

SELF-GUIDED TOUR OF THE CHURCH RENOVATION PROJECT

New lighting



New tile flooring in both Sacristies



Expanded seating area and tile flooring in church



Begin your tour in the North Narthex:

- ❖ As you begin your tour in the outer North Narthex corridor, you immediately notice the significantly **improved lighting** and the **newly carpeted flooring** that runs from the parish center entrance all the way into the school.
- ❖ As you enter the main inner North Narthex area, the enhancements of **new flooring and new lighting** continue, including a new **accent light** on the beautiful painting of St. Dominic. You may also notice that **the crucifix** from the original Church on this site has been removed. Stay tuned for the reappearance of this importance piece of our history later on our tour!

Move into the Chapel:

- ❖ As you enter our beautiful chapel, the first thing that strikes you is the greatly **improved lighting**, including **accent lighting** on the liturgical elements and works of art. Note that the **Last Supper Triptych** has been moved to the back wall and the **Chapel Crucifix** from the Marcy Church has been placed on the newly painted wall in the front. Also mounted in the Chapel is our **Relic of the True Cross**. A new **glass window** has been added to the Reconciliation Room for both artistic and safe environment purposes. The flooring has been upgraded with a combination of **tile and carpet**.

Follow along the Outer Church Hallway to the South Narthex:

- ❖ Exiting the Chapel and walking along the outer Church Hallway you will notice that the **new carpet** and the **improved lighting** continue. The **overhead speakers** connect to the church sound so parents walking with restless children can continue their participation in the Mass.
- ❖ Moving along toward the South Narthex, you will see on your left the newly **tiled Work/Acolyte Sacristy and Vesting Sacristy**, as well as the **newly carpeted Usher's Room**.
- ❖ Arriving in the South Narthex, you will notice that the **St. Dominic Statue** has been placed above the doors to welcome all who enter.
- ❖ Moving further down the hall, you will see on your left the newly **carpeted Bride's Room** as well as the new **Family Bathroom** and **Reconciliation Room**.
- ❖ On the opposite side of the hallway, enter into the new **Quieting Area** to be used by parents when children are in the midst of a restless period.

Enter the Church:

- ❖ Continuing through the Quieting Area, you now enter the new **Expanded Seating Area** with customized lighting and sound. This area is flanked by new **Liturgical Storage Areas** on each side. Highlighting this area are the two **newly visible stained glass windows**.

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Self-guided tour of the renovation project continued

New tile flooring with accent



Choir area with new sound system and bell table



Enhanced Tabernacle and Baptismal Font



Inside the Church:

- ❖ Moving forward into the main body of the Church, you will notice many significant improvements including the appropriately named **Casa Dolce Casa tile flooring** (Italian for "Home Sweet Home"), newly **carpeted aisles**, and new **radial pews**. All of the **finishes have been carefully chosen to compliment** the beautiful existing Mosaic of the Risen Jesus, natural stone, and wood.
- ❖ Notice also the newly configured **Music Area** which includes a new **programmable sound system**, new **microphones**, and a custom built permanent **bell table** that raises and lowers as needed.
- ❖ The renovation period was used to perform some important maintenance work as well. Looking up you will notice that the **wood ceiling** looks new due to cleaning and sealing. See also how **the mosaic** is an even more stunning focal point now that it has been completely cleaned.
- ❖ Notice other church improvements that have been made to highlight the central importance of the Sacraments. The **Ambo** has been moved forward to create clear sight lines throughout the church. The area around the **Tabernacle** has been enhanced to give it greater dignity and honor. The **Holy Oils** have been mounted in a new artistically designed brass holder. A new **Baptismal Font** has been designed to remind us of our entry into God's Family of the Church through the flowing waters of Baptism.
- ❖ Other significant improvements to be aware of include **new overhead speakers**, a new **dimnable lighting system**, and special **accent lighting** throughout the Church. As you look around the outer church walls you will see the enhanced **Stations of the Cross** and special **Shrine Areas** for the Holy Family, St. Jude, St. Gerard, and Our Mother of Perpetual Help. Note that **additional racks of votive candles** have been added. You will also notice that the **Crucifix** from the original Church on this site now adorns the interior south door.

Other Less Visible Improvements to Conclude Your Tour:

- ❖ To support the church renovation, as well as future campus improvements, the old overhead electrical utility service was replaced with a new **upgraded underground electrical service**.
- ❖ To comply with City of Brookfield requirements, a new **generator** was installed to supply power to church and other campus emergency lighting.
- ❖ A new **voice activated fire system** was installed as required by increased church capacity and other planned campus expansion.