builder will suffer loss but yet will be saved—even though only as one escaping through the flames.

CHRONOLOGY OF ST. MARY'S FIRE

- *March 11, 2016: Fire*
- *March –June, 2016*
 - Fr. Marv held meetings with the parish council
 - Catholic Mutual hired Service Master to begin clean up
 - Catholic Mutual hired J. S. Held (consulting company) to evaluate results of the fire, establish scope of repair, begin potential cost estimates for restoration and to help control costs of claim
 - Decision made to form a Steering Committee whose responsibility would be to gather and present information to the parish council
- *June 9, 2016: Steering Committee formed*
 - Role: gather and present information to the parish council who, ultimately, would make the final decision regarding the process to be taken to enable the parish of St. Mary's to once again have a church in our community
- *June 2016*
 - Steering Committee visited churches in Albany, Sauk Rapids, Richmond and Rockville (June 23rd and June 30th)
 - Many items/designs/options looked at and questions asked: ex.: how they used their additions, did it improve them functionally and how did they pay for it, what would they do different, etc...
- *July 2016*
 - Steering Committee met with Mark Greenwald from Catholic Mutual
 - Discussed coverage: \$5,448,000 building replacement coverage with a provisional endorsement of 150% coverage equal to \$2.7M, therefore, \$8,172,000 possible coverage. Plus combined additional coverage of \$5M which would cover fine arts, ordinance and law, loss of income, electronic equipment, transporting St. Mary's students to MAHS for lunch, use of Meire Grove church, storage fees, etc.
 - Steering Committee agreed hiring a general contractor to help with process (Murray Mack from HMA will be the architect). Monty Taylor with J. S. Held will draw up the RFQs (request for qualifications) and they will be sent as an invitation to bid consideration to six companies
 - Fr. Marv expressed the need to meet with a liturgical consultant to review aspects of church architecture and how they may affect our approach to our project
 - Fr. Marv, Dawn Carillo, George Traeger and Jim Mohs met with Royce Yeater (art historian and architect by education and trade) on July 22. He suggested holding three open parish meetings to openly discuss the problems confronting us and the options to solve them. Mr. Yeater was hired to facilitate these programs.
- *August 2016*
 - Aug 2nd -Steering Committee met with Monty Taylor from J.S. Held and the representatives of six construction companies to review the RFQs for the restoration process of St. Mary's Church.
 - Aug 9th-Steering Committee met with Parish & Finance councils to update along with answering questions of RFQ's and discussed getting info to parishioners regarding 3 meetings
 - Aug 11th-Steering Committee and Architect responded to questions from RFQ
 - Aug 26th-Steering Committee informed of bid range
- *September 2016*
 - Parish meetings held on September 7, 14 and 27
 - 7th: attendees asked to identify the needs, values and treasures of the parish
 - 14th: attendees received the results of the first session
 - 27th: results of the first two sessions summarized
 - Mr. Yeater developed a final concept statement
 - Discussed consensus: a group agrees to support a decision in the best interests of the whole
 - Discussed the five stages of grief and how this is relevant to our parish as individuals and as a group
 - Discussed priorities and points of consensus: strong desire expressed to restore our facilities to the condition they were in before the fire or as close to that state as can be achieved—the beauty and character of our church; we recognize that accommodations must

be made to modern codes and construction practices and others should be made to better serve our functional needs.

- Sept 2nd- JS Held distributed bid analysis to Steering Committee and Architect
- Sept 20th-Steering Committee interviewed Breitbach Construction Company and Gohman Construction Company
- Parish Council made decision to hire BCC
- *October 2016*
 - October 13th-Meeting with Steering Committee, Finance and Parish Council as well as HMA and BCC
 - Discussed insurance update
 - BCC: updated on forensic study progress, J.S. Held estimate, project master budget—restoration including expenses for deferred maintenance items, estimates for non-building items, soft costs, etc.; rough estimates for new construction
 - HMA: code and zoning analysis and presented schematics
- *November 2016*
 - Nov 2nd- Meeting held with Steering Committee, Parish and Finance Councils, Breitbach, HMA and Mark G. from Catholic Mutual in which it was verified that the insurance amount would be the same no matter what process of construction was selected
 - Parish council met and requested to have three options explored: 1) restore the church with mandatory code updates only, 2) remodel, i.e., flip the church, remove the damaged sacristy on the west end and add a gathering space and 3) a new campus to include worship space, offices, meeting rooms, gathering space, fellowship hall, etc.
 - Sub-committee of the Steering Committee met with HMA and BCC to discuss request
 - Items removed from the church by Service Master that were stored in a Hutchinson facility where moved back to Melrose
 - Parish Council made decision to not reuse church pews. Catholic Mutual now owns pews and St. Mary's will be paid \$ amount the insurance company has valued to restore pews
- *December 2016*
 - Dec 2nd- Information requested by Parish Council was presented to Bishop Kettler and steering committee at Chancellor's office
 - Dec 12th-Steering Committee, finishing their commitment, along with Breitbach and Murray from HMA presented information to Parish and Finance Councils
 - Dec 17th, 24th, 29th-Parish Council met to discuss how to proceed
 - Moving all masses back to St. Mary's School gym
 - Discussed having a prayer/Hail Mary for our parish at the conclusion of mass
 - Discussed forming a letter/mailer with information to go out to each household
 - Verified Tom J., attorney for Diocese, along with Finance Council to meet with Mark G. from Catholic Mutual to verify and dissect insurance numbers within the various certificates of insurance
 - Dan Marthaler, Melrose building official, was present to discuss questions
 - Agreed to meet on a weekly basis as a commitment to keep process moving
 - Dec. 30th-Received final forensic report (to publish on Parish website)
- *January 2017*
 - Jan 6th- Bishop Kettler called a meeting with Fr. Marv and the Parish Council along with, Joe Towalski from the St. Cloud Diocese Office of Communications and Fr. Rolfes who is on Diocesan Building Council
 - Jan. 7th -Parish Council met with Timothy Johnston from the St. Cloud Diocese Office of Liturgy and Worship, and a member of the Diocesan Building Council. He agreed to give presentation at all parish masses weekend of Jan 14/15.
 - Recommended hiring liturgical design consultant to work with architect and parish to provide possible designs of worship space that follow liturgical guidelines directed by Diocese within structure while respecting the values and heritage of our community.
 - Jan 8th-Parish Council met to update and prepare for weekend mass
 - Have video of presentation to allow parishioners not able to attend access to the information presented (to publish on Parish website)