

Building our **Future** Campaign

ST. ANDREW'S PARISH

BULLETIN #1



Dear Friend in Christ,

We have begun our St. Andrew's *Building Our Future Campaign* to construct our new Parish Hall. The Catholics of LeRoy have gathered as God's family for over 150 years. And key to that gathering and key to their ministry has been the Parish Hall.

Last week we reflected on God's gifts to us. It is the work of a Christian to notice God's gifts and be grateful. When we do this, we realize how good God is and how rich our lives are.

This week we focus on the necessity of giving back. People are designed by God with the built-in need to give back. Notice what happens when someone needs help. People respond! Not everyone, not all the time. But when we can, we try to give. We are made in the image of a constantly giving God. So, as "chips off the old block," we have that same inclination in us. And not only the inclination, but also the call! Jesus' life was a call to build God's Kingdom by giving back to God and to others.

Spiritual writers remind us there are two seas in Israel: the Dead Sea and the Sea of Galilee. The Dead Sea receives water from the north. It takes water into itself, but no water escapes it. It takes and does not give. The water is brown and brackish, and no life is found around it.

The Sea of Galilee, the sea Jesus preached on, takes water in from the north and empties it out to the south. Water is received and given. The Sea of Galilee takes, and then gives. And, it is alive with all kinds of plants and fish and wild animals. So it is with people. If we receive and do not give, we are spiritually dead. But, if we receive and give, we are the "alivest of the alive."

Yours in Christ,

Father Tom Biersack
Pastor

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Campaign Co-chairpersons

"Lord, what do you want to do - through me - for my parish?"

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FINANCIAL PLAN

In collaboration with Parish Members and Parish Leaders, our St. Andrew Community plans to build a new Parish Hall.

After several meetings, to 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.

The cost estimates are:

- **Project 1** – New structure & demolition of old - **\$725,000**
- **Project 2** – New appliances, parking lot and landscaping - **\$50,000**
- **Project 3** – Contingency - **\$75,000**
- **Project 4** – Replenishment of savings account - **\$150,000**

Now is the time for the St. Andrew community to take the next step and consider a Capital Campaign to enable us to fund this project.

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

