

February 23, 2018



Investing in our future...
Preserving our past

Dear Parishioners:

Greetings! Since Father's last communication regarding the Capital Campaign, a lot has transpired! And so, with this in mind, we wanted to give you an update on the whole process. On February 16, Father Linnebur, John Heckman (the architect), Mike Aylward, and Jean Cross presented our proposed Capital Campaign to the Diocesan Building Commission (DBC) for approval. While we have already received Bishop Kemme's permission to conduct a Capital Campaign, this second meeting with the Commission was meant to provide them with more detail regarding its overall scope and cost estimates. The meeting went very well, and the DBC was pleased with our preparations thus far.

As a result, we are now preparing for the Capital Campaign itself. As you will recall, our first priority in the Master Plan is addressing the needs of the church and school gymnasium. The campaign goal will be \$870,000, which would cover the items and fees associated with Phase I. This includes:

Church roof repairs

Bell tower and north tower restoration

Church interior (plaster, wall, and paint) restoration

Drainage improvements around foundation of church and dumpster area

Two accessible restrooms and relocation of confessional at church entry

Update church's HVAC system

School gym renovation – floor, A/C, lights, goals, nets

Add restroom to preschool area

Waterproof west exterior wall of gym and renovate west lower level classrooms

Campaign consultant, architect, and general contractor fees

Tithe to the Diocese on funds raised

Betty Johnson & Associates (the firm that we have hired for both the Feasibility Study and the Capital Campaign), believes that we as a parish can raise the funds to meet our goal for this Capital Campaign. Thus, with prayer, education, a campaign plan, and strong campaign leadership, our vision of seeing the church fully repaired and the school gymnasium renovated will become a reality.

For our Capital Campaign, a leadership committee has been organized and has been meeting and making preparations. They include: Jean Cross and John Reichert as co-chairs, and committee members Mike and Jill Aylward, Mike DeLaTorre, Jim and Jane Lind, Anna Methvin, Frank Springer, and Sherri Watson.

The Campaign Committee, with the help of others, have developed the campaign logo and theme which you see on the front of this letter: “**Investing in our future...Preserving our past.**” It’s simple, but it speaks volumes on what we are trying to accomplish at this important time in our parish’s history. In addition, a campaign prayer has also been created, which can be found at the bottom of this letter.

The Campaign Committee will be providing many opportunities to learn more about the campaign, how you can participate, and how you can support this effort for our parish. Information will be forthcoming through the bulletin, our website, announcements, mailings, gatherings, and other opportunities to allow for questions and education on the project and the campaign.

Campaign Sunday will be April 29, 2018. Commitments to the campaign may be fulfilled over a three-year period. Home visitors will be parish volunteers who have agreed to deliver and pick up packets to fellow parishioners. Home visitors will not be asking for money. Pledge forms will all be sealed so requests and commitments are confidential. We hope that you will be willing to assist us in this great work, and that you will warmly welcome our fellow parishioners who are volunteering to make this campaign happen. We are one family of faith, and we believe this campaign will help us achieve the much needed work and attention to our facilities.

Above all, we ask that you please continue to pray for our parish throughout the campaign...for its success, and so that we may grow closer together as a parish family here at St. Patrick’s. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely in Christ,

Capital Campaign Committee

Heavenly Father, we thank you for continually blessing our parish family. Now, as you call us to prepare for the future and to preserve our heritage, remind us that you are our hope. Send us your grace that we may have hearts that are both generous and open to your will. Guide and bless us, so that generations to come may continue to grow together with Christ in this holy place. We ask this, and all things, through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



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