



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

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Dear Friends,

As we continue to reflect on our Lenten journey, I want to share with you some thoughts.

Lent begins with the visible, outward sign of ashes, but aims toward inner conversion, helping us repent, avoid distractions, and focus on living the Gospel.

The three pillars of the Lenten season include prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Above all, Lent is a season of prayer. Deepening our relationship with God during Lent gives meaning to our fasting and strengthens our call to almsgiving. Focus on sacrificing something meaningful that will help you draw closer to God. What small acts can you take on to manifest the love that God calls us to share?

Since almsgiving is a large part of Lent, I ask you now to prayerfully consider contributing to the St. Francis Capital Campaign. If each of us participate in this campaign, the needed additional \$3,000,000 will allow us to begin construction as early as this fall.

Here at St. Francis, we are a parish of believers that worship together, pray together, and gather for a host of fellowship activities that not only nourish our individual souls, but our community as a whole. The new hall is but one way to grow that community of parishioners. It will afford us the possibility of expanding our ministries to ensure that the spiritual needs of all our members is accomplished, for both young and old.

If each family in the parish would give of their God-given treasures to this campaign, the additional funds we need to begin construction would be raised quickly. For those who have so generously donated already, I ask that you prayerfully consider pledging more. This act of almsgiving will ensure that our Safe Haven on the Hill, our project to honor our Lord and God, will happen.

Lent is an excellent opportunity to experience all three pillars of the Lenten season, which if we really embrace it, can truly last a lifetime. Let us begin today. May God Bless us on this journey of faith.

Yours in Christ,

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