

# Cathedral Capital Campaign News

*Sacred Heart Cathedral, Davenport, Iowa*

**Cathedral Sunday, Feb. 12, 2017**

**by Fr. Rich Adam, Pastor**

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The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in February has been recognized as CATHEDRAL SUNDAY, a special acknowledgement of our Cathedral as the Spiritual “home” of the diocese, as the Bishop’s Church, and more than just another parish. This annual celebration ironically is very close to St. Valentine’s Day thus appropriately we say “give your heart to the Sacred Heart!”

A few weeks ago a visitor to Sacred Heart was walking out after Mass one Saturday evening and, as she glanced at the construction taking place, made the comment “I didn’t realize this was a Diocesan project!” The

light bulb went on. She recognized that the monumental campaign going on for the past several years wasn’t just about Sacred Heart as a parish but a Cathedral, which is the Mother Church of the entire Diocese. To help others understand and appreciate Sacred Heart Cathedral as unique to our Diocese, our Davenport Diocese has instituted the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of February as Cathedral Sunday. A 2<sup>nd</sup> collection throughout the Diocese has been established to help maintain the integrity, viability and beauty of our Diocesan Home.

Those who have visited Sacred Heart, whether it was for an Ordination, Rite of Election, or special Diocesan event, will have noticed the lack of handicapped access to the Cathedral, the lack of restrooms; the lack of a place to gather, greet and meet people; as well as the lack of a reception hall for celebrations that follow. For several years, the campaign to remedy these

problems and bring SHC up-to-date has been successful in that the construction has begun and we’re excited and looking forward to the dedication this Fall of our new Diocesan Hall.

As we kick off the New Year of 2017, we’re excited to announce that pledges and commitments made to SHC have exceeded the \$5,100,000 contract signed with Swanson Construction. Noting that we still have the work of furnishing the hall, the kitchen and installing a security system, our campaign continues the efforts of completing the design of the building we’re all hoping for.

It would be absolutely awesome to have our Diocesan Hall complete before the announcement of our new Bishop; however I’m thinking Bishop Amos may differ!! (*thinking his retirement should start sooner than later??*) Your prayers and support as we continue this vision for our Diocesan Home are always greatly appreciated!

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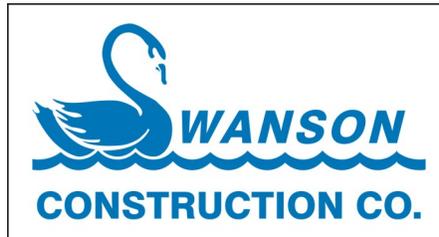
OR Donate online via a secure website:

[shcdavenport.org/capital-campaign](http://shcdavenport.org/capital-campaign)

## Construction Perspective

by Steve Swanson, Swanson Construction Co.

After contract award and the upfront administrative formalities were completed, construction started in late September 2016. Although the Fall weather was exceptionally nice, some coordination issues with MidAmerican Energy’s electrical power line relocations and gas line relocations hampered our ability to proceed full steam ahead. When it finally looked like we could start to make some real progress, a heavy wind storm blew over some large trees on site, which, as bad luck would have it, just so happened to damage construction work in-progress, setting us back approximately one week. Since



then we have been fortunate to have a mild Winter so far, with only a few very cold weeks from time to time. However, a high water table in the basement area has made for slow progress of the basement concrete foundations due to the extremely wet soil conditions. Nonetheless, we are getting through the foundation phase and gearing up to start coming out of the ground late January. Fortunately for the church’s sake, even though the

existing soils have been extremely wet, the geotechnical engineers have thus far determined the existing soils to be adequate for the purpose of foundation bearing pressures, which has thus far saved the church from having to spend any extra monies on replacing inadequate soils. Work will continue through the Winter months, with building enclosure projected to be completed by approximately late April, interior construction projected to start in April, Sitework activities projected to start in May, and overall Substantial Completion projected to be achieved in August, 2017.

## Why Piles of Dirt?

by Jim Carter, Building & Grounds Maintenance Engineer

It doesn’t take too much of an attentive eye to notice the disarray of Sacred Heart’s campus due to the construction of our Cathedral’s Diocesan Hall. Nobody has ever agreed that construction is always a pretty sight and patience is indeed a virtue. The question has been asked several times pertaining to the piles of dirt that are on the grounds surrounding Sacred Heart Cathedral. I would like to explain.

There are approximately 600 loads of dirt, excavated from the lower level of the new Diocesan Hall, stored for the time being on our property. It would have cost perhaps \$75 per load to haul off campus, only to have purchased it back again when fill is needed for the back fill of the basement. The excess dirt will also be used to fill the hole following the demolition of the school, which is scheduled hopefully sooner than later in cleaning our campus and church property.

It’s estimated that Sacred Heart is saving approximately \$80,000+ by putting up with the unsightly piles of dirt this winter! So, let us use the virtue of patience in putting up with the dirt and anticipate an awesome looking Sacred Heart Cathedral and surrounding grounds in the next year!



One of over 600 loads of dirt from construction site.



