

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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OUR PAST AND FUTURE

St. Patrick's Catholic Church is a beacon of light and hope for Chadron, serving our faithful parishioners and community for over a century. Being good stewards of our parish at this time in history, we must care for what we have been given and so that future generations will have safe, effective and blessed places to gather as the body of Christ.

OUR MASTER PLAN

After thorough study, discussion and prayerful discernment, parish leaders developed a master plan to address our current needs and best prepare our campus for years to come. As part of this plan, we will construct a new parish center while also demolishing the former school building, improve parking, make important renovations to Assumption Arena and create a new entrance to the church. Our preparation included feedback received from parishioners as part of a survey this summer and professional guidance from a construction cost consultant.



OUR VISION

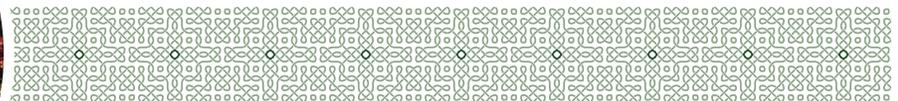
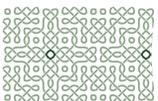
NEW PARISH CENTER AND PARKING | *Estimated Cost: \$1,572,834*

The current parish center hasn't been fully functional since Assumption Academy school was closed 50 years ago. The reasons for demolishing the three-story structure are simple and practical: only a portion of the 21,000 square feet is used, it is not ADA-compliant in regard to building access or restrooms, there is mold and asbestos in the structure, the roofing needs to be replaced and a new HVAC system would be required to improve energy efficiency.

After evaluating these needs, the plan is to construct a new parish center after removing the old one. The proposed one-story facility is 7,200 square feet and houses the parish offices, religious education classrooms and a multi-purpose meeting space that can also function as an Emergency Crisis Center. Key features include:

- Reception area and offices for pastor, religious education/pastoral ministry and administration.
- Eight classrooms for approximately 100 adults and youth in the religious education program.
- Meeting room to accommodate 60 people with dividers to host simultaneous gatherings.
- ADA accessible, including ADA-compliant restrooms.

The removal of the old parish center and offices creates room for a new parking lot, centrally located for ease of access to the parish center, church and the renovated Assumption Arena. This concrete lot includes 22 stalls. The additional parking will complement the existing on-site and surrounding public street parking. The parking enhancements includes replacing broken curbing and pavement to the existing concrete lot which has never been updated. *(over)*



RENOVATION OF ASSUMPTION ARENA |

Estimated Cost: \$1,774,527

Assumption Arena is one of the most utilized buildings in the Chadron area, serving as the home for parish-related and community events. Other than a new roof installed in 2021 and a kitchen renovation in 2016, the only other maintenance updates since 1950 have been occasional roof repairs. We need to meet the latest building code and ADA requirements, but also renovate it into a more well-planned, functional, safe and architecturally pleasing building to serve our parishioners and community.

The arena will continue to have a large capacity event center, serving 250 to 350 people. Key planned improvements include:

- New southeast entrance to enclose the weather-exposed exterior stairs and to provide a vestibule/ weather break to the building.
- Remove the raised stage and construct a new floor at street level, providing direct and ADA-compliant access to the Rummage Room.
- Two large ADA-compliant restrooms to eliminate some of the waiting times.
- Addition of a fourth fire exit.
- Insulation of walls and windows.
- Bring electrical, plumbing and HVAC systems to current code and functional requirements.
- Install a fire sprinkler system.
- Equip with the latest audio-visual computer system.



NEW ENTRANCE TO CHURCH | Estimated Cost: \$300,000

If the parish raises funds beyond what is needed for the parish center, parking lot and arena renovation, it would like to address the main church entrance. Key areas to address:

- Reduce the glass and sun glare. The glare can be a problem during Sunday morning Masses and can be visible from the pulpit since the interior wall to the nave is also floor-to-ceiling glass.
- Replace rotting wood timbers, refurbish steel connectors and paint pipe columns.
- Regrade the steep concrete walkway.
- Create a true church entrance that offers protection from the weather and offers a transitional space from the outdoors to the church's interior.



THE FUNDING

Due to several estate gifts, St. Patrick's has approximately \$1.5 million in savings to commit to these projects while keeping a portion for deferred maintenance. The parish's goal is to raise the balance through a major fundraiser.

OUR NEXT STEPS

Before we move forward with any of these capital projects, your input during this planning study will help us gauge our parish's support and determine a realistic fundraising goal. Please provide your feedback by participating to help leadership decide how best to proceed.

Your opinion matters!

