

Dear Parish Community,

We ask for your consideration in helping St. George finish the basement remediation project in the parish house. We are requesting donations to cover the remaining phase of mold and mycotoxin remediation for our valued parish asset, our priest's family home.

Mold remediation became necessary to repair the effects of decades of slow but chronic water damage in the parish house basement. Even though much of it remained unseen, it led to prolific mold growth. Although it's a "Maine basement," mold issues affect a home's value. Mold growth often leads to mycotoxin development that affects indoor air quality. Enough exposure can cause health problems (respiratory issues, allergic reactions, or other health complications). Our Presbyteria has confirmed mycotoxin illness.

This is a major repair to the parish house. We had to stop water incursion into the basement and remediate mold. Lee would like to share that "St. George has already spent \$15K from savings towards this worthy project." In other words, the bulk of the project's cost has already been covered.

About six weeks ago, we completed Phase 1 of the remediation project. It included purchasing and installing a sump pump, plus demolishing and removing mold-affected materials (paneling, drywall, and stair carpeting) from the basement. Phase 1 is completed and paid for.

After removing the moldy materials, mold and mycotoxin spores remain in the basement. Phase 2 requires commercial cleaning of remaining dirt and debris using HEPA vacuuming and air scrubbing, plus mold-inhibitor spraying and wiping of walls, floor, ledges, ceiling, studs, and joists to treat against the remaining mold spores. All areas require careful cleaning; the home's laundry is located in the basement. Servpro will complete this job for \$2583.78.

For health and safety, we want to get this done ASAP. We are now nearly one month post demolition/removal of materials, and the indoor air at the parish house remains affected.

If we raise more money than requested, we would like to have spraying/fogging done on the first and second floors to kill mycotoxins in the air, on surfaces, and especially on permeable items such as clothing, linens, and books. The cost of treating the first and second floors would be \$1,418.75. Mycotoxins are what is affecting Presbyteria's health the most. This treatment would fully clean the indoor air and aid Presbyteria's recovery from mycotoxin illness. If we can make this possible, we'd like to.

The parish house is an asset and investment of our church. It is the home of our parish family now and into the future. For whoever may live there, it must be safe and healthy.

Your concerned and kind-hearted generosity is greatly appreciated. You may designate gifts for this purpose and give them directly to the person on duty in the church office. Please make your gift in addition to regular stewardship, not instead of it. We still need to pay routine expenses.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

St. George Parish Council

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