

Holy Family Parish Center Update

The Monsignor Glynn Parish Center opened with the church in 1988. For over 30 years, it has served the needs of the parish with room for faith formation, ministry, and organization meetings, and originally outside events. As time has passed the center needs to meet new needs in the church.

Although the staff has kept the Parish Center well maintained, the time has worn on the floors and ceilings of the building. Much of the infrastructure is beyond its original expected life. Floor tiles are peeling off the floor and ceiling tiles have been stained by humidity and condensation. These need to be replaced but the original pieces are no longer available. Additionally, the lighting can be updated to be more efficient and appealing for events.

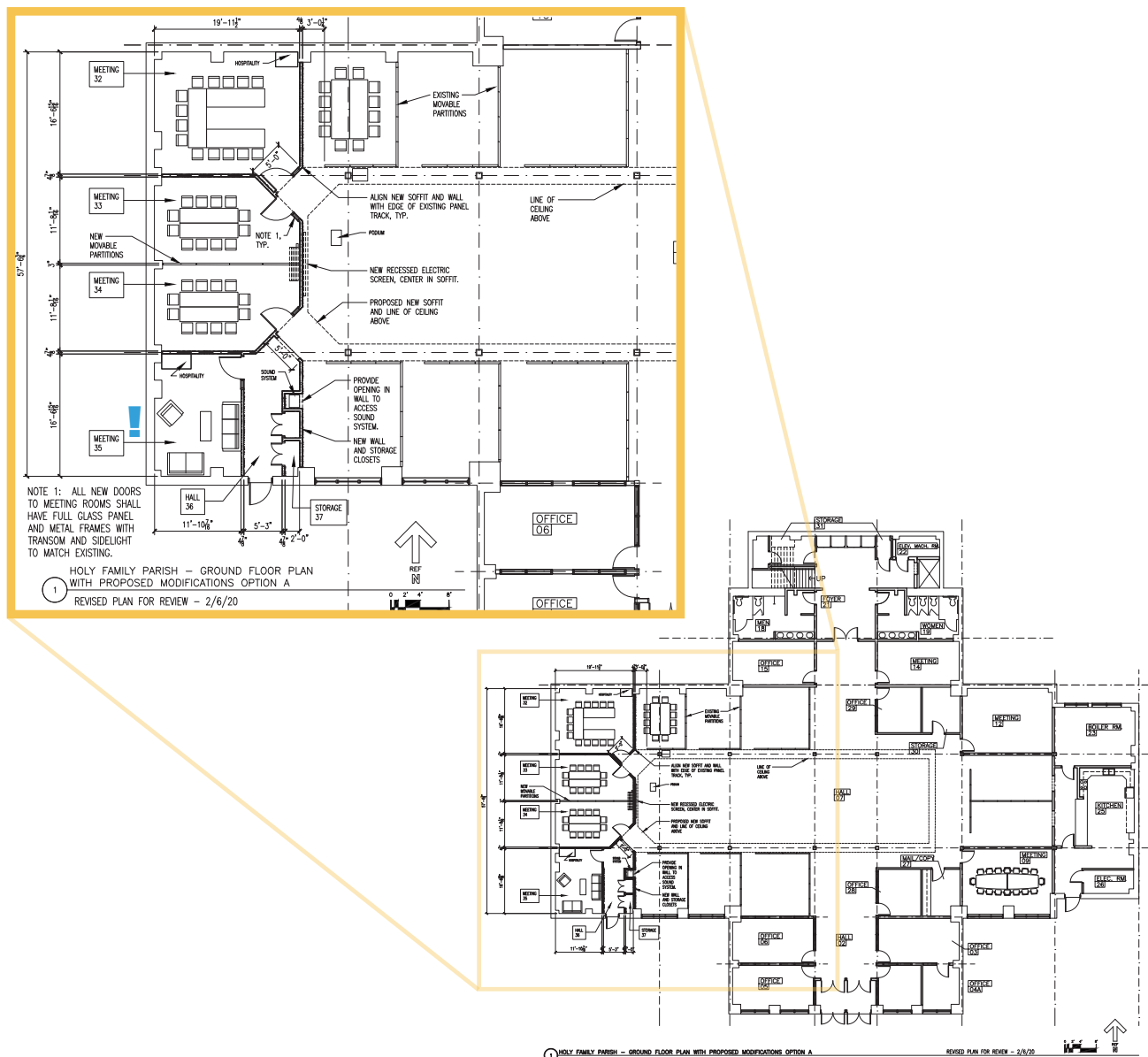
The needs of the parish have transformed over the years as the population has grown and community needs have become more diverse. Small groups vie for meeting space we have available. There is a need for more counseling space for ministries serving grief, addiction, loneliness, and spiritual needs. These discussions require more private areas to allow open discussion, particularly during competing events in the larger spaces.

We have three projects to make the center better suited to these needs. The first is converting the temporary rooms on the western end of the center to more permanent conference and counseling rooms with soundproofing and adequate seating and technology. The second is updating the lighting, and ceiling of the larger spaces from the new rooms to the kitchen. The third is to replace the flooring throughout the open areas.

The first of these three projects will start in the first quarter of 2023.

Project 1: Creating separation for meeting and counseling rooms

Creating a space to hold a meeting and counseling session is an important addition to fulfill our mission of caring for our community. Currently, meetings for the Knights of Columbus or Stephen Ministry can be difficult to conduct when there is religious education or youth ministry activities in the main area of the parish center. By closing off the rooms at the end of area with walls to the floor above will make these rooms more useful for these purposes. The rooms will have technology for presentations and videos. The room to the left will be set up as a counseling room with comfortable seating and increased privacy. All doors will have windows so there can be oversight but soundproofed for secure discussions. The other three rooms will have similar use for meetings except the soundproofing will be increased to avoid crossover noise from other activities in the center. The middle room will continue to have a divider to allow for more flexibility in use.



Project 2: Refurbishing the Lighting and Ceiling

Over the years the walls and ceilings have deteriorated and cannot be repaired. The ceiling tiles will be replaced with the soffits converted to drywall. With the HVAC project finally completed to prevent the condensation, the new ceiling should have longer life. Lighting will be refreshed with modern lighting options to allow adjustment of the light level and a more appealing appearance. The room dividers will be reused but recovered with material that allows for pinning papers to the wall without permanent damage.



Project 3: Replace the Flooring

The flooring in parish center has out lived it's estimated life. It is peeling up from the water damage from the HVAC system that has been replaced. The main area will have new luxury vinyl flooring that resembles a wood floor but with much longer life and better resiliency.

