



Four Parishes, One Faith
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2022 WINDOW PROJECT

Finance Council Update

February 2022

Dear Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes:

The Finance Council would like to provide you with an update regarding decision making and finances related to our window preservation and enhancement project. Based on very helpful input from parishioners at informational sessions held after Masses on February 12 and 13, we now have a clear direction regarding window options moving forward.

PRESERVATION OF OUR CURRENT WINDOWS

As noted in previous communications, our current windows are not adequately protected from exterior conditions which has resulted in wood frame rot. The plan to repair and to preserve them includes:

Replace Storm Windows

- Removal and disposal of existing storm windows which protect the interior window glass but do not adequately protect the wood frames which hold the interior glass.
- Installation of new storm windows on the 12 small windows in the two tower storerooms on either side of the balcony, the 4 windows in the gift shop and vestment room, the 2 windows in the Adoration Chapel, and the 10 windows in the nave (main part of the church where the pews are).
- The new storm windows will have an anodized dark bronze aluminum frame. This frame will be sealed to the stone window opening to fully protect the stained glass windows and wood frames.
- The new storm windows will be clear plate glass which will allow our windows to be more visible from the exterior as well as allow more light in to the church interior.

Restoration of Stained Glass Windows in the Nave

- The stained glass windows in the nave (main body of the church) will be removed and taken to the studio in Winona. Then they will be disassembled, the glass will be cleaned, broken glass panes will be repaired or replaced, and the windows will be completely resealed. This restoration of the stained glass windows will serve our parish for many decades to come.
- The existing wood window frames will be repaired where rot is present and fully repainted.

The cost for this work is approximately \$102,000

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REPLACEMENT OF FOUR WEST NAVE WINDOWS

The four west nave windows are of a different style than the other six windows in the east and central portions of the nave. We do not know the history of this, but it appears the four west nave windows were salvaged from another church and cut down to fit in our window openings.

At the meetings held after the February 12 and 13 Masses we sought parishioner input as to whether or not we should leave the four west nave windows as is or replace them with windows of the same style as those in the east and central nave. By almost a 3 to 1 margin, parishioners prefer making the nave windows all the same style.

The cost for this work is approximately \$40,000.

BALCONY WINDOW

In the past there was a semicircular window in the center of the wall behind the balcony pews. This window was removed and for at least the last 25 years this window opening has been used as a vent for the air handler. We are relocating the air handler and can now return a window to this area. This window could be semicircular, arch topped or round. The plan is to backlight this window to enhance its visibility.

At the meetings held February 12 and 13, there was strong support for a round window possibly containing a figure of Our Lady of Lourdes.

The design of this window is yet to be determined. We will soon schedule a session for parishioners to attend at which we will show some potential images that could be used for the design of this window. Your input will again be appreciated.

The cost for this window is approximately \$18,000.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES FINANCES

Total project costs to protect and preserve our nave stained glass windows, replace the four west nave windows that are a different style, and install a round window in the balcony is approximately \$160,000.

Amounts in Building Fund accounts are:

Building Fund	\$36,886
Building Fund CD	\$25,912

We are thankful for all the sacrifices those before us made to build and maintain our beautiful church. We ask that you prayerfully consider a donation to preserve and enhance the beauty of our church windows. All donations, from \$1.00 to \$160,000.00, will be greatly appreciated. We know they will be given from your heart.

The Finance Council

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