

As many of you know by now, our parish is in desperate need of a facility to be able to fulfill our sacred pledge to minister to our parish family, our community, and those in need with an inviting and healthy space - today, tomorrow and into our future.

In order to accomplish this endeavor, your parish needs your continued support. I can imagine that now reading this that you will get the notion that this article will once again be about money, and truth told, money is an issue, but, please, read on and I promise that there are other ways in which you can support this project mentioned below as well.

So, as suspected, the primary form of support we need is financial. I realize that it seems as every time you turn around, it appears our parish is asking for money, and that, to be frank can be quite annoying. Unfortunately, the world we inhabit revolves around money. We all need it and there is only so much to go around. I know that some have dug deep and given their best. I know that some have been holding back either until they are comfortable or once they have had lingering questions answered. I know that some are still prayerfully considering what they might do regarding making a donation.

Money is not an easy topic to discuss and we all have different obligations and needs to sustain. We truly understand and sympathize with it all. Please also know that for those who have given, no matter the amount, we cannot thank you enough for your sacrifice and generosity towards this project. We would not be this far into the process if it were not for you.

That said, the reality of the capital campaign before us is that we need money. There is no simpler way to phrase it. If our current projections bear out, we will not meet our goal, and funding of this project will become more cumbersome. So, we sincerely ask that each and every parishioner prayerfully consider what you can do or what you can do in addition to the generosity you have shown thus far.

We trust that God will guide us in our endeavors and that in the end, He will provide. After all, at the core of this project, first and foremost, is our faith. Our faith as a community. Our faith that we share with our loved ones. Our faith that we project into our community. Nothing, not even money, can trump our faith.

For those of you who have little and cannot give, don't allow that to make you feel uncomfortable coming to Mass. I understand that all this talk of money can be awkward and to some of you off-putting. For that I sincerely apologize, but, in order to achieve our goal, we have an obligation to communicate our need, so that those who can give, or can give more, will consider pledging their support.

If all you can afford now is prayer, we cannot thank you enough! Without your prayers we won't make it. Truly, your prayers are a priceless asset!

We all have gifts and our pathway for this project will require us all to share them. If you have been blessed with excess, please consider what you can sacrifice to help. If you have little, but cannot give, consider volunteering for the various fundraising events that will be organized in the coming months. Please bear in mind that if you have mobility issues, we will have need for people to help with mailings or other organizational projects.

Since I began working here, I have heard some say that we "need more community" in our parish. This endeavor is the perfect opportunity for us all to come together strengthen our community.

If you have questions or concerns, don't hesitate, ask! You can speak to any committee member and ask what is on your mind. If one member doesn't know the answer, they will find someone who does, because we want all of you to be fully informed. Many people have labored months pulling this project together. Many have never worked on a project like this before, and despite the frustrations, many have stuck with it, sacrificing countless evenings at meetings to find a path forward to better situate our parish family for generations to come. If you wish to be a resource, let us know!

In the end, we are all in this together, and coming together as one, will see this project through. So, please, prayerfully consider what you can do to help, no matter what it may be.

May God bless each and every one of you.

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