



Christ King
CATHOLIC PARISH

LIVING THE CALL

Sharing God's Gifts

Dear Friends,

Summer is a busy time of year. It's a season filled with family vacations, baseball games, trips to the beach and backyard gatherings with friends and family. It is through these connections and experiences that we witness God's love and the many blessings He bestows upon us.

As you enjoy the remaining weeks of summer, I want to take a moment to update you on our capital appeal, "Living the Call, Sharing God's Gifts." Our parish staff, capital appeal chairs and team leaders have been very busy preparing for this important moment in our parish's history.

Over the past five years as your pastor, I have worked closely with our collaborative bodies (Pastoral and Finance Councils) along with the Buildings and Grounds Committee and staff to be good stewards of your financial gifts. We have done our very best to maintain our beautiful church, school and campus. However, the time has come for a deeper level of investment to address the growing needs in our household, many of which are outlined in this newsletter.

Our work on the capital appeal started last December when all parishioners were invited to participate in focus groups to solicit input on a draft case statement, facilitated by VisionWorks, an independent development company. The result of the focus groups, and input gathered in many other ways, showed broad consensus (4 out of every 5 parishioners) for the overall plan. There is strong support among the parish for a capital appeal.

Since these initial focus groups, we have continued to solicit input from parishioners while fine-tuning the plan and estimated costs to update our church and campus. The process has been very organic, designed entirely around the needs of the parish as a whole.

I encourage you to take some time to read through this newsletter to gain a deeper understanding of the capital appeal and the special role you can play in its success. Soon, you will receive a more detailed newsletter outlining specific projects, costs and campaign goals. You will also receive an invitation to attend fun and informative events to learn more about the capital appeal and to address specific questions you may have.

Until then, I want to personally thank you for continuing to speak enthusiastically with your friends and fellow parishioners about this important project, for your willingness to say "yes" when approached to provide support, and most importantly, for your ongoing thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Rev. Phillip Bogacki

Fr. Phillip Bogacki, Pastor

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PRESERVING *Our Future*

On October 14, 1939, Christ King Parish was officially founded and held its first Mass at Mount Mary University. In the ensuing years, parishioners gave deeply of their time and resources to create the amazing church and campus we now call home. We enjoy the sacrificial gifts of those who came before us – **those who boldly answered Jesus' call to discipleship.**

Today we are faced with an aging home with significant physical and structural issues. In addition, the growth of parish activity has placed a strain on our aging facilities and what we are able to offer. While great maintenance and improvement work has been done in recent years, we are faced with major needs which can no longer be deferred.

Now is the time for us to make a major investment in the life of our parish, the kind of gift that is not asked for often.

A great amount of time and energy has been put forth to develop our capital appeal. The process, which started over a year ago, has included focus groups with parishioners, as well as ongoing collaboration between the Pastoral and Finance Councils, Buildings and Grounds Committee, parish staff and capital appeal chairs.

It is centered around four key pillars, each addressing infrastructure, financial and outreach projects. Here is a detailed overview of everything involved in this important project.



APPEAL PILLARS

SHARING THE GOSPEL WITH OUR YOUNGEST DISCIPLES - SCHOOL & RELIGIOUS ED

- School Infrastructure Updates
- School Windows & Doors
- "Atrium" for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

SHARING IN BEAUTY THROUGH THE EUCHARIST - SACRED WORSHIP & SACRAMENTS

- New Pipe Organ
- Church Air Conditioner
- Church LED Lighting

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY & CAMPUS OPERATION

- Parking Lot and Fencing
- Exterior Lighting Upgrades
- New Boilers
- Roof and Gutter Repairs
- Other Campus Improvements and Deferred Maintenance
- Capital Improvement Endowment Fund
- Loan Repayment
- Reserves (Buildings and Grounds)

SHARING OUR LOVE - SERVICE AND OUTREACH

- Gift to St. Vincent de Paul Society
- Sharing partnership with All Saints Parish, Milwaukee

In the coming weeks, you will receive more detailed information about the "Living the Call, Sharing God's Gifts" capital appeal, including specifics about each project as well as our fundraising goal. In addition, you will be invited to special events to learn more about the appeal and to address any questions you may have. Until then, we ask that you prayerfully consider your role in this important project.



Why are we doing a capital appeal and why now?

