

15 Years of Newsletters... A Look Back

Here's a look back at some of the highlights that were mentioned in previous newsletters:

- The first issue (back when the newsletter was called "Energy Buzz") highlighted CFL's (do you remember those curly light bulbs, a.k.a. Compact Fluorescent Lights?)
- Induction Lights were highlighted in mid-2010. They were very popular just before LED's took over
- Energy Management Systems (EMS), Variable Frequency Drives (VFD's) & Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) were first mentioned in early 2011
- Ways to cut telecom costs, along with the telecom "Cloud", where data is stored, was explained in mid-2012
- Fiberoptics and Hosted Phone Systems were highlighted in 2014
- In 2017, additional ways to save energy were discussed: Solar panels, Vending Machine Economizers, Capacitors, Cogeneration, and HVAC (Heating/Ventilation/Air Conditioning) controls
- Redundancy (for both telecom & energy) was mentioned in 2018
- In 2020, we mentioned getting a "Telecom Check-Up", to make sure you're getting the most for your money
- EV Charging Stations were discussed in late 2021

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Client Corner: St. Francis Catholic, New Britain



Along with a number of other parishes in CT, St. Francis Catholic is the culmination of 4 merged parishes: St. Francis of Assisi, St. Katharine Drexel, Divine Providence and Holy Apostles, all located in New Britain. As things progressed, their pastor Father Michael Casey wanted to tie their two main campuses together, while considering a more dependable & faster Internet connection.

The 1st phase involved installing a new hosted phone system, which was installed the same day on both campuses without a hitch. The 2nd phase involved installing a new 1M Fiber optic Internet service at both locations and coordinating with their IT vendor to install repeaters to drastically cut their monthly costs. The 3rd phase included consolidating their telecom bills, removing services that were no longer needed, and implementing cost savings wherever possible.

According to Father Casey, "We brought in Emendee Technologies to manage all of our telecommunication needs. In addition to monthly savings, our Internet service is now much faster, and our phones have been integrated seamlessly as if we are on just one campus. We are pleased with the work that Dave has done for our Parish."