

From the Pastor's Desk

"The Love of Christ Urges us on" 2 Cor. 5:14

Pope Francis famously said that there are three things a good Catholic must do before leaving this world:

1. Actively receiving the Sacraments with Faith, Hope and Love.
2. Hoping in the Resurrection of Christ
3. Leaving a legacy of love

If you came to church this weekend and are reading this article it means that you have got number one and two already.

These Sunday readings warn us against material greed like the farmer who only focused on storing up grain and died suddenly, inviting us to focus on what we own and what owns our hearts and think about our spiritual legacy to our family and the world around us. How would you like to be remembered by your family and friends?

People tend to think of legacy purely in terms of something that happens after you die. But the truth is, legacies are formed while you are alive. For one person it might be that they care about their children and grandchildren having good memories of a happy home and loving nurturing relationships that last even when they are gone. For someone else, it might be that they won't feel that they have done what they came here to do unless they leave something tangible behind like a business, a home, or a book, something people can pick up and touch or be involved with after they are gone. For others it might be being remembered as a loving husband and father or a wonderful wife and nurturing mother. We are all consciously or unconsciously working on our legacy to our family and to the world each day.

The year 2025 marks the 25th anniversary of the reopening of our Wea school and we are about to embark on a building project of new middle school classrooms for \$3.5 million. This school building project will be a spiritual, tangible gift to future generations of children who will learn to know, love and serve Christ in our world. Your gift to the upcoming

capital campaign gives you the opportunity to cement your legacy to Wea and impact lives for generations to come. A capital campaign gift is an "extraordinary gift" "above and beyond" your regular tithing and ongoing generous support to the Archbishop's Call to Share, Pro-Life fundraising, Catholic Charities, RWTC, and the Auction.

Currently a campaign leadership team has been established. Members include Greg Jecker, Randy Newcomer, Nick Guetterman, Kelli & Mike Dorrell, and the pastor, principal, parish administrator, and the chairs of the Pastoral and Finance Councils. The campaign leadership team is working on recruiting other parish members to be campaign ambassadors who will be trained by Fiat Development, the fundraising firm that conducted the feasibility study last year. The campaign leadership team is praying and working on choosing a campaign theme before the campaign kicks off the weekend of September 13-14. Please stay tuned by reading the bulletin and building committee updates on the church website.

After the successful completion of the school's new middle school classrooms capital campaign, we will move on to Phase II: building a new church. Currently the building committee is working hard on a design that will fit our budget and our desire for a beautiful, sacred, and dignified new house of worship to the Greater Glory of God.

The names of the building committee members, pastoral council and finance council members are in the bulletin and on the church website so you can feel free to talk to any of them with your questions and suggestions. Your input is always valued and appreciated.

Thank you for your love of the Lord and his Holy Mother. May the Lord continue to bless you all with much peace and joy as we continue to generously share our time, talent and treasure because **"The Love of Christ Urges us on."** 2 Cor. 5:14

Fr. Jerry

East side of school building

