

## Divine Mercy Parish Burlington-West Burlington, Iowa

# The parish share

What a history we have at Divine Mercy Parish! Our past goes back more than 180 years to when St. Paul Church was founded in 1839. St. John the Baptist Church's history dates to 1855. The Sts. Mary and Patrick church opened in 1917 after the original church was destroyed by a fire in 1913. The beautiful Our Lady of Grace Grotto was dedicated in 1931, and parish volunteers still care for it.

Our pride in what our Catholic ancestors built and left us inspires us to leave for the next generation a parish community for which they can feel equally blessed. The *Upon This Rock* Campaign gives us an avenue to honor our past while brightening the future of the parish.

Special features of the campaign will enable us to maximize the positive effects of our fundraising:

- First, we keep 20 percent of what we raise up to our goal, which is \$1.5 million.
- We will keep 80 percent of anything we raise beyond \$1.5 million.
- There are virtually no costs to the parish for the campaign. The Catholic Foundation for the Diocese of Davenport is paying those costs.

This is an opportunity to support our priests and seminarians while also undertaking important parish projects.

### WHERE OUR FUNDS WILL GO

**Parish goal | \$1,500,000**

- For priests' retirement, health care: \$900,000
- For seminarians' education: \$300,000
- For parish projects: \$300,000

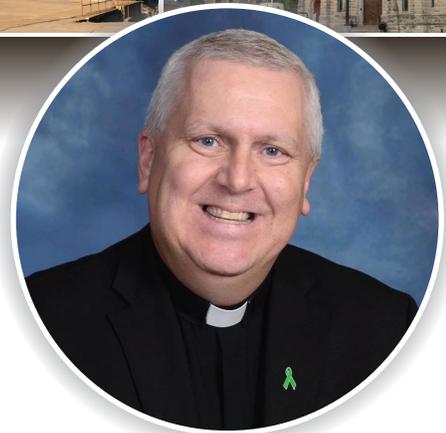
### PARISH CAMPAIGN PROJECT

**Parish maintenance and contingency fund**

With three church buildings to maintain, as well as parish offices and space for religious education, there are always expenses to manage – planned and unplanned! Whether it is a roof, a heating or cooling system, plumbing or any number of other major items, we know that we must be ready for anything. With the "parish share" of the *Upon This Rock* Campaign, we will build a fund to prepare for those major expenses that will pop up over time.

### PARISH CAMPAIGN LEADERSHIP

Dr. Ron Lee  
Jeff Rucker



*"Giving to meet the needs of my brother priests, our seminarians and myself is a blessing, of course, and the Upon This Rock Campaign offers a valuable opportunity to address our parish's needs, too. Many people before us sacrificed and gave to show their love for their priests. Now it's our turn. Let us fight the good fight, let us run the race to pass the gift of faith on to this and the next generation of Catholics in Des Moines County. May we respond in gratitude for all that God has given us."*

Fr. Marty Goetz,  
pastor of Divine Mercy



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