

St. Margaret's Faith Community

Capital Campaign Report

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“We Are Ready” Capital Campaign to Begin

Recently the Parish Finance Committee received the report on the results of the feasibility study. Fifty individuals were interviewed and 191 people completed the written survey. The complete report is available in the church office.

- 95% of survey participants indicated that the church met their spiritual needs.
- 85% of the survey participants have a



high level of trust in the parish staff and lay leaders.

- There is a high level of support for each element of the plan: the need for additional classrooms and meeting rooms scored

highest with 90%.

- The majority indicated a sense of urgency regarding immediate action on taking the next steps, however 27% would allow taking 10 years to pay off the debt.

- Over \$397,000 in pledges was offered by survey participants and 71 people volunteered to serve on a campaign committee.
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Organizational Meeting

For Campaign Volunteers

**Wednesday
November 10
7:00 p.m.**

A G E N D A

- Meet Fr. Robert
 - Review Feasibility Study Report
 - Review Campaign Plan
 - Review Committee Duties
 - Teams Meet
- If you want to serve on a campaign team, but cannot attend the meeting, call the Parish Office at 246-6800**

Special Messages

From Fr. Mike Rice

I remember the day I asked Bishop Boland for the position of Pastor of St. Margaret's Community. I had a dream of working with a parish that reflected the spirit of Vatican Council II, one that is filled and lead by the Spirit and governed collegially. I am seeing my dream unfolding here at St. Margaret's.

As you know, I am retiring and as I have said many times before, it is

with mixed feelings. However, I have no doubt in the good people of St. Margarets. You are pioneers and are blessed with great faith. I will continue to pray for you, especially during this next phase of St. Margaret's beginning. I encourage you to support the upcoming capital campaign. Be a part of continuing the mission by getting involved.

God's Blessings,
Fr. Mike

From Fr. Robert H. Stewart

I want to thank Fr. Mike and St. Margaret's Parish for your warm welcome and encouraging words as I make my new home among you.

Coming to St. Margarets when we are just starting the next step of our parish plan is exciting. It shows that as a parish family, you are willing to take on challenges to ensure that St. Margaret's Parish is providing the best services to our children, adults and the broader community. I look forward to working with you as we continue the vision of the parish to

meet the growing needs of our members. The capital campaign will ensure that St. Margarets will continue to grow in numbers and in its ministries. There is much for the people of St. Margarets to be proud of and much to look forward to. I am honored to walk with you through these exciting times of growth and change.

I want to encourage each of you to be part of the next phase of our growth by volunteering for one of the teams listed in this newsletter and to attend the Volunteer Meeting, Wednesday, November 10 at 7:00 pm at the parish.

In One Spirit,
Fr. Robert

“We Are Ready”

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→ Many survey participants wanted greater detail about the costs of construction.

→ When asked if they would support the campaign financially, over 71% indicated they are ready.

→ 88% place a high priority on asking new members to make a pledge to help pay for the facility.

→ 65% think the capital campaign needs to ask for pledges assertively.

→ A high level of support exists

for making the capital campaign prayer oriented.

The Church Development Foundation conducted this study. Based on the results of this study, they have made the following recommendations:

- Conduct the campaign this fall
- Conduct the capital campaign in a manner that focuses on the prayer and discernment process and involves the whole parish.
- Fully address the role of stewardship in the Catholic

tradition as a means to do the will of God through the parish.

- Set a three tiered goal to maximize pledge giving.
- Conduct a professional quality communication effort.
- Inspire commitment to pay down the debt, this will free up operational funds .
- Develop a planned giving



Campaign Teams to Begin Activities on November 10

The Capital Campaign Teams will be formed and have their first meeting on Wednesday, November 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the activity center. Most committees will meet three to four times between now and **Commitment Sunday in March**.

The teams will help make decisions about the campaign and various activities related to the campaign. This is your opportunity to contribute your skills and expertise to our church and a chance to meet and work with others in our church.

The teams are:

Prayer Team— This group will plan an organized prayer efforts and plan ways to involve all those in our community in praying for God’s blessing on our campaign plans and church’s mission.



Events Team—This team will plan the kickoff event, as well as the information dinners and meetings.

Communications Team Members of this group will develop newsletters, a campaign slogan and logo. They will assist with brochures, and other materials.

Ambassador Team—Members of this team will be the “contact people” for each of our parishioners. Ambassadors will be trained to answer questions about the campaign and plans.

Thanks Team—Members of this team will develop appropriate ways to recognize those who make a pledge to the campaign.

Thank You!

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