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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who participated in our Campaign Readiness Assessment. The Holy Spirit guided us and the energy and enthusiasm for the projects to be accomplished was truly felt. I also sensed the “we can do this!” attitude of our parish family. We have fine-tuned the list of projects based on your input and I am happy to introduce to you the *We are Saint Mary's* capital campaign.

As you know, the bricks and mortar of our campus are the path to greater spirituality and parish life. Having the parking lot repaired will improve safety. Fixing our leaking roofs will prevent further damage and more expensive structural repairs. Installing ADA compliant doors will improve accessibility. Replacing the sound system in the Church will improve the worship experience for all. These and the remainder of the projects will also enable us to put our best foot forward in welcoming families who wish to become members of our faith community.

Once you are informed, it is my hope that you will make a financial investment to help us reach our campaign goal and attend to the greatest needs of the parish. I also request that you review your commitment to the Sunday collection, which supports the daily operations of our parish. With your support we will continue to honor the gift we have received from those who formed this parish and we will pass on this rich gift to generations after us.

Yours in Christ and His Blessed Mother,



Rev. Patrick Mulcahy
Pastor

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Parish Offertory

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The new fiscal year began July 1, 2019. The parish operating budget provides for our staff, utilities and of course support for our ministries and outreach. The offertory collection is the sole funding source to support all of these needs. I ask that you please consider an investment in your parish community through an increased offering to the Sunday collection.

We all know the value of a dollar has changed over the years. The equivalent of the value of \$1 in 1960 compared to today is \$8.69. Some of us get into a routine with our support of the Sunday collection. Just like with a household budget where the cost of food and utilities goes up every year, so too does the operating costs at St. Mary Immaculate.

St. Mary Immaculate Parish currently budgets a collection of \$50,000 a week from the offertory. Actual weekly results to date average \$45,085. In order to meet the weekly goal, parishioners are being asked to look at what they give weekly and discern if an increase is possible. This increase will certainly look different for each person and each family as everyone has different demands on their financial resources. It is important to know that every dollar helps and gifts of all sizes are needed and appreciated.

St. Mary Immaculate Parish is blessed with some families who are already tithing and sharing 10% of their income. Certainly, these people are giving in a most generous manner. St. Mary Immaculate also has a number of senior members who are on a fixed income and are currently giving all that they can. The desire and ability to share financial resources fluctuates throughout life. When some are no longer able to give at levels once an option for them, other members of the community will hopefully step up and help balance the financial response.

Can you show me what making a sustained increase to my offertory gift can look like?

Sure. The chart below is helpful in assessing what can be affordable for your personal budget while helping St. Mary Immaculate Parish meet its operating needs.

If I Give This Amount Every Week:	If I Give This Amount Every Month*:	At the End of the Year**, I Will Have Supported Saint Mary's with an Investment of:
\$5	\$20	\$250
\$10	\$40	\$500
\$15	\$60	\$750
\$20	\$80	\$1,000
\$25	\$100	\$1,250
\$50	\$200	\$2,500
\$100	\$400	\$5,000
\$200	\$800	\$10,000
\$300	\$1,200	\$15,000
\$400	\$1,600	\$20,000
\$500	\$2,000	\$25,000

* Based on four weeks per month.

** Based on 50 weeks; does not include Christmas and Easter.



Projects to Accomplish

ST. MARY IMMACULATE PARISH CAPITAL PROJECTS

Campus Preservation **\$816,000**

Flat Roof Repairs **\$500,000**

Repair all damaged flat roof areas, tuck point and seal brick work in the Commons addition and school building.

Church Roof Repairs/Cross **\$ 20,000**

Repair skylight portion of the Church roof and stabilize the Cross on top of the Church.

Church – Repair Outdoor Soffit and Drainage **\$ 8,000**

Existing church soffit must be replaced due to water damage. Drainage system needs to be added to prevent further damage.

Roof Replacement – Rectory North, South, Holistic Center and Garage **\$ 58,000**

Rectory North Exterior **\$ 30,000**

Replace damaged stucco, wood siding, gutters and downspouts with conventional materials.

Parking Lot **\$200,000**

Grinding and refinishing existing parking lot including any repairs necessary for the existing French drain system and adding an annual maintenance plan.

Worship Space Necessities **\$310,000**

Church Sound System **\$ 80,000**

Upgrade failing system to a modern system to enhance sound quality and overall sound capabilities in the church. Includes Hearing Loop system.

Church Lighting Improvements **\$210,000**

Upgrade all lighting in the church to include cost-saving LED fixtures for a warming and more inviting space. New down lighting, and indirect lighting for sanctuary and nave.

