

Winter Update



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Property for a New Parish Site



Aerial photograph of the property proposed by our Advisor Group for the new parish site

Photo by Joseph Schoen

Over the past six months, the New Land Committee from the parish has been researching properties between Princeton and Zimmerman as a possible location for a new church building. Ten properties were considered. Some of these are on the open market. Some materialized from the landowners themselves. Some were considered after committee members went knocking on doors to see if residents were interested in selling.

Each property had advantages and disadvantages. The Committee used as its guide for evaluation, the Concept Statements that emerged from the All Parish discussions, Spring 2016. The Committee looked at size (big enough for future expansions), affordability, location (it needed to be mid-way

between Princeton and Zimmerman), accessibility (meaning easy access from Highway 169), and other considerations including aesthetic beauty, noise (not next to Highway 169), and issues of environment (low ground, flooding and soil quality).

By October 2016, the New Land Committee narrowed the choices to three properties. In November 2016, the Advisor Group met to review these three choices. The Advisor Group is made up of 59 parishioners who committed during an All Parish meeting after-Mass weekend in May 2016. The Advisor Group was created to advise all the committees (New Land, New Building, Prayer & Spirituality, and Fundraising) in conjunction with our One in the Light Building project on whatever needs arise. The Advisor Group found that one property in particular had the most strengths in addressing our needs for a new church site.

At the November 22 meeting, our Pastoral Council examined the report from the Advisor Group along with the recommendation from the New Land Committee and decided to purchase the property at 11604 293rd Avenue,

Princeton as the site for a future Church. This property is on County Road 9 about one mile east of Highway 169. It encompasses 110 acres, but about 40 of those acres are picturesque wet lands and not suitable for building. It is a magnificent piece of property currently used as farmland that also contains many trees and native plants. The property is owned by Al and Teeny Emmerich who are parishioners and are flexible concerning a sale date and options for purchasing. The property also contains a house, which would become the parish rectory.

Currently the process for purchasing is waiting for Bishop Don Kettler's approval. He will make his decision after consulting with the Diocesan College of Consulters and the Diocesan Finance Committee, who are scheduled to meet in March, 2017.

Interest at South

Independent School District 728 (ISD 728) commonly known as the Elk River School District, has shown interest in purchasing the South Christ Our Light property. This interest comes from a need to address their lack of adequate parking space for school and athletic events. The South property is surrounded by three of their properties: Zimmerman Elementary School, athletic fields and the Zimmerman Middle/High School. Each is in urgent need of more parking spaces.


Currently ISD 728 is also in discussion with officials from the City of Zimmerman with the idea of leasing the church building to the city for multi-purpose use. These purposes may include a city library, senior citizen center, Boys and Girls Club, and offices.

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Building Design

At the November 22 Pastoral Council meeting, the council accepted the recommendation of the Facility Planning Committee to hire Miller-Dunwidde (of Minneapolis) as architects for master planning the new church building; that is to help Christ Our Light Parish articulate a vision for oneness and to fashion the ideas presented from their Concept Statements.

At the end of January 2017, architects from Miller-Dunwidde will meet with all six Development Teams of the parish (Liturgy/Environment, Social Concerns/Outreach, Hospitality/Community Life, Building/Grounds, Education/Youth, and Finance/Stewardship) to begin sharing ideas for the quantitative aspects of a new building. To date, the many meetings and surveys have been addressing the qualitative aspect of what and how parishioners want to become one. Now, meetings and surveys will proceed to address the nitty-gritty issues of how big? Where? Who needs what?

Miller-Dunwidde will also be working closely with liturgical designer John Buscemi (for design of the worship space) and with the fundraising firm of Hal Johnson and Associates (as the parish officially begins a Capital Campaign in May 2017).

SAVE THE DATE:

Sat., August 19, 2017

Summer Bash Dance

Featuring Boogie Wonderland

Sun., August 20, 2017

Summer Bash Festival

One in the Light

An official title has been determined for the project of designing and building a new church for Christ Our Light. The title is, "One in the Light." This phrase is important. Our ultimate goal is not merely to build a new church building, but to become one as a community. That oneness is already being addressed in many ways through many surveys, meetings, and discussions. It has been determined that worshipping in only one site will best help all parishioners to feel as one. That oneness needs to be guided by the light of

Christ and the prompting of the Holy Spirit.

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Christ Our Light Building Project

9th Annual
Snowball
>>> Dancing through the Decades
Friday, Feb. 10, 2017

Six+ decades of music

6:00-10:30 PM

Coyote Moon Bar & Grill

(Territory Golf Club)

480 - 55th Ave. SE, St. Cloud, MN 56304

Featuring



40s-style Dinner Music by Christ Our Light

**Dinner Buffet
& Cash Bar**

Menu includes: Baked Ham,
Chicken, Baby Red Potatoes,
Monaco Blend Vegetables,
Dinner Rolls, Coffee & Milk

TICKETS

(General Seating)

Adult: \$20; Youth (3-10) : \$10

*****Reserve Your Table: \$50 + Tickets*****

Round tables (seat 10) near the dance floor

Long tables (seat 14-16) at the back of the Hall

Need a ride to the Snowball? Reserve a seat on our bus!

PICK UP: COL-South at 5:15 PM and COL-North at 5:30 PM; DEPART VENUE: 10:30 PM

Tickets available through Christ Our Light Parish Offices