



September 17, 2018

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

I am pleased to report with three months to go our “Pledging in Faith” program is ahead of schedule. Many parishioners have completed their pledges early. The vast majority of the remaining pledges are on schedule and I am very confident our goals will be met. Assuming we are correct and the remaining pledges are completed on a timely basis, this will be a remarkable achievement of sacrificial giving for our parish. Every dollar given represents a welcome blessing for our parish.

You may remember that our fund drive had three goals:

1. Pay off the remaining mortgage on the Church building.
  - The Finance Committee has determined it is in our best interest to pay off the mortgage immediately, completing goal #1. We have scheduled a “Mortgage Burning Party” following the 10am Mass on Sunday, October 14, 2018, including a Complimentary Waffle Breakfast served at the Parish Center from 9am to 12noon.
2. Pay for high priority and/or emergency maintenance requirements, specifically the HVAC controls (including adding air conditioning/zone heating to rooms A, B, C and JP I and II) and extend the life of our 50-year-old boiler.
  - We have begun replacing our current HVAC control system, as well as adding air conditioning/zone heating to rooms A, B, C and JP I and II.
3. Create an emergency maintenance fund to deal with a large list of continuing maintenance demands including work at the Little Church, Parish Center parking lot expansion, and other needs.
  - It is important all outstanding pledges be completed.

We are determined and very hopeful the “Pledging in Faith” drive will be our last major funding project. Certainly, we have a long list of ongoing maintenance demands beyond our normal operating expenses. We hope many of you will continue to donate beyond the regular collection in support of the maintenance, repair and upgrade of our facilities. By being a good steward of God’s gifts and making your continued gift giving a priority, we will be able to continue our many ministries at St. Joseph’s and share our blessings with others beyond our faith community – both today and as a legacy to coming generations of the faithful. We also encourage you to consider St. Joseph Catholic Community as part of your estate plan. Dean Rademacher, Parish Director, will be happy to assist you in this regard.

May God bless each of you,

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