

Campaign Announced!

We are pleased to announce the launching of a very special campaign effort for the benefit of St. Francis de Sales Church. It's entitled the "**Project 2017**" Campaign and has as its aim, raising the funds required to remodel and refurbish to brighten and restore our church.

Our minimum goal is **\$1,000,000** which will enable us to renew and restore our Church. A miracle goal of **\$1,500,000** has also been set which, if met, will enable us to upgrade the parking lot and meet other current and future needs.

Campaign Leadership Enlisted

Our campaign leadership "cabinet" is now in place. This critical core group of leaders will give guidance and drive the overall campaign.

Serving as Chairpersons of this special effort are **Martha Cucco**, who will assume primary responsibility for the Advance Gifts Committee and phase of the campaign and **Bill Ring**, who will oversee the Community Gifts Committee and phase.

In addition, we have also been blessed with an excellent supporting cast who are tasked with leadership of the various

The campaign will officially commence with a special "**Kick-Off Celebration**" scheduled for **Sunday, June 12** and will culminate on Saturday and Sunday, **July 30 and 31 – Commitment Weekend** – when members will be asked to make their campaign gift commitments.

The pages that follow provide additional details about our needs, our plans and our campaign.

Through the prayerful, volunteer and financial support of many, we will succeed in our task and, in so doing, will help to make St. Francis

support committees needed. They are **Katie Alder**, who will lead our Prayer Committee; **Kathie Murray** and **Carole Nevin**, who will lead our committee for Hospitality; **Eric Gallagher** and **Katie Ploch**, who will lead the Youth and Children's Gifts Committee; **Laura Zappitelli**, who will lead our Communications Committee; and **Rose Lemke**, who will lead our Creative Giving Committee.

Finally, we also blessed to already have the following people step up and agree to serve on our Advance Gifts Team...the group of volunteers



de Sales Church an even more special and spectacular place to go and to grow in God's name.

that will be visiting a select group of members in advance of Commitment Weekend and inviting them to consider their gifts. Serving on the Advance Gifts Team so far are: **Dr. Gerald Fleeer, Ed and Anne McCord, John and Marilyn Nanna, Daryl and Geri Braun** and **Maureen Zimmerman**.

Many more leaders and workers are also needed to help with this important effort. Please say "yes" to volunteering when you are asked, or call or email **Mary Huml** in the Campaign Office at 262-248-1152, campaign@sfdslg.org to volunteer!

Our Needs

Worship Space Needs

Sanctuary Black Marble Removal:

Our church interior is quite dark, part of which is brought on by the black marble that lines the sanctuary walls. Despite being the fashion during the time of its installation in the 1950's, our church interior needs to be brightened up to reflect the light of our parish, liturgy and worship.

Painting and Restoring the Walls, Ceiling and Stained Glass Windows:

As you look up and to the side in our church, you can't help but notice the cracks and dirt stains, despite the grandeur of the Gothic architecture. Our interior is in dire need of repainting that would also include fixing the cracks that vein the walls and restoring and cleaning the stained glass windows.

Stained Glass Window Addition:

Within the front sanctuary wall behind the reredos is a covered hole with space that needs to be filled with a round stained glass window that once existed prior to the 1950's renovation.

Pew Restoration:

Our worn and scratched wooden pews are in need of restoration. One can visibly see and feel the ever-growing cracks in almost every pew, along with the faded and dirty stain finish brought on by time and heavy use. For many, the pews are very uncomfortable to sit in for the entirety of Mass. The pew kneelers are also loud and extremely uncomfortable, causing distractions during the sacred liturgies.

Flooring Replacement:

Currently, we have an industrial grey carpet that is in constant need of shampooing due to the heavy traffic and accidents that regularly occur. Underneath the carpet are tiles that have asbestos glue that also need to be removed and replaced.