Lighting will provide parishioners better visibility of the song sheets for evening masses.

Choir Risers and Wiring **\$ 20,000**

New choir risers with a ramp and wiring for choir and musicians for a more functional area.

This also improves safety for the choir and musicians in the main Church.

Projects to Accomplish

HVAC Upgrades and ADA Doors **\$173,000**

HVAC **\$ 96,000**

Beginning January 1, 2020, R22, commonly known as Freon, will no longer be produced. Upgrades are needed for air conditioning units that contain Freon throughout the campus. The Church air handling unit drip pan also needs to be replaced.

ADA Accessible Doors **\$ 77,000**

Main Church (4 doors), Commons (2 doors), North Entrance (2 doors), School (5 doors). New ADA doors will meet the needs of all attending Church, school, religious education and parish events.

Worship Space Enhancements **\$674,000**

Campus Wide Recording Equipment **\$ 45,000**

New camera and recording broadcasting equipment for the Church. Projector and screen mounted in Cana Hall for overflow masses on holidays. This equipment will enable live streaming across the campus.

Marble Addition to Altar and Tabernacle in Church **\$ 15,000**

Add a marble base to the altar that the Tabernacle sits on and add a matching marble top to the main altar to create a cohesive look.

Paint Church Interior **\$500,000**

The reredos (area behind the altar) is the only part of the interior of the Church that has been painted since the Church was built in 1994. New paint for the entire interior of the Church to fix peeling, worn and damaged areas and enhance the interior of the worship space.

Replace Sanctuary Flooring with Durable Terrazzo Flooring in Church **\$ 30,000**

Terrazzo is one of the most durable flooring materials available, being resistant to water or stain damage.

Renovation of Existing Pews in Church **\$ 84,000**

Restore and refinish pews without having to remove them.

Any additional money raised in the *We are Saint Mary's* capital campaign will be earmarked for reducing and ultimately eliminating the parish loan from the Diocese of Joliet, which currently totals \$1.4 million.

Investment

St. Mary Immaculate Parish "We are Saint Mary's" Capital Campaign

The gifts represented in the chart below offer a series of funding benchmarks that will help St. Mary Immaculate Parish reach a preliminary funding goal of \$1,702,000. Any dollars raised over and above the preliminary funding goal will be used to attend to other needs on the list of projects to accomplish and the elimination of the parish loan from the Diocese of Joliet.

The parish has been blessed with generations of supporters and a wonderful sense of community. The money raised in this campaign will help preserve that which has been entrusted to parishioners today and be certain it is in safe, working order for generations to come.

Gift Amount	Gifts Needed	Total Goal
\$50,000	2	\$100,000.00
\$25,000	7	\$175,000.00
\$10,000	21	\$210,000.00
\$5,000	75	\$375,000.00
\$2,500	128	\$320,000.00
\$1,000	213	\$213,000.00
\$500	618	\$309,000.00
	1,064	\$1,702,000.00

Equal Sacrifice – Not Equal Gifts

The investment levels below are offered as a guide in helping you decide what may be affordable for you. Please note that numbers have been rounded to the dollar. Regardless of the final amount, your investment will be greatly appreciated. We hope that everyone will participate at some level.

Gift Amount	How much is this monthly over 3 years?	How much is this weekly over 3 years?	How much is this monthly over 5 years?	How much is this weekly over 5 years?
\$50,000	\$1,389	\$321	\$833	\$192
\$25,000	\$694	\$160	\$416	\$96
\$10,000	\$278	\$64	\$167	\$38
\$5,000	\$139	\$32	\$83	\$20
\$2,500	\$69	\$16	\$42	\$10
\$1,000	\$28	\$6	\$17	\$4
\$500	\$14	\$3	\$8	\$2

St. Mary Immaculate Parish

Planned Gifts

A Gift for Tomorrow...The Importance of Planned Gifts

Throughout life most of us are inundated with financial obligations, goals, and the need to save for a secure future. However, there is one part of financial management that often is neglected – estate planning. Approximately 55% of Americans die without a will. Planned giving not only benefits the Church – many forms provide substantial tax benefits to the giver.

A will is an important document that lets you determine the distribution of your estate. It also offers a variety of creative ways for you to leave a legacy, including helping St. Mary Immaculate Parish. In preparing your will, you should first provide for your family's needs. Then you may choose to bequeath to St. Mary Immaculate a certain dollar amount, specific property, a percentage of your estate, or whatever is left after your loved ones have been taken care of. In addition to your will, there are many ways to make a Planned Gift:

Giving a sizable gift at a small cost - (Life Insurance Gifts)

Giving gifts that pay an income - (Charitable Remainder Trusts)

Giving a gift temporarily - (Charitable Lead Trusts)

Giving a home, but continue to live there - (Life Estate Arrangement)

Giving a gift that pays a steady income - (Lifetime Giving)

Consult with your tax and other financial planning professionals to craft a personal giving plan appropriate for you. Once you have determined your giving options, decide how to inform family and friends of your intentions. You may arrange a time to personally share your wishes with the parish, too.