It has been 10 years since we have engaged in a capital appeal and now is the time to address the deferred maintenance that is expected of an 80-year-old home. With its mission of ministry and service to others, Christ King Parish is a pillar of Wauwatosa and the greater Milwaukee area. Only by addressing the needs of our parish campus are we able to effectively continue and enhance this mission of service and ministry.

Will the Christ King community support a capital appeal at this time?

In 2017, Christ King leadership engaged an outside consultant, VisionWorks Fundraising, to assess potential support for a capital appeal. After interviewing a multitude of parishioners and holding open focus group meetings last fall, the study revealed that 4 out of every 5 adult parishioners surveyed support moving forward with a capital appeal at this time. The overwhelming support is rare in a feasibility study and represents a broad consensus amongst our community. It also reflects your love and support of the parish as a whole, and your commitment to maintain and enhance our beautiful church, school and other places of worship and ministry.

How do we prioritize projects within each goal category?

Each project was carefully assessed by parish leadership, appeal leadership and a desire to include a diverse range of projects in each category. The projects will be completed based on funds available and factors such as need (e.g. the church air conditioner may fail very soon and require an immediate replacement).

How do we determine a budget for each project in the capital appeal?

Planning for these projects has happened very slowly so as to exercise transparency and due diligence. This is important for parish leadership and is central to the appeal. Significant leg work will be done by parish staff and the Buildings and Grounds Committee on the projects included. Experts from both within and outside of the parish will be consulted to ensure proper planning and that estimates are as accurate as reasonably possible.

Do we intend to take on debt to complete these projects?

With your support, we do not intend to take on additional debt for these projects. Instead, projects will be completed in a fiscally prudent manner so as to maintain and improve the parish's financial stability.

How will funds be allocated?

100 percent of all funds will be restricted for the projects identified in this appeal.

How will we donate to the capital appeal?

Successful and rewarding capital appeals have a strong stewardship aspect to them. In our case, we have combined the appeal and our annual stewardship renewal to make them both stronger. The appeal gift is an additional, sacrificial gift to ensure the long-term health of the parish, in recognition of those sacrificial gifts others gave for our benefit. The capital appeal pledge cards will include both appeal and the yearly stewardship commitments to minimize any confusion. We hope to complete the appeal fulfillment period in three years or less.

Can we meet our goals?

Absolutely. Christ King Parish and School is strong, growing and delivers many forms of ministries to support our parishioners and community. We will continue to grow stronger and healthier through prudent and responsible investment in the spaces that every one of us uses. The generations before us helped build the beauty that we see before us today; such beauty raises hearts to God and draws in parishioners and visitors to contemplate the many other gifts the Church possesses. It is our turn to evangelize, by ensuring this beauty and this mission is healthy for generations after us.

September 15-16

Information Weekend I – Kickoff
Appeal Information Packets
Available at All Masses

September 22-23

Information Weekend II – Kickoff
Appeal Information Packets
Available at All Masses

September 26-27

Fellowship, Food & Conversation
Invitations Will Be Mailed
to All Families (Please RSVP)

September 29-30

Inspiration Weekend I
Acknowledging God's Blessings

October 6-7

Inspiration Weekend II
Being Grateful

October 13-14

Inspiration Weekend III
Giving Back to God

October 20-21

Inspiration Weekend IV
Giving Back to God with Sacrifice

October 27-28

Commitment Weekend I

November 3-4

Commitment Weekend II

November-December

Commitment Weekends
Continue

January 26-27, 2019

Campaign Closes

IMPORTANT DATES



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Loving Father, you always are with us. You give us all that is good.

We thank you for your many gifts, especially the grace that makes Christ King Parish a community of faith.

We are indebted to the generations of faithful parishioners who before us blessed Christ King with holiness and presence. Like them, help us be faithful stewards as we strive to live your call and share your gifts.

In this building we gather as your Church to hear your sacred Word and receive your Body and Blood; from them we gain the strength to serve you and others as we proclaim the Good News. Help us be holy and intentional in our discipleship, selflessly sharing our faith with others and serving all people, especially those in need.

Generous God, keep us mindful of all the good that happens when we allow you to work through us. We pray that the time, talent and treasure we give back to you strengthens and grows Christ King Parish as together we live your call in our community and beyond.

As we continue our journey of faith, we pray that you keep us holy, prayerful and humble. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our King.

Amen

