



A LETTER FROM FR. TOM AND THE CHAIRS

Dear Friend in Christ,

We, the family of St. Andrew's, are excited to start the process of building a new Parish Hall, out of which we can gather and do ministry for the next 50 plus years!

By faith and baptism, God calls us to use our talents and gifts in sharing the Good News, worshiping in the Eucharist and sacraments, and serving the needy in our parish and community. This is why our parents and grandparents gathered and why we gather as God's family today! We are now working towards making it possible for future generations of St. Andrew's to gather, share, worship, and serve.

We have a beautiful church and campus. Fortunately, the church has withstood the Wisconsin elements well. However, our school and parish hall are at the end of their days. It is now time for us to prayerfully consider a new gathering space for God's family here in LeRoy.

As the saying goes, "Those whom God calls, God equips." As every generation of the St. Andrew's family has been blessed with all kinds of spiritual, personal, and financial gifts, so too have we. Perhaps even more so! Our parents and grandparents built these spaces with much less than we have today. They did it through a belief in the importance of the St. Andrew's family, through generous hearts, and through sacrificial giving. These same qualities are going to be required of us!

As we go forward, let us remind ourselves how precious we are as God's family in this corner of the world. Let us honestly acknowledge the faith and gifts God has given us. Then let us prayerfully consider how He is calling us to strengthen the St. Andrew Catholic Community for the next 50 plus years.

Yours in Christ,

Father Tom Biersack Pastor

Greg and Vicky Hartwig, Alan and Lynette Bauer Campaign Co-chairpersons





OUR VISION

THE CHALLENGE - St. Andrew's school was built in 1955. It currently serves as the parish gathering place for various events. As the building continues to deteriorate, we have had contractors review the building with the following findings:

- Masonry walls below the window areas (east & west) are bowed, cracking & deteriorating.
- South bearing wall also exhibits similar deterioration.
- Aluminum window system is original, single pane glass without thermal breaks.
- Roof system is leaking, patched and needs to be replaced.
- Asbestos floor inspected by abatement contractor needs to be replaced if disturbed.
- HVAC system is well past its expected life cycle with deterioration and leaking.

OUR OPTIONS - In 2015, inspections of the building were completed by Capelle Bros & Diedrich along with mechanical subcontractors, roofing contractors, asbestos abatement contractors, and masonry professionals. Based on their findings, quotes were submitted to St. Andrew's for the following options.

Option #1: Maintain Entire Classroom Structure - Remodeling & Repairs

Total cost (including repairs to the main hall) - \$650,000*

Option #2: Demolition of Four Classrooms - Remodeling & Repairs

• Total cost (including repairs to the main hall) - \$550,000*

Option #3: Construction of New Facility

• Total cost - \$725,000

*As with any renovation/remodeling project, the building would need to meet Wisconsin State Codes (i.e. handicap accessible bathrooms) at an additional <u>unknown</u> cost not included in the estimates for Options #1 and #2.

The Recommended Solution – Based on Capelle Bros & Diedrich findings, along with the subcontractors, their recommendation is that the replacement of the existing facility with a new building is in the best long-term interest of the parish for the following reasons:

- 1. Existing facility with four classrooms removed and upgrades would have approximately 10,700 square feet with 3,700 of the square footage as unusable space.
- 2. The repairs and upgrades <u>do not</u> address the aging electrical and plumbing systems.
- 3. The HVAC system piping controls and the boiler will <u>need repairs</u> or replacement shortly.
- **4.** The thermal efficiencies of the building envelope <u>would not meet</u> today's standards.
- 5. The future maintenance and operational costs of the repaired and upgraded facility will be <u>substantially higher</u> than a new smaller facility.
- 6. The life of a remodeled building would be significantly less than a new building.



FINANCIAL PLAN

In collaboration with Parish Members and Parish Leaders, our St. Andrew Community plans to build a new Parish Hall.

After several meetings, to which everyone was invited to attend, the goal has been determined to build a new energy efficient parish center that would continue to serve our parishioners for generations to come as the current structure did in the past.

The cost estimates are:

- Project 1 New structure & demolition of old \$725,000
- Project 2 New appliances, parking lot and landscaping \$50,000
- Project 3 Contingency \$75,000
- Project 4 Replenishment of savings account \$150,000

Now is the time for the St. Andrew community to take the next step and consider a Capital Campaign to enable us to fund this project.

Please prayerfully consider how you can be a part of this exciting time in the history of St. Andrew's Parish Family!





FAQs

Q. Is a Parish Hall important to St. Andrew's?

A. The founders of St. Andrew's thought God's family here in LeRoy was important, and we do, too! A Parish Hall is where we gather to build the bonds of Christian fellowship and for dinners, festivals, meetings, education, ministry, and service. A Parish Hall is vital for the life of our Catholic Community.

