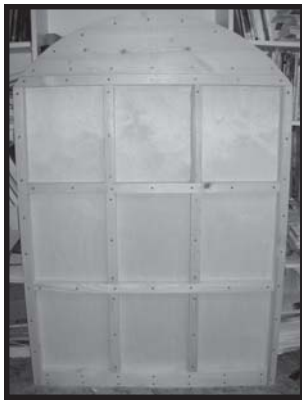


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Reinforced back of large panel



Feeding the hungry



St. Thomas More, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Ven. Antoinetta Meo



Visiting the imprisoned

I have been busy working on the parish icons. First, after figuring out the correct proportions for the panels, I purchased the wood. Parishioner Dick Hertel generously drove his panel truck to pick up the wood. Then he cut the panels and the support boards for the cradling on the back side. Because the painting process uses a great deal of water, large icon panels need to have support boards on the rear side to prevent warping. I brought everything home, glued and clamped the pieces on the back, allowed them to dry, and then applied wood screws to the cradling. The center panel is 41 1/4" x 60". The 2 side panels are 22 1/2" x 49 1/2". When the weather is consistently warmer, I will apply a minimum of 12 coats of gesso to the panels. Then they will be sanded smooth, dusted off, and ready for transferring the images onto their surfaces.

Researching the saints took some time, as there are so many. The saints that different groups and individuals came up with are as follows: Mary, the Mother of God, St. Joseph, Fr. Felix Rogier and Conchita (the founders of the Missionaries of the Holy Spirit), St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (representing the School and SAC), St. Helena (representing the RCIA), St. Martha (representing the Altar Society), St. Vincent de Paul (representing the St. Matthew Conference), St. Aloysius Gonzaga (representing Youth), St. John XXIII, (representing Liturgy), St. Cecelia (Music), St. Catherine of Alexandria (Adult Faith Formation and Social Justice), St. Camillus de Lellis (Ministry to the Sick), St. Thomas Moore (Administrative Council), St. Luke holding an unfinished icon (Pastoral Council: the unfinished icon represents all who lead holy lives who will never be named a saint), Mother Teresa (representing India/Asia), St. Juan Diego (Latin America), St. Benedict the Moor (African Americans), St. Lorenzo Ruiz (the Philippines), St. Arnold Janssen (the Netherlands, Western Europe), Venerable Antoinetta Meo (Religious Education), Blessed Andre Bessette (ministry to the poor and vulnerable), Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha (representing the U.S.), St. Patrick (Ireland), St. Benedict (representing the Benedictines--our first pastor was Benedictine), St. Tarcisius (Altar Servers), and St. Matthew.

There will also be scenes from the life of the parish including sacraments and works of mercy. As of now I have 35 figures drawn. Please remember that the illustrations on this page are from the very early drawings. The images need much refinement before they are in their final form.

I appreciate your prayers. Without your continued support this task would be impossible.

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