

Hello! Here is the latest update on progress to get our new church built as well as some background for those who are new or haven't heard it before.



BACKGROUND: Father Thumbi reviewed this with us at all Masses the last weekend of December, 2015. If you would like the full document, just email me and I will forward it to you. To summarize: The first campaign to build a new church was attempted about 12 years ago under the leadership of Father Jim Dalton. After careful review of parish long range needs and comparison of costs associated with various strategies (building a new church, remodeling existing church and building a new gym, doing nothing), it was determined that building a new church, then converting the existing church back into the gym it was built to be, was the best course of action. The original design of the new church was submitted and discussed with the Archdiocesan Building Committee (ABC) several times over the years and there was no mention of any problems with the design until 2015. At that time, the Capital campaign was brought to completion and detailed cost estimates for building the planned church were submitted to the ABC. We were then informed that the overall design was not adequate and we were asked to look at other churches in the archdiocese that were either under construction or recently completed and consider selecting one of these designs which had already received design approval from the ABC. This was done, and a new building design plan was created by our architect with modifications to fit our available building space. In October 2015, Archbishop Sartain gave preliminary approval for the new design. Detailed drawings of the new church design were then submitted to a contractor requesting a detailed cost proposal. Once we receive this proposal we will....

Meet with the contractor to review the detailed cost proposal and see if any further modifications can be made to save on construction costs.

Prepare another construction budget proposal and, along with the detailed cost proposal, submit it to the ABC for approval.

After approval of the above by the ABC, the architect will prepare detailed building plans and specifications for submission to contractors for final construction cost proposals.

Once we select a contractor building proposal within our budget, we will begin to obtain building permits and set a date for groundbreaking.

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

TOTAL PLEDGE GOAL: \$ 3 MILLION TOTAL NUMBER OF PARTICIPATING FAMILIES: 656

TOTAL AMOUNT RECEIVED IN GIFTS AND PLEDGES TO DATE: \$ 2,508,386

TOTAL CASH ON HAND TO BUILD THE NEW CHURCH, INCLUDING PLEDGE PAYMENTS RECEIVED FROM THIS, AND PREVIOUS, CAMPAIGNS AND PARISH SUBSIDY: \$ 3,182,441 (KEPT IN SEPARATE "BUILDING FUND" BANK ACCOUNT AT THE ARCHDIOCESAN BANK)

MORE GOOD NEWS:

We are pleased to announce that St Thomas More Parish is the recipient of a grant in the amount of \$25,000 from the Frost and Margaret Snyder Foundation toward the building of our new church

\$4,100 has been deposited into the new church building fund from the sale of the St Thomas More Choirs CD, "Celebrating our Choirs 2015." Thank you for honoring the gifts of time and talent given by our many parishioner musicians. It is not too late to obtain a CD if you haven't done so yet. Please contact Scott Hibbert at s.hibbert1@comcast.net or 206.498.5400 to request a CD for a suggested \$20 donation.

If you are a new member of our parish within the last year, we will be reaching out to you to make sure that you have all of the information you need to plan your support of the building of our new church. If you would like this information sooner, please contact Karen Hibbert.

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THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED
PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THE SUCCESS OF
OUR CHURCH BUILDING CAMPAIGN

God our Father, as we strive to fulfill the promise of our founding parishioners, Help us to respond generously to the call to participate in the building campaign. As a faith community, help us to embrace our mission to be vibrant members of this parish **and truly be The living presence of Christ.** We pray for your healing grace to unite and sustain us in our endeavors. Bless those who have already given generously of their time, talent and treasure on the journey which has lead us this far. We ask this through Christ Our Lord Amen