

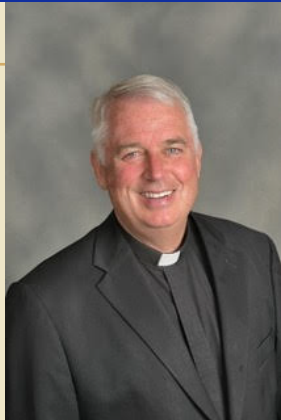
ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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FROM FR. CONNOR

“For I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the Lord, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.’”

—Jeremiah 29:11



God is always faithful to us, and we are called to be faithful to God. This mutual faithfulness extends to our effort to solidify our parish finances.

We are now being challenged to be good stewards by planning for the future of our parish. This challenge will take faith in God as we progress with the planning and the fundraising. It will take faith in each other.

Our Commitment Weekend will be in early December. Prior to that, I ask that you prayerfully consider a commitment to the campaign and to the future of St. Mary's parish.

Personal discernment will be part of this process and has two components:

First, gathering information is necessary to making informed decisions. Our events team is planning a few campaign get-togethers, each including refreshments and a brief presentation. At these socials, our vision will be shared and your questions will be answered. Please review the event list and choose a date compatible with your schedule. Bring a parish friend or neighbor and join us in fellowship. It only lasts about an hour.

Second, our Prayer Team has drafted a beautiful prayer invoking God's grace to help us in our discernment process. Prayer cards will be available in the back of the church and in the adoration chapel. Consider saying this prayer on a daily basis; maybe with your family before the evening meal or at night prayer. As you pray for this parish family, know that you are in my prayers!

As always, I welcome your questions, concerns and thoughts about our parish and this capital campaign process. God bless you all!

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Brian Connor

Fr. Connor



CAMPAIGN THEME INTRODUCED

by Deb Svec

The Communications Team is pleased to unveil the theme and logo that will be used for our capital campaign. This creation was our first charge when we began meeting in September.

To begin this process, as a team we sat in silence, listening to the Holy Spirit while reflecting on a simple question, “What makes St. Mary's special?” After quiet reflection, each of us shared what we had heard in silence. Conversations revolved around our rich history, our beautiful church, the strength of our community, our spirituality, traditions, our young families, and our legacy. Two common themes included: 1) recognizing the legacy of all those who have given so much of themselves to make St. Mary's an amazing parish and 2) taking care to preserve St. Mary's for our young and future families.

Embracing these premises, the team agreed that the campaign would best be served with the theme:

HONORING OUR PAST – SECURING OUR FUTURE

We wanted strength, tradition and faith represented in our logo. We considered the monstrance, the steeple on the church, pillars and the outside of the church. The logo was created using an outline of the church and including a graphic of a young family.

Our logo brings the elements of our theme together under the roof of our church.

The church outline represents the faith, strength and legacy of our parish. Under its roof, within these walls we share our faith journey together. The young family represents our future, one that we are called to secure.

Looking to the future, we believe that our shared faith and generosity will continue to make St. Mary's a better place. We are guided by Jesus Christ - our savior, Immaculate Mary – our patron saint, and the strength of an amazing and diverse parish family.



OUR CAMPAIGN PRAYER

by Cris Hoelscher

As members of the St. Mary's Campaign Prayer Team, we're hopeful that all parishioners will be united in prayer during this process. Toward that objective, we composed what we humbly hope is a Campaign Prayer that speaks to our mission of growing in faith here at St. Mary's. Inspired by silence with the Holy Spirit, this prayer is the expression of who we are as a Parish Community and what our Legacy of Faith is about: Eucharist focused, traditions, committed parishioners, a diverse family, faith formation.



Enclosed with this newsletter are prayer cards. We invite you to join us, in reciting our campaign prayer each day, as we seek the Lord's guidance and peace in the weeks ahead.

Your Campaign Prayer Team: Loretta Daro, Cris Hoelscher, Jean Hovorka, Harriet Jakub, Roni Jakub, Cheryl Prothman

*O Lord,
We adore You and give You thanks
for the many blessings bestowed
on our parish family.*

*Through Your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ
You have provided a strong foundation
for our Catholic faith
that honors our past and
gives us hope for generations to come.*

*Blessed Mary our Mother,
open our hearts to hear God's call,
to witness Christ in each other,
and to secure our future together.*

Amen

*Immaculate Heart of Mary, Pray for us.
St. Joseph, Pray for us.*

Come to the Table

Join in the Fun

Join us for food and fellowship at an upcoming parish social gathering. At these information only events, parish leaders will explain our campaign objectives answer your questions.

We are not asking for pledges at these events.



CHILI & CHATTER

Wednesday, October 16

5:45 pm

Gymnasium

CHILDCARE PROVIDED



PARISH POST GAME TAILGATE

Saturday, October 19

Following 5:00 pm Mass

Gymnasium

CHILDCARE PROVIDED



CARBS with FR. CONNOR

(pancakes, sausage, biscuits, etc)

Sunday, October 27

Following Both Masses

Gymnasium

CHILDCARE PROVIDED



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To help us plan appropriately, please