# Architectural Perspective

by Mark D. Miller, A.I.A., BHMM Architects, LLP

Progress is continuing on the construction of the reinforced concrete foundation and lower level walls of the new Diocesan and Parish Hall. The West Cloister foundation and back fill are



Northwest view of construction.

installed. The West Cloister will be very similar to the East Cloister which is currently used as the East entry. The East and West Cloisters will join together as the new gathering space, which will lead into the new hall. The new foundation adjacent to the existing Cathedral, running from the Chapel to the Sacristy, is installed. Also, the foundation from the Sacristy to the new elevator and then to the North East corner of the new hall are installed. Swanson Construction crews are busy installing form work and reinforcing steel for the remainder of the hall's lower level and foundation walls.

On the West side, Needham Excavating, who is working for



View of lower level/elevator shaft from Iowa Street (west).

Swanson Construction, has completed the rough grading for the sloped ground down to the lower level walk out door and has installed the storm sewer and catch basin for this area.

When excavating for the West end of the hall, we also found the water service (still active after all these years.....) for the old (1871) St. Marguerite's School building that was torn down around 1914, when the "new" school was built. Unfortunately, the water service was not disconnected in 1914, causing us to complete the work, properly, now. If you know of anyone still around from this era.... I'd like to know how this was overlooked!

The water table has been a little bit of a challenge. We expected it to be 1'-2' below the lower level floor slab (yes, even on top of the hill-at one of the highest points in

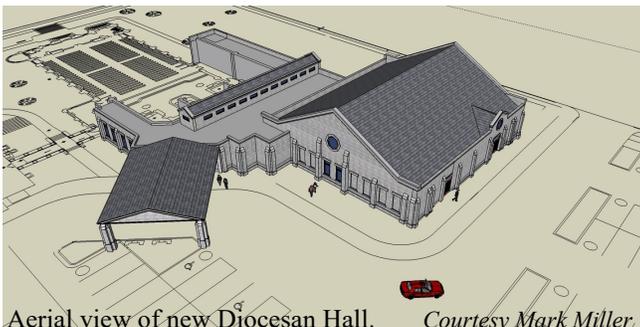
Davenport-the water table may not be very deep) but it is only 6-12" below the floor slab. We have water proofing everywhere, so the finished lower level should be pretty dry, but it has been some work to get the foundation constructed. Pumps are running most days.

As you probably remember, it took a little while to get the demolition, excavation and new gas service installed and coordinated with Mid-American Energy, but the gas has been back on and everything is toasty once more. Thank you for putting up with the chilly weather inside (and out).

Overall progress is good and the project is proceeding with only the minor hiccups that occur on all major construction projects. Again, thank you for your patience and we will continue to see progress made as the new addition comes up out of the ground.



View from east side of construction.



Aerial view of new Diocesan Hall. Courtesy Mark Miller

### REVISED COST OF DIOCESAN HALL CONSTRUCTION:

Gathering space, hall, kitchen, restrooms	\$2,949,695
Lower-level classrooms	2,089,325
Porte-cochère	100,000
Renovations to Cathedral	235,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,374,020</b>

## Impact of Construction on Parish Operations

by Terry Ratcliff

Every construction project involves a certain amount of inconvenience. Ask any parishioner and they will tell you they can't wait until the new Diocesan Hall is complete. The biggest impact is limited parking. The entire west side parking lot and former handicap circle are no longer available, making it necessary for everyone to use the east parking lot or park on neighboring streets. Handicap parking spaces have been designated and a temporary ramp has been installed at the east entrance. Also, many able-bodied parishioners are voluntarily using street parking to make room for those with limited mobility. On cold and snowy weekends, many fathers/husbands are dropping off their family members by the entrance before finding a remote space. For Msgr Mottet's well-attended funeral in September, the Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus helped ease the parking situation by using golf carts to shuttle people to/from street parking. Also, because of the construction, the Diocese is considering moving this year's Rite of Election, Christm Mass and Ordinations to other locations.

Because of the need to shut off utilities for the old Sacred Heart School Building/Parish Center and the exorbitant cost to reinstall them, the building has been inaccessible

since August. As a result, all activities formerly held in the building have been moved to other locations or suspended until the new Diocesan Hall is open. Religious Education classes on Wednesday evenings are being held in the Cathedral. All commission/organization meetings, Bible Study and Youth Group meetings are now located either in the Parish Office or Rectory. Most social activities, such as Trivia Nights, Pancake Breakfasts and Potlucks have been curtailed until availability of the new Diocesan Hall. St. Margaret Society moved their annual Christmas Social to the Rectory in December, and, as outlined in the article on the Red Dinner (page 5), this annual event has been relocated to St. Ambrose University for 2017.

There are a few other inconveniences related to construction, e.g. Bishop Amos' Sacristy has limited space for his vesting, people coming for Adoration in the Chapel must use the east entrance and travel through the Sacristy, and Fr. Adam and Msgr. Parizek have had to share their living space in the Rectory. However, all agree that the sacrifice will be worth it when the new Diocesan Hall is complete and ready for use. Thanks to all for their patience.

