

August 11/12, 2007

Dear Members of St. Mary and St. Frances Cabrini,

I have some good news and some bad news. The good news is that the repair on St. Mary church tower is completed. The bad news is that there is water damage to the gym floor at St. Mary Hall. First, in regards to the repair of the church tower at St. Mary, a rubber base has been placed on top of the tower around the steeple and the flashing has also been repaired. The four pinnacles on the tower as well as the louvered windows were sealed and painted. The inside of the tower was cleaned and screens were added to the windows to keep the pigeons out. The tower will be checked to be sure there is no further leaking. This work was accomplished because of your generosity to the Capital Campaign for St. Mary Church. The bell still cannot be rung, however, as the structural repairs necessary for that to happen have not been made.

Regarding the water damage to the gym floor, on the night of July 18 during a torrential downpour, water poured across the parking lot flooding more than the drains were able to handle. The water flowed through the maintenance room door into the maintenance room, into the hallway and across the gym floor. As a result, the gym floor has buckled more severely than when the water leaked through the former roof. At this time I am working with the insurance adjusters to see if the floor can be repaired or if it will need to be replaced. The 1950's style floor with its cork underlay (which is the reason for the bowing effect from the water) is now obsolete. My prayer is that these repairs be completed before the City Rec League begins its basketball season.

The next Capital Campaign project for St. Mary will be to purchase a lift to replace the current ramp and then to have it installed. For St. Frances Cabrini the next Capital Campaign project will be to install A/C for the church. I am waiting to receive blueprints for the option of two possible installations for the A/C.

I want to conclude by thanking you once again for your ongoing support for both churches, both for the operational funding you provide through the Sunday offering as well as the capital improvement funding through the Capital Campaign that is soon to conclude.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Raymond J. Thomas  
Pastor