

News on new Church Project

In a conversation with Len Romano, President of the YMCA of Greater Omaha/Council Bluffs, the YMCA that is to be built in Mercy's parking lot is closer to its goal to begin. At this point in time the YMCA's construction is anticipated to start in the spring of 2015. Total length of construction is 12-16 months. On December 9th they began boring tests on the ground itself.

When their construction begins it is not anticipated that any of the parking will be available for the parish during actual construction due to insurance reasons and the need for Lieder Construction to have its equipment on site.

During the course of YMCA's construction, weekend Masses will have to be relocated elsewhere. There will simply be no room for cars. In consultation with the Parish Council, when YMCA's construction officially starts, and assuming the lot will be unavailable, WEEKEND Masses will move to Saint Albert School. The YMCA is yet to determine the exact construction date. Weekday Masses will still be held at the church.

For our own project after investigating different Liturgical Consultants available for the project and after interviewing three different individuals, Brother William Woeger from Omaha will be working with our architects at Clark Collaborative 3 on the project. Brother William has been a Liturgical Consultant for 25+ years and brings a wealth of experience ranging through traditional and modern styles.

Part of his duty will be to discuss with the architect the best way to incorporate Bishop Pates' request that the choir be moved from the balcony to the floor. The church will continue to have its traditional appeal, but of course, space will have to be made for the additional people originally located in the balcony.

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