

Focus Committee / Capital Campaign Update

As promised, we are trying to make every effort possible to keep parishioners updated on our Capital Campaign Drive (Building Fund) as well as our Catholic School Foundation Drive. As you have seen in the bulletins, we are working to reach some lofty goals \$3.5 million in Capital Campaign (one time building improvements) and \$3.5 million in a school foundation (Long term operational support for our schools).

Progress:

We are closing in on \$500,000 cash and pledges for the Capital Campaign (building improvements), and \$1.8 million for the foundation (operating). At this point in time, we feel we have sufficient funds to proceed with:

Building Improvements this summer:

- Repairs to St. Lawrence School Gym Roof
- Install New Gym Floor in St. Lawrence
- Air conditioning Unit for St. Lawrence Gym

Final Design Plans for the Parish Life Center:

The FOCUS Committee has been able to work from preliminary design plans with John Mullins, a prominent commercial contractor in the area. Mr. Mullins worked up a cost estimation for the new Parish Life Center as currently planned at approximately \$2.25 million, including sites work, parking lots, equipment, bleachers, commercial kitchens, full masonry exterior. Given the positive movement of giving, the FOCUS committee is recommending that we proceed to develop full designed plans so that once our required fund raising is met to receive Diocesan approval, we can quickly put the Parish Life Center plans out for contract, possibly construction season 2017.

NOTE: To assist the architect in final plans, all groups that may be utilizing the Parish Life Center are being asked to come and participate in special design assistance meeting to make sure their respective groups' needs and recommendations get included into the final design. This design session will be held next Sunday, February 5, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. in St. Joseph High School.

Capital Campaign:

- Capital Campaign materials and pledge cards have been sent to all parishioners. You are asked to try to return your pledge cards by Sunday, February 12th. If you choose to give to the Catholic School Foundation verses the Capital Campaign (Building Fund), please make sure you indicate that choice on your pledge card.
- After the February 12th date, it is the goal to have follow up contacts to parishioners that have not returned their pledge cards to make sure that any questions they have might be answered.
- Capital Campaign materials and pledge cards will also soon be sent out to Alumni.