

Our Parish-Our Future Building Project Updates

Week #3: Gathering Space, East Church Entrance & Light Wells, Elevator, Ground-level Public Restrooms

Dear Parishioners:

The Building Committee was blessed to welcome Vicar General Fr. Scott Pogatchnik and Fr. Gabriel to our meeting on December 4 as we begin to steer the Building Project without Fr. Joe's leadership. We are so thankful for the good work, sage advice, support, and spirit that Fr. Joe brought to this project. While there is still much to do and funds left to raise, the Building Project will continue to move forward and we are on track to break ground in the spring of 2026.

The Building Committee

Gathering Space The Gathering Space is the hub that connects the church, school, fellowship hall, youth room and Adoration Chapel, bringing parishioners together when activities or functions occur in any of these spaces. Parishioners and visitors can enter through the exterior doors and hallways from the north, south, or east. Wheelchairs will be parked by the south entrance for those who might find the distance to the church entrance challenging. Before and after Mass, it's an inviting, indoor space where parishioners can stop to visit without interrupting those who want to spend time in church in quiet prayer. Skylights will provide natural lighting during the day. The new Adoration Chapel can be accessed directly from the Gathering Space.



View from inside the south Canopy Entrance, with Adoration Chapel on the left and Fellowship Hall on the right.

During the week when school is in session, the Todd Street entrance will be locked for security reasons and used exclusively by the school, but the south and north entrances will be open for access to all other spaces.

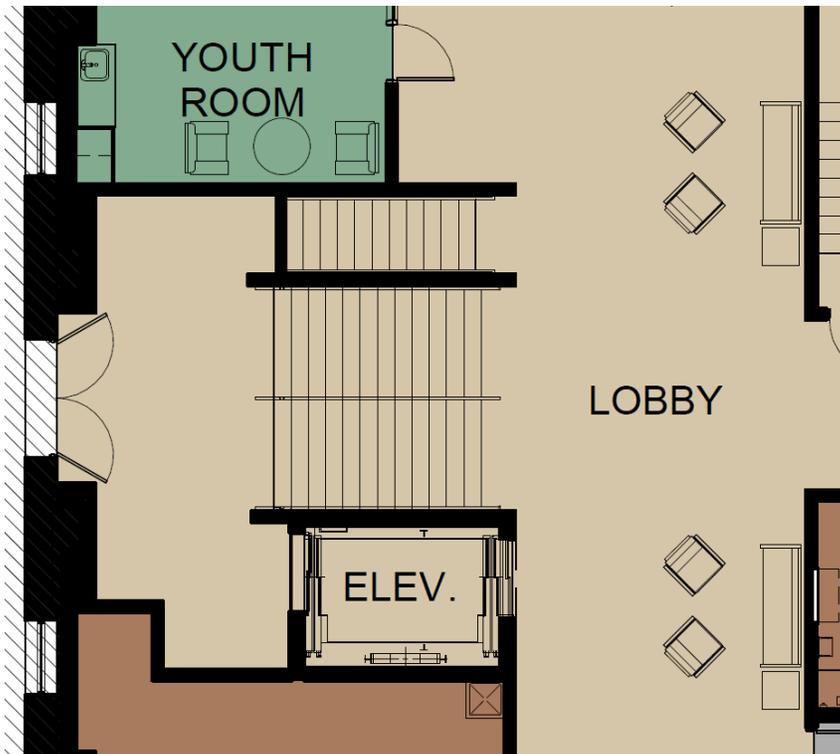


Note: The siding for the building project is still being determined and cost may necessitate using a brick wainscot and LP Siding rather than full brick.

Public Restrooms Located just off the Gathering Space, these ground-floor, multi-stall restrooms are easy to find, easy to access, and handicapped accessible. The glass double doors shown lead to the secured south entrance to the school which remain locked during school hours.



East Church Entrance The East Church Entrance area is redesigned for a more welcoming and visually pleasing entrance, with a wider staircase, double doors opening into the nave, and stairs leading down to the Church Hall. Clerestory (high) windows will provide natural lighting. Along the east exterior wall of the church, light wells will enclose the stained-glass windows, providing as much natural light as possible to backlight the stained glass from the exterior.



Elevator The current elevator will be replaced with one that can accommodate a casket and is operated by three-phase electricity, providing much faster service. The elevator doors can be seen to the left of the stairs in the East Church Entrance picture, with the overall floorplan is shown here. The larger landing space and entrance area will provide additional room for posting parish announcements, reading material, bulletins, etc.

Next Week: Youth Room, North entrance, Parish Meeting Room