

Everything that we have belongs to Our Father, and His Blessings are countless. Holy Rosary Parish belongs to all of us – it is our sanctuary. Each of us is grateful to support the care, honor and preservation of our home. There is no question that we are an incredibly active and faith-filled parish family, serving The Lord through serving each other and our community.

As you know, during the past few years, with the help of our Buildings and Grounds Committee, and our Parish and Finance Councils, as is his duty, Father Patrick has thoroughly reviewed the physical and spiritual needs of our growing (yes, growing!) faith community and has determined that a capital campaign is necessary in order to adequately fund certain projects.

There have been many discussions regarding what will be included and what will not, along with the amounts needed to cover these projects. During our campaign survey interviews, we took to heart the concerns of parishioners who agreed to be interviewed and have adjusted the priorities of our project list, thus reducing our original campaign goal. Many conversations and consultations have taken place and it was important to us, that we make some solid decisions before releasing the details. A big thank you to everyone who participated.

So, this will be a three year campaign with a total goal of reaching \$1.5-\$2M, but in order to take care of all the items on our immediate list, we are issuing a challenge goal of \$2.4M total. The active phase of our campaign will take place through mid-November.

In a nutshell, we have determined the following breakdown of needs to be imminent and included in our Capital Campaign.

- East Parking Lot
- Sidewalks
- Landscaping
- A new Exterior Storage Building
- Canopies (walk under) for both the school and the church
- Electrical upgrades

The total of these projects has an estimated value of \$1.5M

There are also needs for:

- Sound System Upgrade
- Choir Area renovation for function and safety
- Exterior Church Doors with Accessibility for all
- Sanctuary Renovations for simplicity and a Christ Crucified (mandated by Canon Law) centered focus
- Interior Church Walls/Ceilings painted

Adding these projects will bring the estimated total to about \$2M

If enough money is raised through the campaign, additional funds will be used for:

- Pew reconditioning
- Terrazzo flooring under the pews repair
- Replace flooring in the Narthex (North Entrance) and in the Nave (main worship space)

Total of all listed projects, including a contingency fee is \$2.4M

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There has been quite a buzz about the proposed projects with many ideas being discussed, not all of them complete or accurate. There has also been a demand for more information, and rightly so!

We have heard you, and now that our plans are clear we want (and need) our entire community to be accurately informed and part of the discussion on how we plan to properly care for our church.

Therefore, we will be hosting a series of informational presentations over the next several weeks, and each of you will receive an invitation.

It is critical that every family choose one date and come out to learn about this campaign to be a part of the discussion. The presentations will last for about an hour. It is important to us that everyone fully understand the projects to be done and have the opportunity to ask questions.

**I am asking you personally to please attend a reception that is at your convenience. If you are not available for any of the dates proposed, then please call the office and arrange a time that will be best to sit with us and discuss this important project.**

**Because we have approximately 1150 registered (~400 active) families to reach in just over two months, proper and accurate planning is critical.**

**We need your help:**

- This is an enormous endeavor and will require a lot of help. **Please consider becoming a volunteer** – Forms are in the pews this week as we kick off our campaign.
- When you receive your invitation, **please RSVP right away** so that we have an accurate count for refreshments and material planning, reducing any waste.

We are keeping track of all RSVPs so we are sure that every family attends. If you forget to RSVP (because life is busy), we will gladly give you a call to see which event will best suit your schedule.

It is very important to us that every family is accurately informed of what is going on in our parish, and we are trying very hard to be accommodating to everyone. **Please join us for just one hour.**

Thank you,

Father Patrick and the Campaign Committee

