

# Elevator for St Mary Church

How many times has this subject been discussed in the past few decades?

Most recently it was an item on the Capital Campaign from 2016 with an estimated cost, at that time, of \$400,000. In 2017, higher project priorities of the Campaign put the elevator project on HOLD.

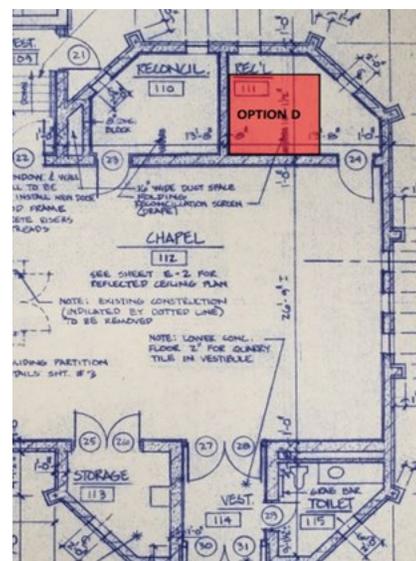
**Well, now there is great progress to report on installing an elevator a reality:**

- Due to a generous donation specifically toward an elevator, investigation to install one started again in 2021 with Stelling & Associates Architects, PSG Construction and 2 parish members.
- Multiple locations were considered and after a lot of investigative work it was decided to place the elevator in the southeast corner reconciliation room of the chapel.
- A decision was made with the Finance Council to go with a “Limited-use, limited access” elevator (LULA) instead of a traditional elevator, and still meet the parish needs.
  - ◆ A traditional elevator would require a deeper elevator pit and space above for an overrun (through the chapel roof), changing the chapel roof line.
  - ◆ These modifications would incur prohibitive additional expense and have a negative aesthetic impact on the roof of the chapel.
  - ◆ **At this time, the donated funds should cover the entire cost of the project.**
- The construction timeline is:
  - ◆ Preliminary demo/construction to start at the end of October.
  - ◆ LULA delivery is scheduled for the end of January 2023.
  - ◆ Project completion estimated to be the middle of March 2023
- The effect on worship should be minimal:
  - ◆ All construction activities will be cleared and approved by the Rectory office.
  - ◆ Adoration and any services in the chapel could periodically be impacted.
  - ◆ Services such as Masses, Funerals, Weddings and other holidays in the main part of church will **not** be impacted and will take preference to construction.

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Example of a “LULA” elevator.



Elevator location in the Chapel.