The new Window, there appears to be something missing?! If you have had the chance to see the new stained-glass window in our west apse and the six panel panes on either side of the door, then I am sure you have realized that something is missing. During the installation one of the long rectangular panels of hurricane glass was broken. Hurricane glass is made to withstand the impact of a piece of lumber being hurled at it with a force of well over 100 mph; but, contacting a drill bit on the edge in what is most likely a "sweet spot," well, not so much. So, the pane is broken and must be replaced before the stained-glass pane can be installed. We have folks coming out to measure and order the hurricane glass and that should be done before you read this article. However, the pane itself could take up to 3 weeks to get here. Then the installers will have to come back and finish the job. At that point the entire window and panels will be installed, and we can enjoy the beauty and inspiration they will bring to our church. The hope and intention are that the window and panels will provide inspiration to enhance our prayer appreciation of God's good gifts by calling to mind the Incarnation of the Son in the birth of Jesus. The following paragraph is from the article from last week's bulletin. It tells a little about the creators of the Window and touches on the connection with the Crucifixion Window in the east apse. More of this will be forthcoming.

The new Nativity Window is done in the same style as the Crucifixion Window directly opposite it in the east apse. This style is found throughout Europe and very much so in Ireland. It is also done by the same family company, The Franz Mayer family of Munich. Check out their history at https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Franz Mayer %26 Co or by Googling Franz Mayer of Munich or by looking at Franz Mayer of Munich: Architecture, Glass, Art in our own parish library as of Tuesday. More on this and the connection between the two windows later.

We hope that you are enjoying the new Window and that the missing pane is not causing much disturbance in that enjoyment. In a couple of weeks, it should be complete. Thanks again to Patrick and Marilyn Adams for their generous gift.