

# Make a Joyful Noise



## Our New Organ

The electrical mechanism of our current organ is failing. We have talked to a number of experts and have determined that our organ is not repairable.

We have spoken with two of the finest organ builders in North America and have selected a custom-made instrument from the Noack company of Georgetown, MA. The sound of a Noack organ is a mirror of the rich tradition of American and European organ builders.

The organ is by nature a large instrument, and it is important that it does not overshadow the altar as the sanctuary's true focal point. The design therefore emulates the tiered walls on the left of the altar. The pipeshades will be made with fretwork in a geometric motif that invokes the stained glass on either side of the altar. The vertical members will have a fillet reminiscent of the roof trusses.

- 21 Independent Voices (called Stops)
- 28 ranks
- 1480 pipes

The organ would have a wider tonal palette resulting in an organ that is not louder but one that has a richer, fuller sound.

**When:** Christmas 2019 (dependent on when the funds become available)

**Cost:** \$625,000 (some commitments have already started flowing in as word is getting around so the actual fund raising will be under \$500,000)

**Other:** The project will be funded with money from the CSA collection. All excess contributions to CSA remain with the parish so it is important everyone support the CSA collection.

The new organ will permit us to give periodic recitals in an effort to build community spirit.

"Music, that is the science or the sense of proper modulation, is likewise given by God's generosity to mortals having rational souls in order to lead them to higher things." - Saint Augustine

# The Noack Organ Company

The Noack Organ Co was founded nearly 60 years ago. As such it has an impeccable track record.

It brings to each project a unique wealth of experience. The Employees are all dedicated craftspeople, many have been with the firm more than ten years. Eric Kenny, for example, has been with Noack for 40 years.

Noack has manufactured many tracker action organs (although not exclusively). Combining materials carefully selected for their mechanical properties and decades of experience in design allows us to propose very fine and sensitive key action.

All the organs that the firm has built are still in use today. (the first ones' date from the 1960s).

Mechanical action instruments are very sturdy and reliable. Their lifespan is unlimited (the mechanical action organ in Poitiers, France was built 250 years ago and is still working fine).

One of the great advantages of mechanical action is the fact that it does not rely on electronics that can become obsolete or difficult to service.

Noack's past projects can be seen in the US, and overseas in Iceland and Japan. Information about Noack's organs are on the firm's website: [www.noackorgan.com](http://www.noackorgan.com)

Didier Grassin, the President of Noack has been involved in organ building for forty years. The website, [www.didiergrassin.com](http://www.didiergrassin.com) gathers many of his past designs that have been done around the world. It will give you an idea of the diversity of designs.

Some practical facts:

- The organ will have 28 ranks organized in 21 independent voices (called stops)
- It will have 1480 pipes of which only 24 are visible (i.e. 98% of the pipes are hidden)
- About 5% of the pipes are made of wood, the rest is made of a pewter type alloy.
- The link between the keys and the pallet (the path that allows wind to reach the pipes) is made of wooden squares and thin strips of pine (called trackers).
- There are about 3000 moving parts in this organ.

Note: the pews in the choir section will not be affected as shown in the sketch.

