

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

It gives me great joy to announce that our parish is ready to begin our Capital Campaign addressing the needs of our parish, deanery, and diocese. This campaign has been in the planning stages since I arrived 18 months ago and now it is ready to bear fruit! During these past 18 months many parishioners have given their time and talent to get us to this point and I want to thank them for their efforts. They have truly provided a great service to our parish.

The name chosen for our campaign is “**Sharing Our Blessings, Building Our Future**”. This campaign asks that each of us personally embrace the challenge of building the Future of the Church. I am confident that God has blessed us individually and as a collective body to do wonderful works. It is now time for each of us individually to begin a prayerfully journey asking God to reveal our blessings. Only then can we faithfully be in a position to give in proportion to the blessings we have received. I encourage you to pray daily our “**campaign prayer**” that God might plant in your heart a deep sense of your financial blessings, the mission of our campaign, and a spirit of sacrifice that will support your individual pledge.

As you begin to enter this period of examination the parish will provide you with several opportunities to participate at parish receptions so that you can hear the good news of exactly what a successful campaign will allow us to accomplish. These receptions will also give you a chance to ask questions, enjoy some parish fellowship and encourage you to invite others to join this campaign.

God’s ways are not man’s ways and therefore the ultimate results of this campaign will be based on the response of each individual heart to this appeal. Lent calls every Christian into a season of personal examination. I ask that you include this campaign in your Lenten journey as well. “Sharing Our Blessings, Building Our Future” is an invitation for all of us to grow in faith and to build a Church that reflects unity and charity. God has abundantly blessed us and I look forward to joining you on this journey. I am excited about the possibilities God will present our parish, our deanery, and our diocese as we build our future together.

In Christ – United in faith, love and service,

Rev. Michael J. Oenbrink, Pastor