



Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic Church

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Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Over the past few years, thanks to the generosity of our parish community, our parish has been blessed with the ability to undertake many campus improvements. Projects completed have included tuck pointing on the east side of the church, renovating the gym restrooms and locker rooms, installing new windows in the school, and resurfacing the parking lot. These projects have ensured that our facilities can continue to meet the needs of the parish both today and for many years to come.

In January 2019, we began collecting funds for the most recent set of projects. While we did not reach our fundraising goal of \$232,000, sufficient funds were raised to tuck point the west side of church, which was completed shortly before the picnic in June, and to purchase the last remaining house on the block not owned by the parish. This house is currently being rehabbed in preparation for its future use. Due to the shortfall, tuck pointing on the south side of church was deferred to a future year.

As we enter 2020, we would like to address a recurring issue which we're confident everyone is aware of: **the heating and air conditioning in the church.** Everyone has undoubtedly experienced cool Sunday mornings in the winter and warm Sunday mornings in the summer, as well as the occasional loud banging from the heating system. Gracious volunteers have poured their hearts and souls into keeping the system going for as long as possible, but it has finally reached its end of service. After much research, we believe the best solution is to replace both the heating and cooling systems with one energy efficient system. The solution will result in approximately 20 heating and cooling units installed throughout the church, which will ensure that the heating and cooling will be evenly spaced. The existing radiators in the pews will be removed and the return ducts under the windows will no longer be utilized, although they will remain in place and potentially could be removed in the future. The estimated cost of the project is \$206,461. This cost includes approximately \$16,000 in demolition work which may be reduced through the use of volunteers. The remaining cost will cover the units, installation, and electrical work. Due to both heating and cooling being unavailable while the system is being installed, we are targeting installation in fall of 2020.

We ask that you please fill out the "2020 Maintenance Projects Donation" form on the back of this letter by March 8th and return via mail, in the collection basket, or by dropping off at the parish office. Your prayerful consideration to support this parish need is appreciated.

Sincerely,
SPP Campus Projects Committee