

# NEW CHURCH WEEKEND UPDATE

May 25-26, 2019

We had the opportunity to bring in our green church bank coins to Mass today and supporting the Capital Campaign with the second collection and it's all adding up! We have passed out 600 of the coin banks and so far about 150 families have turned in almost \$14,000. If the other 450 coin bank holders brought in their coins it could mean another \$41,000 towards the New Church. Those coins can be donated anytime so don't wait for the next New Church Weekend and Big Thanks for doing so!

So many have Answered The Call and we are closing the gap! Keeping the Faith that our Capital Campaign **WILL** be successful, the Building Committee continues to work diligently and has the construction plans for the church to about 75% complete. The Building Committee's review and feedback is being provided to the architect. Once those Construction Drawings are to 95% complete later this Summer, then more accurate and firm construction cost estimates will be able to be obtained under a "Guaranteed Max Price" bid process.

As mentioned before we are looking at handling the Saint Vincent de Paul Building and the New Church as two separate contracts since they are two different types of construction. The Saint Vincent de Paul floor plan has been designed. We are still trying to solicit bids from metal building contractors to construct the new St. Vincent de Paul building. Once we have a detailed bid and budget then the Campaigns Grant Team will be applying for grants from area foundations and donors to help offset this portion of the Phase I costs.

As mentioned in the Bulletin, our General Contractor, Westfall Construction, is lining up subcontractors needed for our project. If any of you own, or are involved in, a construction related business we have

a handout explaining the process to submit a bid to Westfall. One of our parishioners has taken advantage of this opportunity and has donated ALL of the tile for the New Church, which is a very generous gift and huge cost savings to the project.

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. The remaining items represent about \$480,000 in cost to the project, so your sponsorship can make a big difference. Please come see us to go over the list and pick out something that works for your budget.

As for Pledge Redemption, so far we have had 667 pledges made to-date in this campaign. In March we switched over from the Walsh System to the Family Suite system and 327 Pledges were entered into the new system that still had an outstanding amount. Since then another 19 pledges have been paid in full, leaving us with only 308 Pledges with a balance. That is GREAT news as it means over 50% of the Pledges have been paid and many more have their final installments coming up in the next couple of months! We ARE getting there!

The latest Renderings of the Interior and Exterior of the New Church are available. A ton of work has gone into the details and color schemes and it's really looking good!

With a HUGE Thanks to YOUR commitment and generosity to our Lord and our parish, we will get this New Church BUILT!

How about an AMEN?

THANK YOU.