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Summer is moving along and while projects are being completed, there is always so much more on the docket. One exciting project that is finally being realized is getting the Divine Mercy image mounted on the Milwaukee Ave. side of the gymnasium, viewable from the street through the old Produce Center parking lot. As we become a more evangelizing parish the Divine Mercy image is a great way to give witness to Jesus. The Lord Himself promises to bless us through it as He told St. Faustina:

"By means of this image, I shall be granting many graces to souls; so let every soul have access to it." (St Faustina Diary, 570). "Not in the beauty of the color, nor of the brush lies the greatness of this image, but in My grace." (313)

Our world is filled with anxiety and discord, the key to peace in this life is found in the simple words connected with the Divine Mercy image, "*Jesus, I trust in you.*" We can't trust our own goodness, love or strength but we can trust the Lord. May this image be a source of comfort for people as they walk or drive by and may Christ bless our parish as we strive to love Him and our neighbor more.



This project will cost \$6,500 and we have already raised over \$1,500 for it. Would you be willing to donate for this important work of fulfilling Jesus' request so that people can be encouraged by His image? Please note on your donation envelope or check "Divine Mercy Image" if you donate.

-- You may have noticed that the church is getting a little dimmer than it normally is? We're aware of this and we are planning for new LED bulbs along with the appropriate fixtures for the entire church and have been getting bids for that. It is not always easy to pin down contractors these days on a timeline for projects, so I appreciate your patience. There are still ongoing items like a new church roof with updated air conditioning for the church and gym and other projects as well, the list goes on.

-- One Parish one Prisoner update with team Chris. Jesus wants us to help those in prison and as they strive to reenter society in a good way. We are working on getting Chris a job, he is in his early 40's and is physically quite capable of being a laborer, landscaper, dish washer, porter, painter etc... If you have a business or know those who do, would you be willing to give him a chance, even one day a week to start with, to prove himself? Some companies make a point of trying to help ex-convicts. Chris told me that without our parish's generosity and help, he would likely be on the street.

We are also looking for more affordable housing for Chris and have some money to cover his rent as he finds employment. Also, now that we are in the practical stages of helping Chris (and Michael) you may wish to be involved as a friend and support to them. Please contact me with any leads on employment or housing you might have or if you have any questions or would like to help with OPOP.

God bless,

Fr. Mike