## Sacred Heart Cathedral Financial Stewardship



Below is an update on SHC financial stewardship. Recognizing our church's mission of performing the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy, Sacred Heart is very generous. Consider the financial support of these organizations:

**Jul-Dec 2016**

<b>Food Pantry</b>	<b>24,098</b>
<b>Diocesan Collections</b>	<b>4,808</b>
<b>Birthright</b>	<b>2,330</b>
<b>Clothing Center</b>	<b>4,702</b>
<b>Humility of Mary</b>	<b>800</b>
<b>Quad City Interfaith</b>	<b>800</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>37,538</b>

### Sacred Heart Food Pantry Serves Record Numbers in 2016!



SHC Food Pantry

Sacred Heart has a long history of living the Gospel's call of taking care of those most in need. For over forty years, Sacred Heart has operated a Food Pantry to reach out to those who are food insecure right outside our Cathedral doors. In 2016, our Food Pantry, located at 1411 Brady Street, served 3784 households, for a total of 13,410 people. This represents a 3.9% increase over the previous year, but a 45% increase in the

number of people served just five years ago. At the same time, our community has also made significant investments to continue our Clothing Center in a new location adjacent to the parish. The leadership of Minnie's Maison has done an excellent job in securing clothes and household items for those most in need. Forty years since its inception, our Clothing Center continues to be one of the few places in our community that provides basic needs at no cost. We give thanks to God for transforming hearts of donors, volunteers, and the broader community which allows us to share these graces with those that desperately need to experience God's loving embrace.



Angie Kicksey & Pat Keys at Minnie's Maison

# The Red Dinner

by Fr. Rich Adam, Pastor

Since the establishment of Cathedral Sunday 3 years ago, Sacred Heart has instituted an annual celebration and benefit semi-formal dinner. Transforming the old SH school gym into a 5-star (almost) dining experience and enjoying a great meal with music and drink, a true spirit of family and Christian fellowship was had. The invitations were limited due to the size of the gym and this year, due to construction, the gym is unavailable.



This year's Sacred Heart's Cathedral Dinner, now titled The RED Dinner (color designating Cathedral) will be held at the St. Ambrose Rogalski Center, on Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> (Valentine's Day) starting at 5:00 pm with cocktails and dinner at 6:00 pm. The cost is \$65 per person, which will provide your special drinks of Cathedral Ale & wine, a steak & salmon dinner and more! As the Cathedral is our Diocesan Home, we invite and welcome all throughout the Diocese to share with us this event!



## ***THERE ARE A VARIETY OF WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT THE RED DINNER:***

- MAKE RESERVATIONS (\$65 per person) online from our SHC webpage.
- SPONSOR A TABLE OF 8 for \$1,250. Each sponsor will receive:
  - 4 tickets to a cocktail reception with Bishop Amos at SHC Rectory Sat. Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 pm.
  - A table of 8 with prime seating at the dinner.
  - Your business featured in the program.
  - Public acknowledgement by Fr. Adam at the event.
- BECOME A TABLE CAPTAIN
  - Names will also be recognized in the program.
  - You'll be responsible for reserving and inviting guests for the 8 seats at your table (\$520).
- SPONSOR A MEMBER OF THE RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY
  - If you're unable to attend this event you may sponsor a retired priest or sister!!
  - Cost is \$65 per person sponsored.



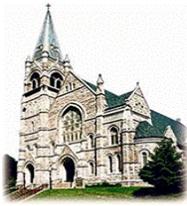
**For more information or to reserve your tickets please to go our Sacred Heart Cathedral website [shcdavenport.org](http://shcdavenport.org) or call the Sacred Heart office at 563.324.3257.**

Excerpt from Catholic Messenger, January 15, 2015

### **“Bishop Creates ‘Cathedral Sunday’**

Sacred Heart Cathedral is the mother church of the diocese, the place that Bishop Martin Amos calls home. ‘While it is a parish with its own congregation, it is also the parish church for the whole diocese,’ the bishop said. That’s why he has designated the second Sunday in February ... ‘Cathedral Sunday.’ During that weekend, the diocese’s 79 parishes will take up a special collection designated for the cathedral.

The cathedral has 600 families that take care of the day-to-day responsibilities of their parish church, but many diocesan functions take place at the cathedral. There needs to be a focal point where we can bring people together for the Rite of the Elect, ordinations of deacons and priests, the Chrism Mass. It’s also the place where Holy Hours are held when the Holy Father calls us to do that.... Cathedral Sunday is meant to ‘make people aware of the jewel we have and the theology of a cathedral,’ the bishop observed.”



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**2017 RED DINNER  
for Cathedral Sunday  
Tuesday, February 14  
Rogalski Center,  
St. Ambrose University  
6:30 pm (Drinks at 6:00 pm)**

\$65 per person  
\$130 per couple  
\$520 per table  
\$1250 per sponsorship\*



Make reservations online at  
[shcdavenport.org/red-dinner-reservations](http://shcdavenport.org/red-dinner-reservations)

*“Let’s be the Heart of Sacred Heart!”*

*\*See page 5 for details*

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