

CHRIST'S LIGHT
for Generations
since 1972

HONORING
the *Past* ...

PLANNING
for the
Future

*"You are the light of the world.
A city set on a mountain
cannot be hidden ...
Just so, your light must
shine before others."*

– Matthew 5:14-16

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From Fr. Baron

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Holy Apostles,

Greetings! I hope that you are having a fruitful and blessed Lent. (I'm ready for Easter!)

The Easter gift of new life is a very important part of our lives of disciples of Jesus. We are called to live out the Resurrection of Jesus in our daily lives. Through this ongoing process of personal and spiritual resurrection, we become a sign of Christ to the world.

This theme of renewal is at the heart of our Christ's Light for Generations Capital Campaign. Holy Apostles has always labored to bring the Light and Life of Jesus to our families and neighbors. At this time in our history, we are called to renew our parish so that we can remain a powerful sign of Christ's life in the community.

Over the last several months, I have been blessed to meet with many parishioners about the variety of projects we would like to accomplish with our Capital Campaign. These meetings have been very fun AND helpful (Thank You, Events Team!). Our parishioners are asking great questions and coming away with new enthusiasm for the design concepts and projects. I know a few folks who came into the meeting a little nervous about the ideas but left reassured with smiles on their faces. It is helpful to understand the problems we are trying to address to better understand the proposed solutions. Please read through the "Problem-Solution" section of this Newsletter for more information.

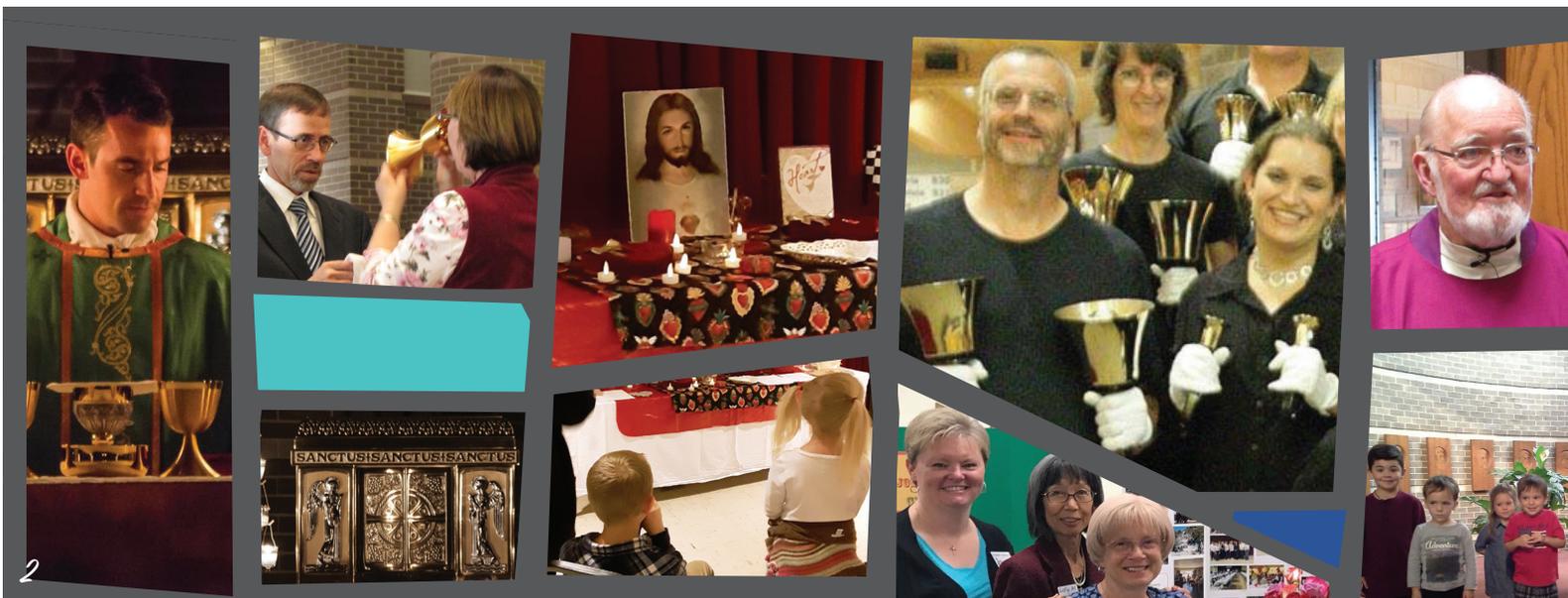
Whatever our concerns, I hope we each consider the entire list of proposed projects and the Capital Campaign in light of our mission as a Catholic parish. We exist to encounter Christ and to help make disciples. As the Church lives by the power of Jesus' resurrection, so it makes sense that we also need to renew ourselves individually and as a parish. For our sake and for the sake of the next generation. We want to attract young families. We want our building to look and feel as alive and vibrant as is our parish community. We want to communicate to the world that Jesus is with us, that our faith is beautiful, and that we are ready for the next generation of Catholics and converts. Renewal means new life. Holy Apostles has been a source of life throughout its history for us and our families. It is our turn to make sure it stays that way for generations to come.

