

Holy Trinity

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

January 13, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Pope Benedict XVI once compared stained glass windows to faith, saying that they are dark and heavy from the outside, but come alive when you enter the church and reflect the light. He said that the church is only seen in its true beauty from the inside, and that those who live in the church's communion are called to draw people into this mystery of light.

The light of faith makes the same difference in our lives. When we are 'outside the church' so to speak, when we are separated from God's love and light, we see the world in a dark and obscure way and not seeing God's hand in our lives. When we are 'in the church' then the light of faith has penetrated our hearts and we can see all the good God is doing in the world and in our lives. Let us choose to be people of light!

With much excitement, I wanted to announce that our parish is about to kick off a feasibility study to explore the possibility of restoring our beautiful stained glass windows. It is important to note that restoring the windows is not just about keeping the glass intact. It is about caring for the gospel they contain.

I want to hear what is on your minds and in your hearts regarding this vision to restore the stained glass windows. This is our parish. Your input is essential in this process!

So that your input can be received in an organized, timely and fruitful fashion, we are blessed to be working with Kirby-Smith Associates. Richie Musser, Kirby-Smith President, joined us on Saturday, January 11th and Sunday, January 12th where he gave additional information on the feasibility study process. He and others on his team (Harry Holt and Logan Kane) will be reaching out to you in the coming weeks to ask for your valuable feedback.

A survey is included with this mailing and available online (bit.ly/htsurvey2025). We would be grateful if you could complete this survey online or the paper version, to be submitted or returned in the provided envelope by February 1, 2025. You will also be able to arrange to meet with them at the parish, via Zoom or by phone. You may sign up at bit.ly/htinterview2025 or fill out the questionnaire at bit.ly/htfeedback2025. All feedback will be held in the strictest of confidence.

In closing, I ask for your openness to this process, for your important input, and—most importantly—for your prayers: please pray that the Lord continue to guide and bless the members and the life of our parish!

Yours in Christ,

Father Daniel Mitzel