

Building and Grounds Update:

Discussions are ongoing between the Insurance Company and the Arch Diocese for the repair of the collapsed ceiling section. If we receive insurance money it will only be for the area of collapse, the Parish is responsible for all other costs. It has been determined that the majority of the ceiling needs to be repaired or replaced as any other section could fail in the future. An Engineering firm has been hired by the Parish to determine if any additional bracing or beams are required. We have a company working with us to put a budgetary price together so we have a good idea of the total monies required. The scope of the work includes, ceiling demo/repair/replacement/painting, new lighting system, new wiring and controls for lighting, pew repairs and new industrial carpeting in the church and foyer. This is a very labour intensive projects that requires all pews to be un-anchored and moved from side to side as the work progresses. The Parish will seize this opportunity of construction and expand the size of the altar area by approximately 20%. We are also working with a contractor for pricing to replace the front steps and replace the old paving stones with concrete.

We recently had some vandalism on the south side of the church where a window was broken in Fr. Wilfred's office and four rodent bait station traps were smashed and the storage area beside the shed was damaged. Due to this we will be once again locking the south parking gate when the church is not in use to keep loitering to a minimum and stop unwanted vehicular traffic. The Riffle parking gate will normally be closed at all times with some exceptions.

Please be patient as there are many moving parts to this project. Looking for firms to give quotes and do the work is a difficult and time consuming job. We will keep you posted as things move along.