



## St. John XXIII Parish

### Update Regarding our Preliminary Renovation Plans and our *Gather & Grow* Appeal

Parish leadership has been involved in a process of studying our current facilities and evaluating what is needed to ensure our parish is able to fulfill our mission. This planning effort led to the recommendation to renovate and expand the St. Peter facility to accommodate the merger of parish and school activity to one campus while maintaining our three existing worship sites. Our focus throughout is on Christ... our desire to encounter Christ, be transformed by Christ, and accept Christ's mission to spread the Gospel.

#### Recap of the planning progress since the last Parish update in March:

- We have received approval from the Archdiocese to hire Plunkett Raysich Architects to work with us to develop conceptual plans. Plunkett Raysich has extensive experience in providing successful design solutions for parishes in Wisconsin, including a recently completed project at Lumen Cristi, in Mequon. The conceptual plans that will be shared with the parish in July, incorporate suggestions and concerns shared by parishioners during the Feasibility Study.
- The Appeal Core Team has arrived at the theme for our Appeal... ***Gather & Grow***. We honor the faith, commitment, and generosity of all the faithful who sustained and nurtured the parishes of St. Mary, Immaculate Conception, and St. Peter of Alcantara. Now, as one community of faith under the protection of Saint John XXIII, we carry forward the torch of faith that has been passed on to us. Emboldened by the Holy Spirit, we now unite as one to provide the parish facilities that will enable us to gather and grow in Christ for generations to come.
- By July, an information brochure will be mailed out to all parishioners. Inside the brochure will appear the conceptual plans, why they are important to the future of our parish, and plans for project funding.
- In July, the Core Team will kick-off our *Gather & Grow* Appeal. This Appeal will have two objectives: 1) to receive Annual Parish Stewardship pledges in support of our parish ministries for 2018, and 2) to receive 3-year Capital Fund pledges in support of our renovation plans. Information meetings will be held after the Masses in July to discuss the conceptual plans, share the next steps of our *Gather & Grow* Appeal, and receive parishioner input.
- **It is important to know that final plans regarding the scope of the renovations will be arrived at after parishioners have responded to the *Gather & Grow* Appeal.** At every step in this planning process, parishioner input will be important as we strive for the best possible project that meets the needs of our parish. And ultimately, it will be our parishioners' generous financial support of the *Gather & Grow* Appeal that will determine the size of the project we can afford. The fund appeal core team will provide regularly updated communication to parishioners throughout this important process.

Please continue to pray for God's blessings during this exciting, yet challenging, chapter in the life of our parish. May God bless us all as we remain committed to responding to the call to grow as disciples through the sacramental life of the Church.