

NEW CHURCH WEEKEND UPDATE

August 24-25, 2019

3rd Quarter 2019 Update:

Some facts about this Capital Campaign:

From the Green church coin banks, approximately 171,000 coins weighing 1,360 pounds have been donated so far based on the \$14,740 received to-date less \$1,500 in bills. The donations have included Canadian bills and coins, Peso bills and coins, 1 marble, a Watch battery, Pennies stamped with a Black Bear from the Houston Zoo and another stamped with "Christmas on the Trail", 5 coins from Chuckie Cheese, a US Dollar coin with a St. Christopher medal glued to the back side, Carwash coins, Toll road coins, Batting cage coins and even some Euros. So now our Creative Giving Team is going to be challenged to convert these items into cash!

So please keep bringing your coins in anytime and for sure by the end of September so our final financial package to the Archdiocese later this year looks as strong as possible.

The REAL Milestones of this incredible Capital Campaign:

1. We have reached the end of the "**official**" 3 year Redemption Period of our "**Together In Faith – Honoring Our Past, Building our Future**" Campaign and the light is shining so much brighter at the end of the tunnel!

Many have completed their Pledge donations and we can't say Thank You enough for that support. Many more are still making donations and we need EVERY dime from those Pledges so their Redemption Period continues. Some are even making NEW Pledges, sponsoring Items in the New Church and we need these

donations as much as we needed the very first dollars donated in 2017.

You may recall that we converted from the Walsh System to Parish Soft at the end of this past February. At that time we had 314 Pledges with balances of about \$690,000 outstanding. Since then 91 Pledges have been paid in full equally more than \$101,000, plus those folks donated an Extra \$30,000. Another 81 Pledges have had almost \$69,000 in donation activity since February as well. That leaves about \$491,000 in Pledges that have been made with balances still outstanding, many of which have had little to no activity since prior to February. Keep praying that some or all of those Pledges make their way into becoming actual donations.

2. Anyone remember the initial Goals for the Capital Campaign in 2016? We had a Minimum Goal of generating \$2,400,000 in Pledges and a Challenge Goal of \$4 Million and even a Miracle Goal of \$7 Million. At that time we also had \$600,000 in Parish Savings set aside for the New Church.

As of July 1, 2016 we had a Phase I Project Cost of \$9.5 Million and Pledges of \$2,735,998 or almost 29% of the cost...and we needed to get to 50% to secure the Archdiocese approval to break ground. Your Capital Campaign Cabinet had been formed and Teams created to tackle the many, many aspects of making this a successful campaign.

Eventually, the **Overall Campaign Goal** became **\$5,150,000**, being a combination of Pledges & Gifts, Special Event Fundraisers & Coin Banks and Parish Savings. All to be achieved by this Summer. Pretty lofty goals for a small country parish.

The Special Event Fundraisers & Coin Banks had a Goal of \$150,000. To date the Actual Amount is \$207,358...so, **Goal Achieved!** There are several planned Special Events still to come this year, including the Reverse Raffle, Craft Fair, Horse Parade and many more Meals After Masses....so that success is going to continue.

Parish Savings' Goal was \$1,900,000. We started in 2016 with a plan to use \$600,000 from our parish savings account. To date, the amount set aside in Savings is \$2,015,269...**Another Goal Achieved!**

Pledges & One-Time Gifts has a Goal of \$3,100,000. To date, we have donations received of \$2,998,540...and that Goal is so close.

“Go Out To All The World And Tell the Good News”:

Our overall goal has been \$5,150,000. Combining the numbers above, as of August 1st we are at **\$5,221,167....so, the Overall Campaign Goal has been exceeded!**

Keeping the Faith that our Capital Campaign **WOULD** be successful, the Building Committee has continued to work diligently on the construction plans for the church this Summer. The Building Committee's review and feedback is being provided to the architect. The Construction Drawings are expected to be to 95% complete by the end of this September, and then more accurate and firm construction cost estimates will be obtained under a “Guaranteed Max Price” bid process.

The Saint Vincent de Paul floor plan has been designed. We have signed an agreement with the same architect that is designing the church and a metal building contractor to develop the plans and construct the new

St. Vincent de Paul building and the pavilion. Once we have a detailed cost of the SVdP building, the Campaigns Grant Team will be applying for grants from area foundations and donors to help specifically fund the SVdP building and the Campaigns Fundraising Team is working on Special Events to help raise funds too.

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, there is 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 still represent about \$450,000 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.

With a HUGE Thanks to YOUR commitment and generosity to our Lord and our parish, we will get this New Church BUILT! We have a meeting scheduled with the Archdiocesan Savings & Loan Commission on October 8th to get approval for Groundbreaking, but we need the General Contractor's Updated Max Pricing for the package, so that meeting will get pushed back to November 12th. We should have time to arrange our ceremonial Ground Breaking still in 2019, but Keep Praying!

THANK YOU.