

August 22, 2016

Dear Parishioners,

In August 2013, St Joseph launched the **“Our Parish...Our Future”** Campaign with a goal of raising \$1,250,000 in order to add more space to the parish hall, including two much needed conference rooms, plus two storage rooms and extra restroom facilities.

We received \$725,000 in pledges. At this point, three years later, I am happy to report we now have over \$636,000 in-the-bank dedicated to this purpose! First and foremost, this is testimony to the generous support of about 40 percent of our parish who have contributed their treasure, as well as their prayers and time!

We are now entering Phase 2 of the campaign to raise the remaining \$614,000. We are asking all parish families to help make our dream a reality by contributing your time, talent and treasure. We suggest a pledge of \$3,000 payable over the next 3 years (with 10% down, payments would be \$75 a month). Of course we realize some members do not have this capability while others can do more. With 750 families, if all give what they can, I am confident we can make our goal.

For those who have already given, you have our deepest thanks; but also, we prayerfully ask you to consider renewing your previous pledges for another cycle. For those new to the parish, or who did not pledge last time, we ask for your support. This is about our future as a vibrant, growing parish, in a demographic area that continues to grow and add new families every day.

A small brochure plus a short Q & A is enclosed. You will also find a pledge envelope; please return it by October 2, either by dropping in the collection basket or mailing to the parish office.

You will also find an invitation to attend a reception where, hopefully, we can answer any other questions and discuss our plans. This would be particularly useful for new parish members but all are certainly welcome. Please see the invitation for details.

Finally, Dennis Hardy, a member of our parish has volunteered to help lead this effort. We are doing everything possible to hold down costs of this Campaign. You may contact us -- either myself through the parish office or Dennis at (509) 263-3454 if you have any questions.

Fr Mike Kwiatkowski