

**St. Columbkille Catholic Church
Blaine, Kansas**



Please help us reach our goal for a new parish center!

To whom it may concern,

As summer comes to a close and our attention becomes focused again on fall sports, I am reminded that Catholics have an advantage in the game of life. We have been given the perfect game plan to be victorious. Holy Scripture and Catholic Tradition combine to guarantee that we may triumph after a holy life in the plans God has given us.

I am writing because you are an important member of my team and I need your help. As you know, the storm we experienced in June 2010 did extensive damage to both our church and school. Fortunately, our insurance coverage provided for repairs to the church. The school building, regrettably, could not be economically restored. Our Church life has suffered because we have no place for our important social gatherings. The life of the Church is experienced in the moments we celebrate and in the shared mourning when we bury a loved one. Without a church hall for the social functions and funeral dinners, our faith community is diminished.

What has been done?

Hard-working parish members have demolished the old school building. I am grateful for their completion of church repairs. We have prayed together and studied our financial situation. With their help, our parish now has a plan for construction on a new parish community center.

How can you help?

Fortunately, the task of building in this time of economic stress is daunting for our small parish. We are blessed, however, with parish members who possess skills and the fortitude to complete the project and donated labor. And the hands of our brothers and sisters will build the church hall. But we still need donations to buy the materials they need.

Please consider a cash donation gift to purchase the building materials. The total cost to a parish will be in excess of \$288,000. We have already raised \$45,000. The donated labor will save our parish at least \$76,000 in services for which we will not have to hire others. The balance needs to be raised by the end of the year.

We must act now.

In order to purchase the building materials at the best price, and so that construction can begin while the weather is favorable; your cash donation is needed as soon as possible.

We can't score a touchdown if we don't pick up the ball and run. I am hoping that you will be an active member of our parish team and help us cross the goal line in record time with a gift for this cause.

Please pray for us and ask how you can help our parish succeed on this important project. Unless I hear from you in the next few weeks, I or another person from the parish will contact you regarding your potential support. If you have already given to the building project, thank you so very much for your generosity. If you are considering an additional donation, please send it to a committee member listed below. May God bless you as you consider a generous gift for the parish community center.

In Christ,
Father Pat Sullivan

p.s. More than 100 years ago, pioneers came to Blaine and built one of the prettiest churches in northeast Kansas. Now, as your pastor, I ask for your sacrificial gift to build a new parish center. This center will make a statement that we are investing in the future of our parish. And we can honor those early pioneers memory with our tax-deductible pledges. Thanks for your time.

Please make your check payable to: St. Columbkille Building Fund

Or

You can donate online by visiting: www.blainechurchhall.org. Please note that you can also get news updates and check the status of the project at this site.

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