

## NEW CHURCH WEEKEND

January 6-7, 2018

This is the first of seven planned “**New Church Weekend’s**” for 2018. Several activities focused on our endeavor to build a New Church, so “**TOGETHER IN FAITH, we can HONOR OUR PAST by BUILDING OUR FUTURE**”, including:

- we had the opportunity to offer coins saved in our green church banks as we came into church by placing them into our new mobile church model;
- There was a second collection today where we could drop donations for the Capital Campaign based on our current pledges or just because you want to help;
- Informational tables were outside of church and in the Parish Hall so after Mass parishioners had the chance to ask questions, give feedback and get even more information and details; and
- Food was available in the Parish Hall after Mass with the proceeds supporting the Capital Campaign. A number of generous parishioners donated the food and prepared it for us as their way to help support our campaign.

### Update on Church Plans

- The design for our new church includes seating for 1,000, a day chapel with seating for 100 that will double as a cry room on weekends, a good size narthex to support after Mass activities, and the necessary support spaces such as a ministries room, Sacristy, and workroom;
- Working with the architect, drawings of the New Church have been completed but the detailed construction plans have not started until we finalize the design;
- At this time, the Building Committee is looking at changes that can be made to the design (without diminishing the integrity of the vision for the New Church) or to items that can be deferred and implemented later to keep the initial cost of the New Church down,
  - this includes focusing on just building the New Church and the necessary site work to support it
  - a new St. Vincent de Paul facility may have to be deferred (but NOT dropped), as well as a new pole barn and relocating the pavilion
- The latest estimate from our contractor for the New Church and the site work is **\$8,500,000**
  - this does not include the St. Vincent DePaul building, pole barn, and pavilion
  - it does include cost savings identified by the Building Committee of \$750k through changes to the design details that do not impact the overall vision of the New Church.

### Update on Campaign Status

- We just passed the half way point in the 3 year Redemption Period. To date, we have received pledges of \$3,015,411 and donations toward the pledges of \$1,749,743;

- The donations received represents 58% of the amount pledged so we're off to a good start, but more pledges are needed;
- The Campaign Cabinet has begun to contact parishioners who have registered with the parish over the last year to discuss a possible pledge; and
- Our goal is to raise another \$750,000 in pledges over the next 6 months.
- [Are there any of you who have already pledged that would consider increasing your pledge now?](#)

### St. Matthias' Overall Financial Status

- We believe that the campaign will result in \$3,400,000 in donations assuming that we can achieve additional pledges in the next 6 months;
- We will owe 10% of what we raise to the Archdiocese, leaving about \$3,100,000 for our New Church;
- We should be able to apply \$1,500,000 in parish savings toward the New Church;
- That leaves us likely having to borrow \$3,900,000 and a monthly payment of \$29,000 over 15 years;
- Our parish has been adding new registered families at about 70-100 a year for the last few years;
- We fully believe that this growth will continue and likely accelerate as the Magnolia area is projected to grow at even faster rates over the next 10-15 years; and
- Based on current projections of our parish's financial position, we still have some work to do to be able to make such a hefty monthly payment for the New Church.

### So, What's next?

- We will give the Capital Campaign team a few months to see how much can be raised in additional pledges;
- If we still have a funding gap, the planning committee will continue to seek more pledges and look for further cost reductions in the church plans; and
- Summer of this year will be a pivotal time for our Capital Campaign to see where we stand and, with God's grace, be in a position to break ground in late 2019!

### How you can help, you ask?

- Continue to Pray for the success of our Capital Campaign;
- Please get actively involved on one of the committees, be it the Building Committee, one of the Campaign Cabinet committees, like fundraising, solicitation, or follow up, or with one of our Ministries;
- Support the various fundraisers...we have had 16 Special Events since July of 2016 with over \$79,000 raised that has been contributed to the Capital Campaign. More importantly, these Special Events help to grow and strengthen our Faith Community;
- Save your loose change in a green church bank....additional ones are available in the narthex;

- Make a Pledge if you haven't already done so as we really want to achieve 100% participation in pledges by our registered parishioners;
- Drop donations in the campaign collection on the New Church Weekends; and
- Use the pink campaign envelopes to make a donation to the Capital Campaign at any time through the Offertory collection.

We are blessed to have MANY people giving of their **Time, Talents** and **Treasures**.....this is what makes St. Matthias such an awesome parish! **THANK YOU** for the support for our New Church and did we mention to please pray for the continued success of our campaign?