



Four Parishes, One Faith
Administration Office:
111 West Marshall St. | Rice Lake, WI 54868
715-234-2032

2022 OUR LADY OF LOURDES - WINDOW PROJECT

Finance Council Update

April 2022

Dear Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes,

The Finance Council would like to provide you with an update regarding our window preservation and enhancement project. We would also like to share more information about plans going forward.

GIFT SHOP/VESTMENT ROOM WINDOWS

The interior windows in these areas were removed the week of April 4. Significant rot was present on some of the wood frames. This will be repaired. Julie Rutherford will fabricate new stained glass for two windows that previously contained frosted glass. These will be more visible once the clear glass storm windows are installed and will add beauty to our church.

PRESERVATION OF CURRENT WINDOWS

This part of the project is felt to be essential as our window frames are experiencing rot and need to be protected from future damage. This includes new clear plate glass storm windows, re-leading of windows in the nave, repair of broken glass and repair of wood frame rot.

REPLACEMENT OF FOUR WEST NAVE WINDOWS

This part of the project was desired to be completed by those parishioners who completed input forms by nearly a 3:1 ratio.

ROUND WINDOW ABOVE BALCONY

This will add beauty to the balcony wall overlooking our sanctuary. Adding this window will require some construction on the interior of the balcony wall to properly support the window weight. While it would be ideal to have the load bearing construction and window installation completed before the church is repainted, this could be done as a separate project in the future if funding is not available in the near term.

ROUND WINDOW DESIGN

After Masses on March 12 and 13 preliminary information was shared regarding potential design and size of a round window above the balcony. Possibilities for this window include an image, such as of Our Lady of Lourdes with or without St. Bernadette, or a window without an image that would instead incorporate a design such as a rose pattern.

To provide parishioners with a visual display to help guide decision making, a couple images will be placed in the balcony for parishioners to view. We will be having another meeting with parishioners so you can share your thoughts about preferences for this window.

TIMING



Four Parishes, One Faith
Administration Office:
111 West Marshall St. | Rice Lake, WI 54868
715-234-2032

The stained-glass company has informed us that they plan start our project in September or October. Their goal is to have our project completed before Christmas.

WINDOW CONTRIBUTIONS

As of the end of March over \$90,000 has been contributed to the window project.

COOLING SYSTEM

Stone removal, framing of vent openings and installation of new vents for the air handler has been completed. Installation of the new air conditioning condenser and air handler will be completed before Summer.

INTERIOR DESIGN

The next phase of the project is interior design. During this phase we will be reviewing items such as paint schemes and colors, lighting, tabernacle relocation, how to appropriately surround the tabernacle if it is relocated, sacristy space, sacarium relocation, space for a confessional, and other items that parishioners would like to address. It is anticipated that we will meet monthly. It may take a year to work through the various issues. We would like for you to be involved in the process as the more input we receive the better our final decisions will be.

THANK YOU!!

Thank you for your input, prayers and contributions to the renovation project. There are many concerns in our lives that affect our personal financial decisions. Your concern and generous support for Our Lady of Lourdes is truly appreciated. We have received valuable input from many parishioners. Please keep sharing your thoughts, questions, concerns and suggestions!

If you would like to share your thoughts on any matters pertaining to the renovation project or would like to be included in the group that will review interior design please contact Doug Raether at (715)296-5065 or draether@charter.net.

The Finance Council

Rob Buehler, Ron DeRousseau, Steve Fisher, Doug Raether, Rudy Walz

Father Ed Anderson, Father Adam Laski, Aaron Hendricks