If you find yourself with any questions or concerns please come to an upcoming informational event. You can find those dates in this Newsletter on page 7. Learn about the projects. Ask your questions. Engage the conversation about the future of our parish. Your voice is important!

I hope you will join me in prayer for the success of this Campaign and our ability to accomplish all our projects to renew our parish. In a special way, I pray that this process will rekindle in our hearts that fire of faith that eagerly wants to share Christ's Light in the world.

May God bless us, renew us, and stir up in us the faith to accomplish his will.

Fr. Jim Baron



Interview with Rick and Linda Boyer

WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT HOLY APOSTLES?

Holy Apostles parish is a wonderful place of spiritual nourishment where we come to meet Christ at every Mass in the Eucharist. At the same time we join with our brothers and sisters and lift our hearts and minds together in joyful adoration and thanksgiving. It reminds us that God comes first for our life and deserves the best we can do.

WHO HAS INSPIRED YOU MOST AT HOLY APOSTLES?

We are blessed to be guided by our two wonderful priests — Fr Jim Baron and Fr. Lawrence Mulinda — who nourish us with the sacraments. What a blessing, thank you both, Fathers!

WHY IS BEAUTY IMPORTANT IN YOUR FAITH?

For thousands of year builders of the great cathedrals have created special places that are set apart as a unique place to encounter God. In the history of the church, some of the most beautiful architecture and music has been produced that lifts our hearts and minds to God. We are hopeful that Holy Apostles can benefit from our help and financial support to continue inspiring generations to come.

WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN?

Linda and I believe that the time has come to restore the church. Just like homes require repairing and restoration at times, we must also take special care of the house of God. Revitalizing our church gives us a sense of vitality. And while it is true, we cannot contain God in a building, the church facilities exist for our benefit in order to encounter Christ. It is our hope and prayer that everyone of us contribute, in any way we can, to this great undertaking with God's help. We must ask for the grace to believe that all things are possible with God.



QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Why do we need to do this capital campaign now?

In order to continue being Christ's Light for Generations, we must attract new parishioners including young families. Our parish is called to be a place to encounter Jesus by inviting others into relationship with Christ, especially in the Eucharist. Holy Apostles has historically been an active and vibrant parish. While we are doing necessary repairs, we must be good stewards of our resources to complete as many improvements in an area as we can, helping us to save money and reduce construction down time now and in the long run.

How can we ensure this campaign is a success?

We begin with prayer. We never underestimate the power of prayer. Pray for God's guidance, for Him to lead us where He wants to take us and for all members of our faith family to willingly consider how they will support the effort. If each of us at Holy Apostles steps up and makes a commitment to this campaign, we will not fail. We need to come together to make this campaign successful for the long term health of our parish and the generations of believers to come.

Isn't our church fine just the way it is?

Not really. Approximately \$2 million of the \$7.6 million renovation project will be used to pay for maintenance that can no longer be ignored with our grease trap and heating and cooling systems. Our heating and air conditioning systems are operating at less than 20 percent and are years past their normally expected life span. We need to make plumbing repairs and necessary updates to our electrical systems. We are committed to

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HOLY APOSTLES PROJECT SUMMARY

STARTING NOTES

We need to develop a long range master plan for the facilities before we start even if completing all the projects takes us 10 years and multiple campaigns.

- The diocese will not allow us to go into deep long term debt.
- The safety and security of our parishioners is forefront in every project.
- Cost saving measures, including LED's and Automated lighting, are included in every proposed project for long term cost and energy savings.

- The use of volunteers has been considered, where appropriate, in every project.
- Current building code requirements are accounted for.
- Preservation of church activities and schedule have been considered.
- The projects as presented have been placed in groups due to inter-related impacts. They are easier and less expensive to do as a package rather than stand alone projects.

📌 KITCHEN/GREASE TRAP

Approximate Cost: \$174,000

Construction start April 22, 2019

Problem: The existing grease trap is under the floor in the kitchen and has failed. Kitchen cannot function or operate as needed or intended. We are currently forced to use paper plates and plastic utensils.

