



Campus Improvement Project Update

August 31, 2025

A quick update on the progress of the four components of our campus improvement project:

New Entrance Drive: All is tantalizingly close. The landscaping and signage is finished. The sidewalk concrete work has been waiting on a review of an ADA emergency ramp plan exiting the back of the social hall. Once that is approved the last of the concrete work will proceed and the wind vestibule will be installed on the north drop off side.

The exit flow improvements will be completed with the Education/Formation center, since they require the removal of the old rectory first.

Social Hall: There has been a lot of movement this week and next:

- The cabinets for the food line were installed this week, and the countertops will follow.
- The rest of the painting, carpet, and lights are scheduled to be done this coming week and the next.
- The sound panels, audio system, and projector will be installed the week after.
- The new entry doors and windows are scheduled to arrive Sept. 13.
- Finally, fire code requires a fire curtain that will drop down between the social hall and gathering space in case of a fire. That will be the final hurdle.

Education/Formation Center: The last of the utilities to the old rectory were disconnected last week, which enabled us to apply for the demolition permit. In the meantime, the Shelby Township Fire Department will be using the building for training until the demolition takes place in mid-September. Once that happens, foundation work for the building will commence.

Adoration Chapel: The final component of our project is also progressing along. A donor came forward early this summer desiring to purchase the tabernacle for the chapel, and that was ordered then and is on the way. A few others inquired about the possibility of helping to purchase the stained glass. Yes: we will know where we will be obtaining it soon, whether used, new, or a combination of the two. There are a couple of closed churches in the Archdiocese that have very nice windows and we should find out in the next couple of months about whether those would be available to us. It would be a nice way to preserve the legacy of those churches. There will still be some costs associated with moving used windows, so yes, either way there will be opportunities for sponsoring the installation of the windows. More information on that will be coming in a couple months.

Financing Updates

Thank you for the support of the parish raffle – 75% of the tickets have sold already, so please get yours' soon! The big drawing is Sunday, September 21st at the parish picnic. Thank you too, for your support of the parish offertory and the CSA. I am very grateful to all of you who recently signed up to begin regularly giving towards the parish offertory. Reminder letters for the CSA went out this weekend – we have about 9% to go, and anything we raise over that comes back to the parish to help support the campaign. This is such an exciting time for the parish, and thank you for rising to the occasion – it is your commitment and dedication that is allowing our parish to meet the spiritual needs of our local community - with prayers, Fr. Jim