



Capital Campaign Newsletter

St. Mary Magdalen Parish & School

March 19, 2017

THANK YOU!

Father Olson and Father Sherrard and the Capital Campaign Committee extend their appreciation to all families who have made a sacrificial gift to this campaign. We are blessed by your faithful support of Our Faith and Our Vision.

As of March 19, 2017

Total Project: 5.3 Million
Church: 3.7 Million
Gym: 1.6 Million
Pledges/Donations: 3.35 Million
Fundraising Pledges: 0.2 Million
Total Need: 1.75 Million

Pledge online at:
www.smmparish.org
Click on
"Rebuilding Our
Church"
and then select
"Pledge Now"

PLEDGE PHASE CONTINUES

Many pledges came in during Commitment Weekend and we are off to a great start in the pledge collection phase of the campaign. The pledge cards that have been turned in are currently being processed. Our goal is to have all pledge cards returned by April 23. It is understood that commitment to a large project such as our House of God, Gate of Heaven Capital Campaign is one that requires discernment and prayer as a family. If you have not yet made a pledge, please know that you may expect a follow up letter/phone call as our goal is 100% parishioner and school family participation. Pledge cards may be placed in the collection basket during Mass or at the parish or school office at any time. Do not hesitate to contact the parish office if you have any questions about making a pledge, donation or applying for matching funds.

We will be able to begin construction once all the necessary funds for the gym and church have been pledged. Remember, this campaign is based on equal sacrifice, not equal giving, and with a truly sacrificial commitment from everyone- we can make this happen. Please know we are grateful for whatever you can do.



If you have not turned in your penny box, please do so at the parish or school office.

Ways to Give:

Cash Pledge: Indicate on your pledge card your total pledge and payment period. You may pay your pledge with check, EFT or Credit Card.

Matching Funds: Many companies will match their employee's charitable gifts. For more information, please contact your employer's HR office or website.

Appreciated Assets: Stock, property and annuities are welcome. If you choose this option, please contact the parish office for guidance through this process.

Planned Giving: If you would like to make a gift to the capital campaign through a bequest via your will or estate, please contact the parish office.

OUR FAITH, OUR VISION- Chris Rabideau

Last month, one of our young parishioners, Christopher Rabideau- a sophomore at Cascade High School- gave witness to his faith, his vision and his hope for our parish.

"For the last year I have heard about the Capital Campaign and what Father Olson's goals are for our parish. At the time, I ignored it and told myself "Why should I try and help, it won't affect me?" However, that mentality has changed. It was a Saturday morning that my Mom made me go to a Capital campaign meeting to help out. While I was there listening to Father Olson, I was very intrigued and interested about what they wanted to achieve. That night, I was reading the pamphlet, and I started thinking about the possible renovations of the Church, Gym and School and how it would affect me and my family. My brothers Ethan and Zachary have attended the school here since kindergarten and as their older brother, I would love for them to experience going to a school that has a beautifully modernized church to serve the students and families, a gym to play their CYO sports, and a school that says "We are a community that highly values our student's education and religion."

In the 7 years my parents, myself and 3 brothers have been a part of the church we have been blessed with experiencing God's goodness and grace every day, but even more so through the sacramental rituals our family received -1 convalidation, 4 Baptisms, 3 First Communions soon to be 4 with my Brother Zachary this May and 3 confirmations. As I look to my future and the future of my brothers I think about how we will continue to grow in our faith and sacraments, how we will get older and our family will grow and we will need our church at its best for us. I want to worship our Lord and God in the best possible environment. An environment I can be proud of saying, "Yes! That is my Parish, that is my Church, that is my Home." Now, as I look at our young and growing parish community, I think it would be accurate to say that I am not alone. I am sure that many, if not all of you have this same vision for your kids and/or yourself.

For those of you who are saying to yourselves, "I don't want to get involved because it will affect me the least," think again. This is more than a building that we call a Church, this is the house of God in our midst. This is where we come to celebrate and worship God. It's the building where we come face to face with him. And so, I challenge everyone in here to do something. Whether it's through donation or prayer, let's all do our part to help the youth of the present and future have a parish that they will proudly look forward to being a part of and perhaps eventually attending with the wives or husbands and kids. Let's have a parish where families can come and worship our Lord and God. Let's create a parish that represents the works and amazingness of God. We can sit back and imagine what it would be like to have this change happen, but we can't do it without your help. As my football coach at Cascade said to me, it's less productive to do this (hands begging) than this (hand digging).

As we all leave and go our separate ways this morning, I would like to leave everybody with a verse from **2 Chronicles 15:7** "But as for you, be strong and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded." God is calling for you to take part in this, how will you answer the call??"



PARISH DINE OUT NIGHT

Thursday, March 30

5-7 PM

Please join your fellow parishioners at Panda Express on Evergreen Way (Wal-Mart parking lot).

A portion of the meals purchased will be donated to the House of God, Gate of Heaven Campaign.

Be sure to bring in the flyer you can find in the church bulletin, school newsletter and in the racks of the vestibule.

Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

