

Building and Grounds Committee



The Building and Grounds Committee is a Permanent “Ad Hoc” Committee of the Parish Finance Council. They are entrusted with assessing the condition of our buildings and grounds, and making recommendations to the Pastor and the Finance Council for renovations, upgrades and/or new construction. Recent areas of concentration were the parish kitchen, (remodeled in summer 2002); repair of the cement driveway, (winter 2003); the church bathrooms, (remodeled winter-spring 2004); church parking lot, (winter 2008); and the church air-conditioning, (fall 2010).

The Committee recommends to the Pastor and Finance Council projects that need to be undertaken. They, in turn, consider our parish’s financial ability to undertake such a project, to proceed with it, temporarily put it on hold until funds are available, or try to find another way of accomplishing what needs to be done. If the project is approved, the Committee continues the process by searching for the best contractor at the best price. Bids for work to be done are sought. Only the Pastor signs the contract upon the recommendation of the Committee and Council.

As members of the Building and Grounds Committee, we welcome parishioners who have knowledge of the building trades, contracting, interior and exterior design, financial acumen, with a good sense of avoiding liabilities.

Those who serve on the Building and Grounds Committee certainly earn the gratitude of the Pastor and all parishioners.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS MISSION STATEMENT

“Our purpose is to assess the physical needs of all the facilities and grounds maintenance at St. Mary of the Pines, with a special concern for “safety”. To do this we must evaluate priorities for each project, based on the present use, long term projection, and cost effectiveness. All consideration and final decisions are based on needed repairs and maintenance. Each project is reviewed as to what is best for the Christian environment in this parish. Thus, we are able to gather as a ministering community, serving one another, assisting the individual and the faith community to grow.”