Organ Replacement:

An essential liturgical instrument used in our

church is the organ, which is on the verge of falling apart. Some organ keys don't produce sound anymore, others stick when pressed and the pedals are no longer functioning properly. The organ was made in the 1950's and some of the replacement items necessary to keep it working no longer exist. Should the instrument stop working, we will no longer have organ music for our Masses and, equally as important, for the weddings and funerals held at St. Francis de Sales.

Sanctuary Furniture Upgrades:

Aside from the ornate, wooden presider's chair that matches our Gothic church, the rest of the sanctuary furniture is dated and in need of upgrades. The altar, ambo, baptismal font and side altars don't match any of the existing or planned designs of the church and need to be replaced.

Lighting Improvements:

The lighting in the church needs to be brighter and more welcoming than it is now, especially in places of prominence within the sanctuary that have no existing capabilities of being lit up due to the current light configuration.

Music and Choir Space Improvements:

The movable risers for our different choirs and cantors are cramped, insufficient, unsafe and need to be improved. Standing on the railing-less risers can become difficult and potentially dangerous for those singing in the choir. The risers' large space requirement also limits and slows the flow of the Communion exit line.

Choir Loft Improvements:

The Choir Loft, although not used by many, has become a dusty, frayed mess in need of cleaning and re-design.

Additional Needs

Devotional Areas: Our current church has no special area or areas set aside for prayerful devotion.

Special spaces to kneel, pray and light candles are needed in our church.

Gathering Space Improvements:

Our current Gathering Space is small and does not allow our parishioners to adequately meet, greet and build community with one another. The space is also bursting with the untidiness of prayer cards and card tables with different announcements on them, further adding to the Gathering Space congestion.

Electrical Improvements:

Electrical improvements in the kitchen and parish hall are also needed in order to be more hospitable for larger events. The current circuits do not have the capacity to handle events that have large electrical requirements.

Parking Lot Regrading and Resurfacing:

The parking lot does not drain water from the above hill correctly, which causes water build up around our church and school buildings.

Capital & Future Projects Fund:

Finally, we also need to strengthen our Capital & Future Projects Fund that will cover any future needs and/or emergencies that may arise. Our 175 year old parish is in constant need of maintenance and upkeep. Because of the age of our church and the wear and tear over the years, there are always new surprises that continually surface.

Our Plans

Worship Space Plans

Cost: \$1,000,000

Sanctuary Black Marble Removal: With the black marble removed, our sanctuary will significantly brighten up with a welcoming and inspiring color scheme. Although the final design has not been set, we are sure that it will better reflect the light of our parish community. Our hope is to repurpose the black marble in some other way within and around our church campus.

Painting and Restoring the Walls, Ceiling and Stained Glass Windows: The walls and ceilings will also be restored and repainted so that there are no more dirt stains or cracks. The color scheme will match that of the sanctuary and will look uniform, welcoming, peaceful and bright. Many stained glass windows lining the Church will also be cleaned and restored.

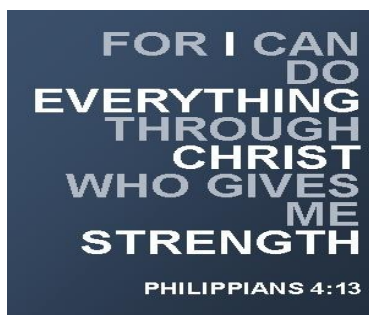
Stained Glass Window Addition: The covered hole that once housed the prominent circular St. Francis de Sales stained glass window will again be filled with a stained glass window with the Sacred Heart of Jesus as the center focus. St. Francis de Sales had a special devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, making it a meaningful and sacred complement to the existing stained glass window at the back of the church. The window will allow more light to shine in on the altar area, effectively enhancing the brilliance of the church.

Pew Restoration: We plan to refurbish our pews as they are

100 years old and in need of refinishing. We will also be exploring the option of having cushioned pews to further increase comfort. Pew kneelers will also be updated to improve comfort and minimize noisy distractions.

