

OUR FAITH, OUR VISION- By Katie White

Not long ago, I saw one of my kindergarten students at a restaurant. He looked at me with wide eyes and a confused expression, and asked "Mrs. White, what are you doing here?" I told him that I was going to eat dinner with my family, and then I was on my way home. Stunned, he said, "Home?! But don't you live at school?"

His assumption, although funny, is partly true. I am a parishioner at SMM. I am a teacher at SMM. My own children attend school at SMM. I am here at least six days a week: worshipping, teaching, working, parenting, and volunteering. I wouldn't want it any other way; I am blessed every day, in so many ways, when I walk through these doors. This community, this campus, has become home.

This home, this church, however, has outgrown its brick and mortar walls. This is a good thing; people want to be here! Sunday mass is often standing room only, and not just on Christmas and Easter... nearly every

week! An expanded and updated church building will give our dynamic, growing, and diverse population room to feel welcome and comfortable.

The conversion of our current sport court to a permanent gymnasium will help this expanded church building become a reality. Yes, it will provide a temporary worship space. But in the years to come, it will provide so much more! An activity space, a meeting space, a play space: a home base for all of the rich community functions that make SMM the amazing parish and school that it is.

My husband and I made the decision to support the capital campaign financially and spiritually, for the benefit of our own family and all those who are part of the parish community. Our sons, ages 8 and 10, earned money for their penny boxes and donated those at the school's collection mass. You see, it is not just this generation that will be served by an expanded church and gym; it is the generations to come.

Each day during our morning meeting, my kindergarteners recite the Memorare prayer to pray for the capital campaign project. They know that our prayers are powerful and that God always hears us. Will you please join us, and pray for the project as well, and discern a way for your family to support the campaign?



This past Easter, St. Mary Magdalen had overflow capacity at all Masses. Holy Thursday and Good Friday were standing room only. Easter Sunday Masses were also at overflow capacity with the noon Mass most crowded; over 1,000 were in attendance and people were standing in the halls and outside the church doors. This is the most crowded we have ever been and is a true sign of the vitality of our growing parish!



Campaign Newsletter

Capital Campaign for St. Mary Magdalen Parish & School

May 14, 2017

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN BY THE NUMBERS



2671

St. Mary Magdalen & St. John
registered parish families

867

Parishioners who have
pledged to the campaign



3.7 MILLION

Dollars pledged and donated
to the House of God, Gate of
Heaven Capital Campaign

1.5 MILLION

Dollars left to raise to
build our Gymnasium and
Church



1804

Number of parish families
left to pledge to the
Capital Campaign

CAMPAIGN UPDATE

We were to submit all pledges to our House of God, Gate of Heaven Capital Campaign by April 23rd. As noted in the column at left, this is where we stand as a parish community as of April 30th. The potential for completing our project is very attainable if the remaining parishioners contribute toward our campaign. It is in their hands. If each remaining family pledged \$500 over a 5 year period, we would quickly reach our goal and be able to begin construction. Our campaign goal is 100% parish participation. If you have yet to pledge and have questions or need any assistance, please contact the parish office.

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

THANK YOU

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has contributed to the capital campaign- from pledges to prayers- everything helps the success of our campaign. Thank you to our many parish groups that have hosted events and community builders for the campaign. Your willingness to accept the challenge of raising funds for our new church and gym is greatly appreciated.

SAVE THE DATES

SMM School Alumni Reunion

June 11, 2017

Bite of SMM

July 15, 2017