



Dear Parishioners,

*Preserving our Heritage, Strengthening our Faith, and our Future* is the theme for our church repairs and our capital campaign. This important efforts will enable us to repair our church and allow us to gather in it again as a Catholic community.

We have contracted with Dondlinger Construction Company, Wichita to complete the work on the church's roof and structure support of our church. Currently we are in the final stages of signing the documents so they can begin setting up and beginning their work. The timeline is for them to start when school is out for the summer. Their work will take 4-6 months, dependent on weather, if they find any surprises once they begin, and availability of materials. Please keep them in your prayers as they complete their task to reinforce our church and work in the rafters to allow us back in our sanctuary. Our parish website has a short video you can watch that will further explain what they plan to do and also shows the damage and why this work is needed. I encourage you to watch it.

We also continue to work raising the necessary fund to pay for this work. Because of the nature of our project, the Bishop has granted us permission to start the renovation work before the funds are secured. This is unusual and does not alleviate the responsibility of the cost, but only allows us to have the work being done while we raise the dollars to pay for it. The capital campaign committee has been busy, along with many other campaign volunteers – if you have not been asked to be a campaign volunteer, you will be shortly as we recruit home visitors, and I hope you say yes! The majority of the funds for this project will come from parishioners. Any funds not raised, will be secured with a loan from the diocese to be repaid in full.

One of our goals during the campaign is to visit all our St. Patrick's Parish members through the capital campaign effort. You may have or will receive a phone call asking you to become a Visitor for the campaign. Each Visitor will be asked to simply deliver sealed envelopes to approximately five households of the congregation on Sunday, June 5th, and pick up those envelopes the following Sunday, June 12th. This task should only take about one hour of your time on each Sunday. You will be fully trained on how to make these contacts, and the best part is **you will not have to ask people for money!** You will simply deliver a sealed envelope and pick up another sealed envelope and return it to the parish office. And you will have about 5 homes assigned to you, which will be in close proximity.

As a parishioner receiving a home visit, you will not be pressured to give, but to simply read the materials, think and pray about your commitment to this parish project, complete your commitment card, and give it back to your home visitor the following Sunday in a sealed envelope. Your home visitor will not know what you were asked to give, nor will they know what you decide to give. We do pray that you will make a gift to your parish.

We ask that you say yes to being a home visitor and be a part of this capital campaign for our parish. We also ask that you think about your financial commitment to the campaign when you receive your materials and make a commitment that is fitting for you and your family.

Please also continue to pray our campaign prayer often during the weeks of this important campaign and during the many more weeks of repair work. May this prayer not only guide you, but also strengthen us together as a community of faith.

In Christ,



Fr. Curtis Robertson  
Pastor