

Our Parish-Our Future Building Project Updates

Week #6: Construction Impact and Temporary Adaptations



There is no question there will be significant disruptions to parish life and school routines during construction. Everyone will need to adapt and lend a hand when they can to make the planned accommodations run as smoothly as possible. As we get closer to the beginning of construction, we will post the volunteer needs for the various areas of impact, coming together to serve each other and our community during these disruptions. And when frustration sets in, (which it will!) please take it as an exceptional opportunity to grow in the virtue of patience (and then “offer it up” for a soul in need!)

For some of these areas of impact the dates and duration are tentative. Also, if we missed an area that is of concern to you, please contact someone on the Building Committee or call the Parish Office. We will find the answer and address it in a future article or contact you with the answer.

CHURCH OPERATIONS

Construction Impact	Dates	Expected Adaptation
Access to Church at East Entrance: No use of east stairs or the elevator	June 2026 to April 2027	Parishioners will access the Church from the west and north main entrance
Access to Mass for those with mobility issues	June 2026 to April 2027	With a ground-level entrance, the library of the school will be used as a handicap-accessible space for weekend Masses and will be set up for this each weekend. The Mass will be televised and communion brought to attendees.
Construction on Interior of Church: Widening the East Door Entrance	Jan-Mar. 2027	Replace the single, east door with a double door to allow caskets to be moved to the church from visitation in the Fellowship Hall. Remove pews on either side of the entrance.

Parish Meetings	June 2026 to April 2027	No significant impact. Meetings can continue in the Parish Hall or Parish Office. If handicap access is needed, meetings can be scheduled in the school library after school hours.
Funerals	June 2026 to April 2027	No changes except making accommodations for those who need an elevator with the option to televise in the school library.
Confessions		No changes. However, people who usually use the elevator can either set up confession appointments with the priest at a different location, or temporarily attend confession at a different ACC parish.
Weddings		No changes except making accommodations for those who need an elevator with the option to televise to the school library.

PARKING

Construction Impact	Dates	Expected Adaptation
Removal of Garage	May 2026	All equipment and materials stored in the garage will be relocated to the current two stall garage on the west side of the Rectory/Parish Office.
Removal of playground equipment (VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!)	May – July 2026	Prior to the start of construction, the existing school playground equipment (swings, slides, merry-go-round, etc.) will need to be relocated to the fenced in playground across the street near the basketball and ball fields.
No Parking directly south of school	June '26 – Apr. '27	Parking will be in the streets or the playground across the street (similar to our Fall Festival) and there will be a small parking area directly south of the church
Removal of Family Center and Construction of new parking lot	May – July 2027	At the time the Family Center is removed, the remaining portion of the old parking lot will be removed, regraded, and the new parking lot will be surfaced. During this time, parking will only be available on the street or in the school playground.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Construction Impact	Dates	Expected Adaptation
Family Center will be used for the 2026-2027 school year.	Removal: April/May 2027	Once the new building is completed, RE classes for 2027 – 2028 will be held in the new building.
Removal of books, furniture, etc. to prepare for demolition. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!	March/April 2027	To prepare for demolition, RE materials will be boxed and stored, or removed to space in the new building when ready.

Removal of building	April 2027	Family Center will be torn down to prepare for installation of the new parking lot.
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SCHOOL

Construction Impact	Dates	Expected Adaptation
No entry/exit through south doors	June 2026 to May 2027	Use north entrance & library entrance as needed
No access to church through east doors	June 2026 to May 2027	Access for lunch, music and PE through west door; Mass through north door
School Meal delivery	June 2026 to May 2027	Delivery through south west church basement door
Playground	Beginning 9/2026	1-6 th grade recess across road
Children's House Playground VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!	2026-2027 remains unchanged. 2027-2028 use new playground area	May 2027: may need to move recess at a temporary location until the new area is ready
Library will be moved to make room for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Atrium. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!	June 2027	All books and shelving will be moved to the new library space on the 1 st floor.
New CGS Atrium will be created in the old library space. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!	June-August 2027	Remodeling this space was not included in the budget, so volunteer expertise is welcome!

ADORATION CHAPEL

Construction Impact	Dates	Expected Adaptation
Access to the Adoration Chapel.	June 2026 to May 2027	There will be no outside access during construction. Adorers will need to go through the sanctuary and sacristy.
Adoration Chapel stained-glass		The three existing stained-glass exterior windows of the current Adoration Chapel will be removed and reinstalled in the new chapel. This will disrupt the use of the current Chapel during removal and installation of infill. The current Chapel is intended to remain open until the new Adoration Chapel is completed.
Adoration Chapel altar and pews.		Unless additional funds can be raised to replace the current Adoration Chapel altar and pews, they will be reused in the new Adoration Chapel.

PARISH GROUPS

Construction Impact	Dates	Expected Adaptation
Parish Hall: KC breakfasts, turkey bingo, RE Breakfasts	June 2026 to May 2027	Access Parish Hall from west entrance
Parish Kitchen	June 2026 to May 2027	The current south east entrance will be closed. Access to the Kitchen will be via the south west exterior entrance or thru the basement Parish Hall.
Family Center: Ministries and Groups that use the Family Center: Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Religious Education, KCs, Grieving with Grace, Hispanic ministries, etc.	June 2026 to May 2027	Ministries will have use of the Family Center during construction so disruption to those ministries should be minimal. Once the new building is complete, these ministries will be relocated to the new building, after which the Family Center will be demolished.