- Please contact me about making a legacy gift to St. Mary Immaculate Parish*
- I have already included St. Mary Immaculate in my estate planning*

Name: _____

Address _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

E-mail: _____

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Frequently Asked Questions

Who decided what projects should be accomplished?

In September 2019, a list of campus needs and improvements were presented to parishioners through personal interviews, vision group sessions, listening sessions and a survey. Upon parishioner approval in October 2019, it was determined that the true “needs” on the list would occur first and aesthetic improvements would come later.

When will campus improvements begin?

The campaign invites participants to make a pledge over a five-year time period to bring all of these projects to reality. Work can begin on the projects as soon as the parish has the financial resources in place to accomplish them. This means that as pledges are made and fulfilled, the parish can proceed. In order to begin the projects sooner rather than later, parishioners may make a “down payment” on a pledge or “front load” a larger pledge in order to help the parish accumulate dollars in a shorter period of time.

How much should I give?

There is no specific amount per household expectation. The request is for “equal sacrifice, not equal gifts,” which is respectful of the fact that each family has different financial means and abilities to give.

A number of parishioners who participated in the vision groups and listening sessions felt that a 5-year pledge of \$20 per week – which totals \$5,000 – would be affordable for most St. Mary families. Gifts at all levels are needed and appreciated as outlined in the “Investment” step sheet.

Is a gift to the Campaign separate and “on top of” my offertory giving?

Yes, a gift to the Campaign would be separate - above and beyond offertory giving. The offertory, whether given on a weekly, monthly or on an annual basis, provides the funds necessary to continue to serve the daily needs of its members. Additional support of the offertory is always needed and appreciated. Details can be found on the “Parish Offertory” sheet in this folder.

Is my contribution to the Campaign and the Offertory tax deductible?

Yes. A charitable gift to St. Mary Immaculate Parish, a not-for-profit organization, is tax deductible to the extent provided by law. This requires that the donor itemize his/her deductions by using the appropriate tax forms.

I am uncomfortable making a pledge due to my financial uncertainty. Are there other ways to support the capital campaign?

Yes. Some people “*give as they can*” to support the campaign by using the envelope in the monthly packet of envelopes marked “capital campaign”.

Some people will help through the “*Pray for Change*” program where families will pray for the success of the campaign and collect loose change and turn it in on the last Sunday of every month. A large container will be in the narthex of the church along with a clipboard where families can write down their name as contributors to this fund.

What happens if we make a pledge and our income drops? Is my pledge legally binding?

No, pledges are not legally binding. If a family financial situation should change, simply re-evaluate the ability to fulfill the pledge and notify the parish office of the change.



Letter of Intent

Dear Father Pat:

In support of St. Mary Immaculate Parish, I/we intend to contribute the sum of

\$ _____ to the "We are Saint Mary's" capital campaign.

My/Our investment will be made as follows:

MONTHLY

Start Date _____ **Amount \$** _____

Over the Course of: 1 2 3 4 5 **years (circle one)**

QUARTERLY

Start Date _____ **Amount \$** _____

Over the Course of: 1 2 3 4 5 **years (circle one)**

ANNUALLY

Start Date _____ **Amount \$** _____

Over the Course of: 1 2 3 4 5 **years (circle one)**

ONE-TIME GIFT

Date _____ **Amount \$** _____

I/We will also increase my/our offertory gift by \$ _____ per ... week month year (circle one)

Payment Options

We will make our investment by check.

We will make our investment by gift of stock or from our required annual IRA distribution. Please contact Denise Rowan in the parish business office at 815-436-2651 x846.

We will make our payments through automatic withdrawal.

I authorize the Parish to withdraw automatically the amount indicated from the bank or credit account checked below:

Bank Account - attach a voided check to this form

Credit/Debit Card

Card # _____

Expiration _____ CVC# _____

(Monthly and quarterly pledge offerings will be withdrawn on the 15th of the month. Please notify the Parish Office one week prior if you need to make a change.)

Please indicate if you plan to have your gift matched by you or your spouse's employer

Potential Matching Gift Amount: \$ _____ **Matching Gift Company:** _____

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Please Print Name(s) as you would like to be acknowledged:

Name: _____

Address _____ **City:** _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____ **Cell:** _____

E-mail: _____

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