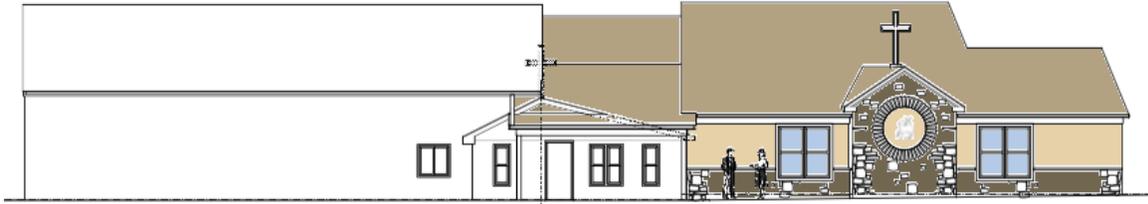# ANNOUNCING… *PHASE 3* OF BUILDING AT THE CURRENT SAINT ISIDORE PARISH YOUTH CENTER

FULFILLMENT OF A LONG-TERM PLAN

In 2006 a plan was formed to renovate the old barn structure on our Church campus to create desperately needed parish meeting spaces. Under Father Riegler's leadership, a three-phase project was envisioned to create usable spaces for parish storage, youth-related activities, and various other parish meetings and apostolates.

The first phase of work was begun in July of 2006. The purpose of that phase was to establish a storage area on the second level of the former barn and to renovate an area adjacent to the garage, for the use of the parish's CYO groups and activities. With the support of our amazing parishioners, the first phase of the project was quickly completed by October of 2006.

The second phase of work was begun in March of 2007. The purpose of that phase was to build an additional room, adjacent to the renovated CYO space, that would function as an additional small parish meeting area, including bathrooms, a kitchen, and an HVAC system. Again, through the generosity and hard work of many parishioners, the second phase of the project was quickly completed by November of 2007.

From 2007 until 2019, because the parish was paying off its debt on the building of our new Church structure, Fr. Riegler decided to temporarily postpone the third and final phase of the project, which was a plan to extend the structure one final time, filling in the space between the current Youth Center and the Parish Pavilion.

With our Church mortgage debt having been paid off in 2019, it is now time to bring to completion the work that was begun in 2006. This final phase of construction will provide for our parish community a much larger and more versatile meeting room, additional bathrooms, storage spaces, an ADA compliant ramp, and added HVAC infrastructure, etc.

WHY NOW?

One thing has become very clear over the past few years: as our parish community continues to grow, there are so many more opportunities for community enrichment that could become possible, if we only had sufficient spaces for the use of the different groups and apostolates of our parish. As often as ideas are proposed for new parish activities, faith formation initiatives, and fellowship gatherings, we run into the same difficulties… What space is available? Will the space be big enough? Will another group or activity have to be displaced?
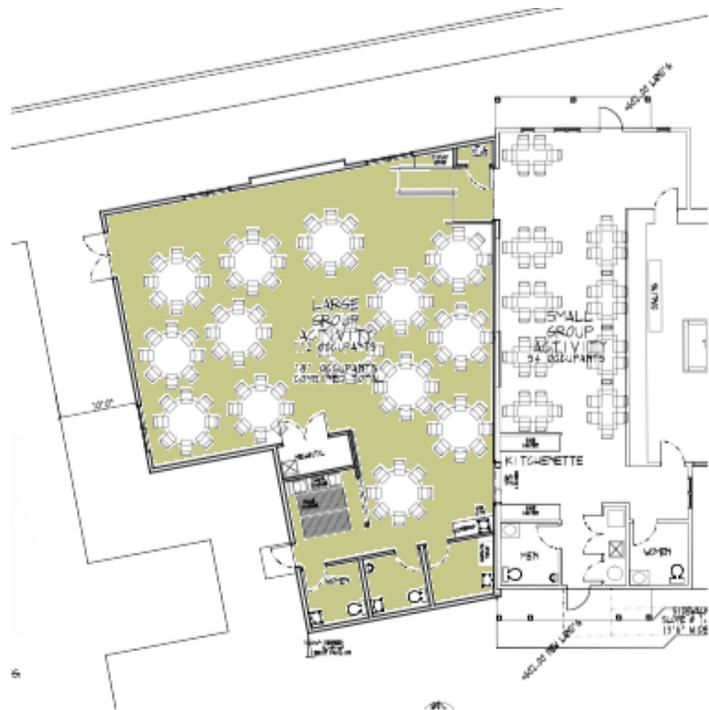
The new space we intend to build in the coming year will help us to continue moving forward with the development of our Church campus, give our parish community a much-needed larger meeting facility, and make possible so many of the new and exciting faith-formation and fellowship programs we would like to offer for our people.

PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH AND ENRICHMENT

-This new room will become the largest parish meeting space on our Church campus, with seating for more than 100 people, under normal circumstances. As such, many more programs, which were previously not feasible, can now become a reality.

-The space will have integrated sound systems and multimedia technologies, advancing our options for community faith formation.

-In accord with current parish practice, the new space would even be rentable for wedding receptions, funeral luncheons, and other family gatherings, etc.

HOW *YOU* CAN HELP THIS PLAN TO BECOME A REALITY…

You, our parishioners, have proven time and again that you are excited to support worthwhile works that build up the common good of our parish family and the local community. We are hoping that you see the great value of this endeavor and do your part to support it. We do not want, therefore, to add any additional financial burden to you at this time; rather, we would like to temporarily repurpose a fund that you are already so good to support.

Saint Isidore Parish has been truly blessed to experience your great generosity through the regular second collection at our Sunday Masses. In the days when we still had our Church mortgage, the second collection was called the "Parish Debt" fund, and you helped us to pay off our mortgage nearly 15 years ahead of schedule! After paying off our mortgage, the second collection transitioned to be an ongoing "Parish Enhancement" fund. With your donations to that fund, we have already been able to do some amazing things for our parish, such as transitioning our facilities' lighting systems to more efficient and eco-friendly LED technology, installing security camera equipment for our church and school campuses, inaugurating a streaming video option for all of our parish liturgies (a particularly providential gift in recent days, thanks be to God!), as well as a great number of other small projects.

Beginning in January 2021, you will notice a small change to the language on some of your parish donation envelopes. Our regular second collection, which is currently for general "Parish Enhancement," will be retitled and temporarily repurposed as a specific campaign to fund the building of our next addition to the current Youth Center. The envelopes for this purpose will have a small image of a construction site and be entitled, "Parish Meeting Hall Fund." We humbly ask you to continue being as generous as possible with our parish's second collection, especially while we are working to bring this particular goal to completion. Of course, we would also welcome any one-time larger donations to support this work. In addition to using your regular parish donation envelopes, donations can also be made on our parish website, through *Parish Giving*.

We anticipate that construction on this project will commence in the spring of 2021 and be concluded by the fall, and cost an estimated $200,000. Larger project images will soon be displayed in our church hallway, and regular updates on construction progress will be shared with you as they become available. Please pray for the success of this project and for the continued growth of our community.

May God bless you for all you do to support Saint Isidore Parish!