

Building Team Report to the 2023 Annual Parish Assembly
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2023 was a year of good progress toward finishing our new parish multi-use building. We were able to hold many bi-weekly work parties with a small group of die-hard volunteers, and with the help of professional contractors and tradesman friends of the church, we completed the interior framing, drywall, insulation and soundproofing. Trade subcontractors were selected and have now successfully passed all of the rough trade inspections for electrical, plumbing, and mechanical systems. The parish workdays and even some of the bonus workdays were attended by a wide variety of different parishioners, with a lot of brothers, young and old, pitching in. One of our sisters took the initiative to keep us fed on many occasions (in addition to helping with some construction labor). At one point, our intrepid priest manned the jackhammer and removed quite a bit of the concrete slab in order to move underground plumbing and adjust the floor plan in the office suite. Another day, the furnace for the building arrived and would not fit in between the trusses to go up into the attic. Not to be slowed down, we popped a watertight access door high on the west gable end and hauled the unit across the attic.

The building is now (very well) insulated, heated and air conditioned, and walls are ready to paint. A standby generator was placed beside the building to provide power during outages. Our commercial interior doors will arrive soon, along with finish plumbing fixtures. Septic tanks have arrived and are set to go in soon, and the sewer line will be completed.

We will need a solid effort from volunteers to meet our current budget goals, with painting being one area in which we can save a lot of money for the parish by completing the work ourselves.

St. Vladimir is on the agenda for our local township planning commission meetings this spring, with applications in for site plan and architectural approval for the next phase of construction, including the new cathedral and fellowship hall, and associated parking, storm water management, and landscaping.

All in all, we are well on track to complete the new parish multi-use building before summer of 2024 is in full swing, when we aim to have approval to break ground for the new cathedral.