



Sacred Heart School Building FAQs

1.) How old is the building?

- a. The first section (church, school, sister residence) was built in 1906 by *E. Brielmaier & Son*
- b. In 1913 six additional classrooms and more living space were added on
- c. In 1938 the new (current) church was built and the church in the school became a gymnasium.
- d. In 1974 the gym expansion was carried out, which then turned into what we call Leannah Hall.

2.) What is the present condition of the building?

- a. In its current state, the floors are heaving, basement floor is rotting through, areas of the foundation are pushing in and/or disintegrating, bricks are beginning to fall off the building, windows need replacing, plumbing needs to be redone, plaster is coming loose on the walls, lead paint is flaking from the ceiling of the cafeteria. Beyond that there are two boilers, each original to the building. While the building was still being heated parts were being salvaged from one to keep the other going.

3.) Has anything been done since religious education moved to St. Vincent School?

- a. Once it was no longer going to be utilized, we took the steps to winterize the building. There is no longer any heat supplied to the building, all pipes have been winterized, and we have been doing walkthroughs of the building three times a week to ensure that everything is still safe and secure.

4.) Do we have a need for the building?

- a. We do not have any need for a building this size in the foreseeable future. All religious education programming is held either in the St. Vincent School Building, Bastian Hall, or Leannah Hall.

5.) Has the Diocese of Green Bay been contacted?

- a. Yes. The Building and Grounds Team from the Diocese came to look over the building and they gave their input. In their estimation it would be best to remove the building. We are in communication with the Diocesan Team as we continue to proceed forward.

6.) Have any architects or construction companies looked at the building?

- a. Yes, we have done walkthroughs with 2 companies. Neither company was interested in developing the building for any living space for numerous different reasons.

7.) Most Blessed Sacrament sold the St. Mary School building, could we do the same?

- a. St. Mary School is situated in a way that the building is stand-alone – thus that area could be divided easily. St. Jude would still own Leannah Hall (the former gym), and is land locked with the office to the West. Therefore, two sides of Sacred Heart School are roads, and two sides would still be St. Jude property. This makes it less feasible.

8.) Have demolition companies been contacted?

- a. Yes, we have done due diligence in taking steps to see what the cost to the parish would be.

9.) Is there lead and asbestos in the building?

- a. Yes, we had a lead and asbestos abatement test done and there were positive results for both substances. We have been receiving bids on the cost of removal of lead and asbestos.

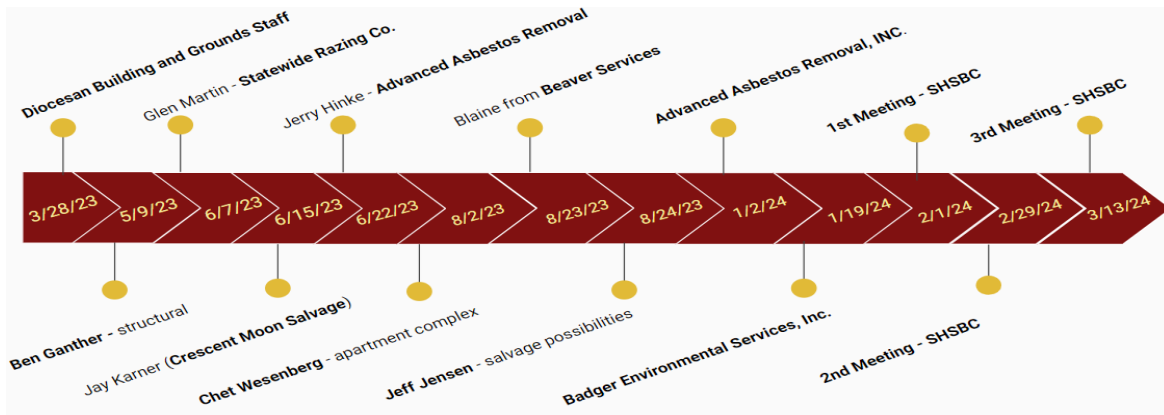
10.) Would anything be salvaged if the building was taken down?

- a. Absolutely! It would be the intention of the committee to preserve as much history as possible. Items that the parish would not need would also be salvaged, ensuring that as many items from the building could live on – this includes outer brick, wood floors, stone blocks, and downspouts! The statue facing 5th Ave. WILL be kept for the parish to use!

11.) Would the salvaged materials be sold?

- a. A salvage company would purchase building materials that we do not plan to use. Anyone wishing to buy anything would need to contact the salvage company due to insurance liability reasons. It appears much of the cost could be offset through the salvaging of materials, which would live on through many other buildings. Roughly 90 to 95 percent of the building would be salvaged and live on!

- 12.) **Would there be a walk through for people who wish to see the building if/when the time comes to take down the building?**
- Yes. It would be our intention that there will be opportunities for people to be able to walk through the building to reminisce about the school days and/or family events that have taken place.
- 13.) **Are there thoughts about what to do if we remove the building?**
- It would be meaningful to have some memorial located on the site.
 - Make some green space and add more handicapped parking that would be close to the hall and Church.
 - Construction of a chapel that can be used, in part, for city-wide adoration.
- 14.) **With the building of the Lourdes System, has there been thought about having a chapel there?**
- Yes, there was discussion, but it was decided that there cannot be a chapel that others could use at Lourdes due to Safe Environment issues.
- 15.) **Is there something sealed in the cornerstone? Will we save it?**
- Yes, we will save the cornerstone of the existing school building. It is not the intention of the committee to dispose of it. We do not know if anything was sealed inside the cornerstone.
- 16.) **Where are the school records of students, etc?**
- All records from schools are kept indefinitely and have not been stored in the school for quite some time. No records would be destroyed.
- 17.) **What did the process look like to this point?**



18.) **What are the present committee's proposals?**

Proposal #1

The Sacred Heart School Building Committee, after studying the data collected from nearly one-year worth of analysis, and after a series of meetings that included consultations with Diocesan staff, architects, developers, demolition companies, salvage companies, and environmental and remediation companies, has reached a consensus that; the building is cost prohibitive to invest dollars into for parish operations, selling the building would compromise our parish space, and keeping the building vacant would lead to safety and liability issues, recommends to the parish and finance councils the building be demolished.

Proposal #2

The Sacred Heart School Building Committee recognizes a need for a Eucharistic Adoration Chapel. The proposed demolition of the Sacred Heart School Building creates a great opportunity and an ideal space for the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel in a safe and centrally located neighborhood. The Committee believes additional analysis and exploration is justified to determine the size, costs, and scope of the Chapel. And so, it recommends continuing to work towards the goal of building a Eucharistic Adoration Chapel on the Sacred Heart School site.

19.) **Has the Parish Council and Finance Council been involved?**

Yes. Both of the councils have voted in favor of deconstructing Sacred Heart School and in favor of working toward the end result of a Eucharistic Adoration Chapel.

20.) **Were these proposals presented at the Parish Townhall Meeting held on March 18?**

Yes. Both proposals were presented and approved at the Parish Townhall Meeting.

21.) **Are these proposals final?**

No. The final approval will need to come from the Office of Bishop Ricken.