

# *Building our* **Future** Campaign

ST. ANDREW'S PARISH



Dear Fellow Parishioners,

The kick-off for the Capital Campaign is just a few short weeks away. Our Steering Committee and their teams have been working hard preparing for the first Information Weekend on December 3rd and 4th. One of the many fruits of labor was developing the theme: ***Building Our Future.***

This journey will take us from when the first school/hall was built to the present day. We, and those before us, have been firmly grounded, persevering in our faith. As we continue to grow, we enthusiastically embrace our future, providing a beautiful new "place to gather" and share our lives together as part of a thriving St. Andrew's community.

In Isaiah 66:1 God said "The heavens are my throne, the earth, my footstool. What house can you build for me?" As we prepare to build a new "gathering place", we can see God's design in the "signs of the times" through deterioration of our current school/hall, the inability to adequately renovate for future use and the projected growth of our parish and community.

During the upcoming weeks, you will be hearing more about this campaign and what it takes to fulfill our dream and vision of a new "gathering place"!! We ask you to **PRAY** daily for our parish leadership, for responsive hearts and for a successful Campaign, **INFORM** yourselves of our parish vision and goals and **SPEAK** warmly and positively to your fellow parishioners, friends, and neighbors about our plans, efforts and accomplishments. The prayer for our campaign is on the back of this newsletter.

Let us join joyfully in these exciting months ahead. Change is difficult, especially with some uncertainties out there, so we **must** be transparent. With God's help through faith, prayer and believing ---- **it can be done!!** This is OUR time to *build for the future* of this parish and community.

In Christ,

**Father Tom Biersack**  
Pastor

**Greg and Vicky Hartwig, Alan and Lynette Bauer**  
Campaign Co-chairpersons

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## ***Now is the Time!***

Our mission here at St. Andrew's is to be God's family of faith in our little corner of the world. With the Lord's guidance, we make this mission a reality by sharing our faith, worshipping together, and serving both inside and outside our parish community.

St. Andrew's school was built in 1955 and currently serves as the parish gathering place and is utilized for Octoberfest, meetings, funerals, celebrations, etc. Unfortunately, the building is currently in need of massive repairs as stated below:

- **New roof (the classrooms have been flooded in the last several months)**
- **Walls are bowed out including cracking & brick deterioration**
- **The aluminum window glazing system is original with single pane glass & aluminum frames without thermal breaks**
- **Kitchen cooler is not working**
- **Asbestos floor tile & adhesive has been inspected by abatement contractor and will need to be replaced if disturbed**
- **The boiler did not pass inspection by the state in May**

Estimates of \$670,000 to repair and maintain the entire structure or \$550,000 to do repairs and demolish four classrooms have been solicited. However, these costs do not even begin to address upgrading the electrical and plumbing systems for energy efficiency or replacing the boiler that did not pass the current inspection in May. Either of these options still leaves us with an aging building.

After several meetings (which everyone was invited to attend), the goal has been determined to build a new energy efficient parish center that would continue to serve our parishioners for generations to come as the current structure did in the past. Our hope is that this campaign will encourage all of our parishioners, young and old, to come together as one to help create a parish hall that feels like home.

The cost estimates are:

- **New structure & demolition of old - \$725,000**
- **Replenishment of savings account - \$150,000**
- **Appliances, landscaping, parking lot - \$50,000**
- **Contingency - \$75,000**

Now is the time for the St. Andrew's community to take the next step in ***Building Our Future!***

Please prayerfully consider how you can be a part of this exciting time in the history of St. Andrew's parish.

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## **FAQ's**

**Q. Has a contractor been hired?**

**A. St. Andrew's is not yet at that stage.**

Step 3 of the Archdiocesan process requires the parish to present building design plans and estimate costs along with the preferred architect. The Archdiocesan Building Commission (ABC) then recommends to the Archbishop that the plan be either approved or rejected.

If approval is received, the building planning, soliciting of a contractor and development of financing plans may begin. We are not currently at step 3.

**Q. Is a new parish hall the most cost effective solution?**

**A. Yes,** as our team has looked into the ongoing issues and problems with the current facility, and as we've taken feedback from parishioners, experts, and the Archdiocesan Building Commission. Razing the old building and building a new facility will be the easiest, most cost effective, longest lasting, and most modernizing alternative.

**Q. Do we anticipate a new parish hall getting more use?**

**A. Yes,** with a new and modern facility there will be more uses for our parish, our community and our local families. Such events could include: funerals, family reunions/parties, Oktoberfest, weddings (would provide a place for bridesmaids etc to change and get ready), baby showers, bridal showers, town meetings, Athletic Club meetings and banquets, etc.

**Q. Is this a campaign everyone has a stake in?**

**A. Yes,** no matter what age group or demographic you're in, we all have a stake in a new parish hall and a robust community life. If you're a younger family, there's baptism parties, wedding receptions, wedding showers... that the hall could be used for. If you're older, the hall can be used for reunions and family gatherings. And even if you don't anticipate using the hall very much, this a way for you to make a gift to present and future generations, just as our grandparents did for us when they built all the buildings on our campus.

**Q. It doesn't seem necessary to build a new parish hall when we already have the school hall?**

**A. Our school and school hall have given us their best days.** Our parish has always been vibrant and strong, and we've always looked ahead. When we had an old rectory, we built a new rectory. When we had an old school, we built a new school. When we had a former church, we built a new church. We must not only think of today, but we must look to the future.

## **Upcoming Events**

December 3 - 4

**Information Weekend I - Kickoff  
Campaign Information Packets Available  
After all Masses**

December 10 - 11

**Information Weekend II - Video Showing  
Info Packets Available After all Masses**

December 17 - 18

**Information Weekend III**

January 7 - 8

**Reflection Weekend I  
Called to Acknowledge God's Gifts**

January 14 - 15

**Reflection Weekend II  
Giving Back to God**

January 17

**Fellowship & Fun Gathering  
Invitations will be mailed to all families  
Please RSVP**

January 21 - 22

**Reflection Weekend III  
Giving Back with Sacrifice**

January 28 - 29

**Commitment Weekend I**

February 4 - 5

**Commitment Weekend II**

March 4 - 5

**Celebration Weekend**

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GRACIOUS GOD,  
WITH THANKFUL HEARTS, WE PRAY TO YOU FOR COURAGE TO WILLINGLY  
SACRIFICE OUR TIME, TALENT AND TREASURES.  
HELP US TO BE FAITHFUL SERVANTS WITH THE GIFTS THAT YOU HAVE SO  
GENEROUSLY BLESSED US.  
TOGETHER, WITH YOU AND THE SAINTS WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US,  
HELP US CONTINUE TO BUILD A COMMUNITY WHERE ALL ARE WELCOME  
AND LOVE MAY DWELL.  
MAY YOUR HOLY SPIRIT OPEN OUR MINDS AND HEARTS TO  
A GREATER AWARENESS AND DEEPER APPRECIATION OF YOUR COUNTLESS  
BLESSINGS.  
WE ASK THIS IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST.  
AMEN.