

Summary of March 26 Parish Update Presentation

This is a summary of the presentation last weekend after the Masses that covered the parish financial position, Building Committee update, and Capital Campaign status.

Parish Financial Position as of March 1, 2017

- Bank balances (*excluding Capital Campaign donations received*)
 - Checking account: \$ 188k
 - Savings account: \$1,415k
 - Building Fund Savings: \$ 161k (*used for major building repairs / maintenance*)
- St. Matthias has been "Debt Free" since 2010 when we paid off the 17 acres bought in 2008
- 130 new families registered at St. Matthias in 2016 bringing current total to 1730
- Average of 454 families are using offertory envelopes or myEoffering each month
- As of Mar 1, the weekly offertory is down 13% or \$70k compared to same time 1 year ago
- Expenses on track with current year budget (All costs for new church plans being paid from current operate budget and not from Capital Campaign donations)

Building Committee Update (Chairman: Jerry Strenk)

- Master Plan completed in 2015 defining long term layout for our site
- Phase I of the Master Plan Implementation includes the following work:
 - New church with space for up to 1000 seats, a chapel, and additional parking
 - New St. Vincent de Paul facility adjacent to relocated pavilion and new pole barn
- Completed work with the architect in mid-2016 on the **Schematic Design** phase which defines the basic structural shape, style, and floor plan of the new church.
- 80% through **Design Development** phase to define the steel structure for the new church and the mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems. Expected completion is mid-2017.
- **Civil Engineering** work is about 90% complete in laying out the site plan. Soil samples have been taken to help design the foundation for the new church. Other work includes drainage plans, retention pond, utilities, and parking.
- In mid-2015, initial cost estimate for new church from architect was \$6.6M based on average of \$285 per sq ft for 19,300 sq ft in the early floor plan. The costs for new SVdP, site prep, parking, pavilion move, new storage were not known at that time.
- In mid-2016, initial church cost estimate from general contractor (GC) of \$7.3M (21,500 sq ft)
- In mid-2016, Building Committee identified \$750k in savings through design changes (e.g., composition roof vs metal, limited use of floor tile day 1, hollow core interior doors vs wood doors) resulting in new lower cost estimate of \$6.6M
- **Latest cost estimate** for Phase I work is \$9.5M made up of:
 - Church (with \$125k on contingency built in) \$ 6,600k (from GC)
 - Furnishings (e.g., pews, organ, sound system, ...) 1,000k
 - Site Preparation (parking, drainage, utilities, ...) 1,240k (Preliminary from GC)

- St. Vincent de Paul, Move pavilion, New storage 600k (Preliminary from vendor)
- Remove old Pole Barn and Bazaar Kitchen 60k (Building comm estimate)

Capital Campaign Status (Chairman: Tom Condon)

- Began planning for Capital Campaign in Fall of 2015 (just after Master Plan completed). Hired Walsh and Associates to guide us through campaign process.
- Campaign kicked off in Jan 2016. Started early in church design process to understand how much we could raise, get process started to break ground ASAP, and recognized that 3-year redemption period allowed time to modify plans to raise additional funds if needed.
- Minimum goal for campaign was \$2.4M as determined by Walsh based on our Offertory history. This is the amount Walsh would guarantee and refund part of the fee if not achieved.
- Campaign also set a Miracle goal of \$7M that would allow us to build the church debt free.
- In July of 2016, at end of Pledge Phase, 404 families had pledged \$2,736k.
- As of Mar 2017, we have 517 pledges totaling \$2,966k and have received \$\$1,227k in gifts.
- A **Campaign Cabinet** was formed to guide the parish through the 3-year redemption period.
- The **Solicitation Team** is developing plans to grow the pledge total by contacting new parishioners, parishioners not called in the 2016 campaign, and foundations for grants.
- The **Fundraising Team** is working with parish ministries to plan fun events to help raise funds.
- The **Follow-up Team** was recently formed to help communicate effectively with those who have pledged and keep our records in line with their desires as situations change over time.
- At current pledge levels, our likely campaign outcome in mid-2019 will be \$2,780k based on:
 - Pledges of \$2,955k, less 5% of pledges not received or \$150k, plus fundraisers and additional pledges of \$275k, less \$300k due to the Archdiocese.
- If we use \$1,420k from our savings, that totals \$4,200k available to get started resulting in a loan of \$5,300k for 7 years at ~3% from Archdiocese and monthly payment of \$70k.
- The **Finance Council** completed projections for parish expenses and revenue over the next 10-15 years determining that based on likely growth in the area, we can safely borrow up to \$3M resulting in a monthly payment of \$25k. Our current shortfall = \$2.3M.

Next Steps

- Father met with Building Committee, Finance Council, and Capital Campaign Cabinet and agreed on following strategy to address the shortfall:
 - 1) Keep momentum going to complete plans for new church and hold until funds available
 - 2) Work with architect and GC to identify additional cost savings without impacting design
 - 3) Allow Campaign Cabinet time to raise more pledges through new parishioners and grants
 - 4) Improve religious education and youth programs to attract and retain new young families
 - 5) Reassess financial situation in late 2018 and take additional steps if shortfall still exists such as delaying ground breaking until funds available or deferring SVdP building and focus on the new church.

Parish hall bulletin board contains the latest church floor plan, images, site plans, and more