Q. Are we sure St. Andrew's has a future?

A. St. Andrew's is a historic church in Dodge County. There are many smaller church families throughout the Archdiocese, and they are doing just fine.

The Archbishop has said he will not close any parishes. The choices of merging or closing are up to parish leaders and members. <u>We have a future if we want one!</u>

Q. Why this campaign now?

A. Our school and school hall were built over 60 years ago. They have served us well, and yet they are close to the ends of their lives, even if we repair them.

Capelle Bros & Diedrich believe that it is in our best interest to move forward with a new Parish Hall, and the leaders at the Archdiocesan Building Commission agree. Therefore, we are now at the point where we must make a decision.

Q. Is a new parish hall the most cost effective solution?

A. Yes, our team has looked into the <u>ongoing</u> problems with the current facility and we've taken feedback from parishioners, experts, and the Archdiocesan Building Commission. Razing the old building and building a new facility will be the easiest, most cost effective, longest lasting, and most modernizing alternative.

Q. Is it necessary to build a new Parish Hall when we already have a building?

A. The people of St. Andrew's have always been good stewards and forward looking.

All of us have only so much time, energy and financial resources. We must try to use them as well as possible.

When St. Andrew's had an old rectory, we built a new rectory. When we had an old school, we built a new school. When we had a former church, we built a new church. We must not only think of today, but must look to the future!

Building a new Parish Hall is the best stewardship of the resources God has given us.

Q. Is this a campaign everyone has a stake in?

A. Yes, as God's family in LeRoy we all have a stake in the well-being of our parish community and a new Parish Hall.

If you're a younger family, there's baptism parties, wedding receptions, wedding showers... that the hall could be used for. If you're older, the hall can be used for reunions and family gatherings. And even if you don't anticipate using the hall very much, this a way for you to make a gift to future generations, just as our grandparents did.

Q. I'm a little older and am concerned about outliving my income. Could I also consider an estate gift?

A. Yes. There will be a box on your commitment card offering you a request for estate planning information.





GO HIGHER, GO FARTHER!

In our **Building Our Future** Campaign, we want to strengthen our community and ministries, for today and for the future, by building a new Parish Hall. We can only do this if each of us makes our own kind of gift and sacrifice.

Remember, **"Not Equal Gifts, But Equal Sacrifice!"** is our campaign's guiding theme. Some have been given little, so they can share little; some have been given much, so they can share much. But all of us can give like kings, if we give sacrificially. As good stewards we attempt to be the very best caretakers of all the gifts that God has entrusted to us.

To start thinking about your gift, seek to do the following:

- A) Review the gift chart.
- **B**) Let your eyes rest on the largest three-year gift you think you can make.
- C) Now, consider a sacrificial gift. Consider going one level higher: from the more comfortable level to the more sacrificial level.
- D) Think of the generous example of your grandparents and pray, "Lord, what do you want to do through me for my parish?"
- E) Let the Holy Spirit lead you to a place that is satisfying and sacrificial!
- F) The only way most of us can go one level higher is by A) giving something up for a while or B) putting off purchasing something for a while.

Monthly	Yearly	3-yr Pledge
\$5,555.56	\$66,667.00	\$200,000.00
\$4,166.67	\$50,000.00	\$150,000.00
\$3,333.33	\$40,000.00	\$120,000.00
\$2,500.00	\$30,000.00	\$90,000.00
\$2,000.00	\$24,000.00	\$72,000.00
\$1,500.00	\$18,000.00	\$54,000.00
\$1,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$36,000.00
\$750.00	\$9,000.00	\$27,000.00
\$500.00	\$6,000.00	\$18,000.00
\$250.00	\$3,000.00	\$9,000.00
\$200.00	\$2,400.00	\$7,200.00
\$150.00	\$1,800.00	\$5,400.00
\$100.00	\$1,200.00	\$3,600.00
\$50.00	\$600.00	\$1,800.00



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BUILDING OUR FUTURE CAMPAIGN PRAYER

God has called us and equipped us with many gifts to be His Family in LeRoy. Jesus tells us, His followers, to "Ask and you shall receive. Seek and you shall find. Knock and it shall be opened for you." Let us be just as determined as our parents and grandparents in our asking, seeking, and finding. Then, if we believe the incredible, we can do the impossible.

Please join us in lifting up our Campaign in prayer from now until Easter 2017!

Our Campaign Prayer is below.

Gracious God,

With thankful hearts, We pray to You for courage to willingly sacrifice Our time, talent, and treasures.

Help us to be faithful servants With the gifts that You have so generously blessed us.

Together, with You and the saints who have gone before us, Help us continue to build a community Where all are welcome And love may dwell.

May Your Holy Spirit open our minds and hearts To a greater awareness, and deeper appreciation, Of Your countless blessings.

We ask this in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

St. Andrew, pray for us!

