



Four Parishes, One Faith
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April 28, 2024

Dear Parish Family,

This letter is to provide an update on our priests' rectory move from 111 West Marshall Street, Rice Lake, to a new home on Augusta Street, Rice Lake.

Our Finance and Parish Council members have long been discussing the idea of finding a new home for our priests outside of the office building at 111 West Marshall Street due to lack of space for the priests and staff members. Recently, we had the opportunity to lease an offsite home on Augusta Street for a three-month trial period. Our priests found the home and location to be a good fit with ample space to host family and friends, an appropriate boundary between work and home life, and it allowed office staff to make use of the office building space on Marshall Street for programming.

On January 30, 2024, the St. Joseph Finance Council unanimously agreed to move forward with the intent to make an offer for the purchase of the home on Augusta Street as new rectory space. Before the official offer, the Presbyteral Council (Bishop's council that approves extraordinary purchases for churches and gives feedback on major decisions in the Diocese) reviewed the purchase. Bishop James Powers also physically toured the home in February of 2024. After the review of the Bishop and the Presbyteral Council, an offer was presented and accepted for a closing date at the end of April 2024.

St. Joseph Parish will be taking responsibility for the actual purchase of the home for \$350,000. Our Lady of Lourdes, Holy Trinity, and St. John the Evangelist, and St. Joseph will continue to share the financial responsibility of other costs such as snow removal, ongoing home maintenance and repair.

There will be no disruption in the accessibility of our priests to the faithful for sacraments, Masses, and important emergencies. Our personal priority for all of you is that your priests are available to serve when you need them - especially in cases of emergency (Family Death, Anointing of the Sick, or Emergency Confession). Our priests will continue to be available to the faithful during business hours at the Marshall Street administration building and after hours by calling the emergency phone number calling our office at 715-234-2032.

If you have any questions about this matter, please contact Fr. Adam Laski at fatheradamlaski@stjosephricelake.org or 715-234-2032.

Sincerely,

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