

NEW CHURCH WEEKEND

February 16-17, 2019 UPDATE

Your green church bank coins brought to Mass and supporting the second collections are all adding up! So Big Thanks for doing so! Just from coins we have collected over \$12,854 so far!

We are well into our Phase I planning process and capital collections, so we have set a Target Date to break ground on the **New Church. We are going to plan on a Groundbreaking for November 2019.** It's going to be a great day for our parish and more details will get worked out in the coming months, but with Fr. Chris's approval and blessing, we're keeping that flag planted on the church's calander.

Keeping the Faith that our Capital Campaign **WILL** be successful, the Building Committee continues to work diligently on:

1. A detailed time line leading up to the Groundbreaking, with many tasks to still be completed to finalize construction plans & bids, obtain approval from the archdiocese and pull the city permits;
2. Audio/Visual system design is going through an analysis of the acoustics to determine "best" design of the sound system;
3. Tweaking the design of the Pews and furniture;
4. Finalizing floor tile patterns and colors, along with Interior & Exterior wall and ceiling colors; and
5. Finalizing fire & security system designs.

The construction plans for the church are now about 75% complete and the Building Committee's review and feedback is being provided to the architect. Final construction plans will be ready this Summer.

The Saint Vincent de Paul floor plan has been designed and we will be soliciting bids from metal building contractors to i) develop the plans

and ii) construct the new St. Vincen de Paul building. The Campaign's Grant Team is applying for grants from area foundations and donors to help specifically fund the SVdP building.

Site work for both the Church and SVdP will begin right after we have the Groundbreaking and the SVdP construction can then be started right away.

So let's recap where we are with the Capital Campaign. Later this summer we will get construction cost updates based on the final building plans and for now we continue to work from the May 2017 estimate from our General Contractor of \$9,500,000. As you know, we must to have 50% of the cost in cash in hand to get Archdiocesan approval to break ground. Our **goal is \$5,150,000** which is more than 50% of the \$9.5 Million and that is so we cover the 10% of campaign gifts that goes to the archdiocese along with providing some funds to cover the anticipated increase in building materials costs that has occurred since 2017, especially for concrete and steel.

Where are we with our Goal? We have 3 main sources we track:

1. Special Events & Meals Fundraisers has a goal of **\$150,000** and we've raised **\$183,608** so far with more planned this year and beyond. So, ***Check mark! - but let's keep going.***
2. Parish Savings Account's goal is **\$1,900,000** and we currently have **\$1,925,208** set aside in the bank. So, another ***Check mark!***
3. Capital Campaign gifts goal is **\$3,100,000** and we have Pledges of **\$3,377,112 from 663 donors** with **\$2,642,240** in gifts received...So, ***getting close to a Check mark.***
4. This all adds up to **\$4,751,056** we are **BLESSED** to have on hand towards that overall goal of **\$5,150,000** BUT leaving us needing about **\$400,000** required to get to that 50% figure.

The **Big Worry** is that of the \$735,000 remaining to be received on the campaign pledges it includes over **\$372,000** that has not been received as initially pledged, so we would come up short of the overall goal. If you are not up to date on your pledge, we ask that you please pray about what you can do to help our parish reach the goal.

Your Campaign Team continues to work on sources of more funds, including pledges from new Parishioners, planning more Special Fundraisers and chasing those foundations for grants. We **ARE** going to get this campaign over the Goal Line and we're almost there!

We do have an Updated List of Items that can be specifically Sponsored in the New Church, including Apostle statues, church pews, Alter servers seats, Deacon chairs, Stations of the Cross, Chapel Items and other religious artifacts. Please contact Tom Condon (281-382-8097) to go over the lists details and pick out something that works for your budget.

There's still a lot of "We need to's" left and so many are continuing to give of their time, talents and treasures to make sure we are successful. It's really pretty **awesome** to see all of this in action. We remain very confident that we will be sticking shovels in the ground this November.

- All because so many of you have and continue to **Answer The Call**.
- All thanks to YOUR commitment and generosity to our Lord and our parish.

How about an AMEN?

THANK YOU.