



12% and Growing

By Fr. Kevin Anderson, Pastor

Can you feel the energy? Can you feel the excitement? No, I am not talking about baseball play-offs or fall colors. I am talking about the energy around becoming one.

As you remember, a few years ago our parish established the goal of becoming one. This is occurring on so many levels. For example, often visitors comment to me that they sense a friendliness and a welcoming atmosphere within our community as we celebrate the Eucharist. That is a delightful observation. Praying well together is one of the ways that we reveal our oneness. Yet many, if not most parishioners, still feel that that best way to honor becoming one is to worship in one building. (This information comes from the surveys and interviews taken over the past few years). Hence, we have officially started raising money toward a new church building.

The name of the campaign is **One in the Light**. The intention is to gather pledges toward the purchase of land for our new church site, provide a substantial down payment for the first phase of construction, and fund the preliminary architectural design, feasibility study, and capital campaign expenses.

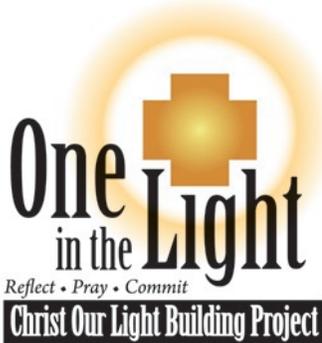
I, and members of our Campaign Cabinet, have visited a sampling of parishioners to chat, listen and explain our goals. I am humbled by the generosity of all those we have talked with. So far, the results are extraordinary. We have raised over \$600,000.00 in financial commitments, which is 12% of our total financial goal.

No pledge amount is ever decided on during the visits. Instead, each family, or individual, is given a booklet which explains the various options for contributing, and asked to reflect, to pray, and to send back a confidential pledge. This entire process feels respectful and has been exciting as I hear how proud parishioners are about all aspects of our parish.

Obviously, oneness and building a new church are bold endeavors. That is the splendor of this entire adventure; It is ultimately about trusting God (individually and collectively) with our future. Many elements of this entire process have fit so nicely into place that it is hard to deny the working of the Holy Spirit in guiding us and nudging us forward.

Yet so far, our team has been visiting parishioners one-on-one, but the reality is settling upon us that a better use of time is for us to chat with parishioners in a group setting. That is the plan for October and November, so please respond with an openness as you are invited to a gathering to learn more about the campaign and how you can get on board to make our goal of becoming one a reality.

It is important to remember that we are inviting everyone to consider a serious and prayerful financial commitment. We ask for your patience and understanding as we take each phase of our invitation in a deliberate and thoughtful manner... with one decision and one financial commitment at a time, we will be able to create a better space to accomplish God's work in our community. Thank you in advance.



OCTOBER
01
2017

MAILING ADDRESS

Christ Our Light Catholic Parish
804 7th Ave. S, Princeton, MN 55371

Phone: 763-389-2115

Email: jamiea@christourlightmn.org

CHRIST OUR LIGHT - NORTH

804 7th Ave. S, Princeton, MN 55371

CHRIST OUR LIGHT - SOUTH

25909 4th St. W,
Zimmerman, MN 55398

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 8:30 AM-4:30 PM

Friday: 8:30 AM-12:00 Noon

(Closed Noon-1:00 PM)

Mass Schedule

NORTH

1st, 3rd, 5th Weekends of the Month

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 8:30 & 10:30 AM

Tuesday 6:00 PM, Thursday 8:30 AM*

SOUTH

2nd, 4th Weekends of the Month

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 8:30 & 10:30 AM

Wednesday 8:30 AM*

Friday 8:30 AM*

*Morning Prayer at 8:15 AM

See schedule in bulletin for Holy Days.

Complete staff listing, contacts inside.