Flooring Replacement: While the type of flooring has not yet been decided, the choice of material will help make the church acoustic-friendly and will also add to the bright, vibrant spiritual atmosphere that will be reflected within the church. Easy maintenance and durability will also be considerations.

Organ Replacement: We plan to replace our obsolete organ with a new or gently used digital organ. This versatile new organ will provide the essential melodies to everyday liturgy and will be a beautiful blessing not only for Masses, but for the



weddings and funerals that our church attracts. The instrument will be able to fit to pipes, possibly paving the way for a future pipe organ.

Sanctuary Furniture Upgrades: We are going to have new, matching wooden sanctuary furniture that ties in with the altar, ambo, baptismal font and St. Joseph and St. Mary side

altars so that there is a sacred and uniform look and design.

Lighting / Electrical Improvements: We plan to install additional and directional Sanctuary lighting to brighten up the altar area. We also plan to upgrade the pendant light wiring for mass settings so that lights can be dimmed and brightened versus being just on or off. Upgrading the lights used within the church to LED and CFL lights will go a long way to saving on utility costs as well. The two stained glass windows on the east side of the church that are covered by the building will be back lit to bring out their beauty.

Music and Choir Space Improvements: We plan to have wide, carpeted steps below each side altar where music leaders can have the option to set up seating for choir members, opening up more seats in the pews for the congregation. This arrangement will also provide plenty of room for instrumentalists. Hanging microphones will also create ample space for Communion flow. The dual choir area will allow safe options for large choir groups and concerts while producing a visual symmetry for our worship space. It will have a clean and uncluttered look when there is a liturgical celebration without a choir, as the chairs or benches can be removed.

Choir Loft Improvements: The Choir Loft will experience a facelift to clean and refurbish the space to make it presentable and easier to navigate.

Additional Plans

Cost: \$500,000

Devotional Area Additions: We are planning on having one or two devotional areas in the back vestibule of the church. These devotional areas will provide a quiet, private area to light a candle, pray and reflect.

Welcome Center: The Library could be relocated from the Gathering Space and the walls will be removed to make a more spacious, warm and hospitable Welcome Center. The stained-glass window in the library will also be fully exposed and en-

joyed by all who enter and exit. We plan on having a TV mounted in the area that will display all announcements, which will reduce clutter and promote fellowship before and after Mass.

Electrical Improvements: The kitchen and parish hall will have new circuitry to take on large cooking events like dinners and brunches that require substantial electrical capacities.

Parking Lot Regrading and Resurfacing: The entire parking lot will be resurfaced with the water

re-directed to drain properly, making the area safer for the church and school community.

Capital & Future Projects Fund: We plan on creating a Capital & Future Projects Fund that will cover any future needs and/or emergencies that may arise. By doing so, our parish and school can feel safe and secure in knowing that we have a fund specifically for inevitable future maintenance items that will benefit the entire St. Francis de Sales community and will allow us to be self-sustainable for future updates.

“And we have this confidence in him, that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.”
- 1 John 5:14

How You Can Help

In preparation for this important event, we ask that you do three important things.

- First, please pray for our campaign's success. Our future depends on your prayers.
- Second, please volunteer your time to the campaign effort. Over 100 volunteers will be

needed to assure that the campaign runs as efficiently and effectively as possible and that the job of volunteering is a relatively easy and enjoyable experience for everyone.

- Finally, please consider a generous financial contribution to the campaign. Long-term subscriptions, or pledges payable

over three years in addition to your annual stewardship offerings are encouraged and essential to meeting our ongoing and this special project need.

Your support will assure our campaign's and church community's future success!

What in God's Name Is



Going On Here?

Hear, Here

Join us for our

Project 2017

Campaign Kick-Off Celebration

Sunday, June 12th

At 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Enjoy fine food and fellowship with your fellow members. Listen to inspirational talks. View our newly produced campaign brochure and DVD and learn first-hand of our needs, our hopes and our dreams.