Solution:

- Replace grease trap from the kitchen to the exterior of the building.
- Requires re-plumbing kitchen
- New flooring
- New cabinets — to current code
- New counter tops — to current code
- New sinks with new fixtures (East wall)

📌 HVAC (Heating & Cooling System)

Approximate Cost: \$1.5 - 2 Million
(Numbers currently being revised)

Construction start late Summer 2019

Problem: Existing air handlers are failing. (rusted through, pumps do not work, etc.) Existing controls are failing (thermostats, valves, etc.) all are currently pneumatic. System 30+ years old, effectively costing us several thousand dollars to maintain. Boilers for heating are OK and are not a part of this project.

Solution:

- Replace the inside workings of the air handlers. (new pumps, fans, exchangers, etc.) One air unit moved to outside — anticipates future project.
- Replace cooling tower (eliminate water tank in basement)

- Replace all controls, new thermostats, valves, etc.) all digital.
- Add smoke detectors per current code.
- Replace roof top unit above choir room/sacristy.
- Re-balance entire HVAC System.

📌 MAIN/UPPER LEVEL

Approximate Cost: \$3.5 Million

Construction start not set

Problem #1: Our Nave does not conform with the best practices for Catholic Worship.

Solution:

- Realign doors to align with central aisle
- Replace/relocate Baptistry
- Reconfigure Calming Room/Brides' Room/reconciliation/ushers' room
- Renovate vestry
- New flooring – not all carpet. Central aisle as tile or other hard covering.
- New pews – old pews removed by volunteers
- New wall coverings
- Incorporate soundproofing for some adjacent spaces (Cry Room/Calming Room/Bride's Room and Adoration Chapel)

Problem #2: Our Sanctuary/Altar does not conform with best practices for Catholic Worship and has safety issues.

Solution:

- Provide for ADA access (Americans with Disabilities Act)
- New finishes
- Modify bulkhead over altar
- New altar furniture
- New altar floor structure

Problem #3: Our church entry/narthex is smaller than the recommended size (33% as large as our worship space) thereby restricting fellowship and community building, essential to our mission of discipleship.

Solution:

- Enlarge narthex size– reduce office size
- Shift doors to Nave to align with central aisle
- New flooring New paint HVAC work accounts for this effort.
- Reconfigure restroom entries

Problem #4: Office space does not meet staff needs or match new Narthex plans.

Solution:

- Renovate area related to Narthex enlargement
- New reception desk configuration
- Enlarge Conference room
- Relocate break room — facilitates access to
- HVAC equipment above
- New flooring
- New paint

Problem #5:

- Current choir location does not conform with Catholic Worship best practices.
- Need extra space for seating.
- Acoustical issues for choir and overall sound

Solution:

- Space for all musical needs, piano, organ, handbell choir, etc.
- Improved acoustical sound to support the liturgical worship
- Install new choir loft above the main entry
- Install new elevator for ADA access to loft above and to lower level

EXTERIOR

Construction start not set

Approximate Cost:

\$1.7 Million

Problem:

- Guests and visitors have no clear signs/directions for locations of areas (office, adoration chapel, etc).
- Entry is not friendly for ADA and senior citizen access.
- Ice/weather challenges.
- Safety issues.

Solution:

- Entry Plaza – Revise and Update
- Relocate and improve ADA accessibility.
- Addition of traffic calming (speed bumps, or other) to provide for better foot traffic safety.
- Effective and practical lighting throughout parking areas.
- De-icing finished surface types
- Drainage
- Safety steps and rails to upper parking & rectory
- Landscaping improvements guided by volunteer landscape architect
- Expanded Mechanical enclosure resulting from and a part of the HVAC project.
- New/additional parking along SW drop-off drive.
- Replace slope paving against building with a vertical covering, preventing water intrusion into building.

LOWER LEVEL

Construction start not set

Approximate Cost:

\$700,000

The lower level recently had partial repairs/replacements include flooring, sheetrock, and paint to 6 classrooms and hallway due to insurance claim after flood. The remaining lower level needs attention for functional purposes.

Problem:

- Bathroom access and quality are below standard.
- Delayed maintenance shows lack of attention to meeting and ministry space.

Solution:

- New paint and flooring in parish hall
- Revise entries to restrooms to provide for better privacy.
- Replace ceiling in Parish hall
- Upgrade and update current AV/Sound System to function properly for gatherings/ ministry events/funerals
- New vestibule and door modification at STEM classroom to improve security for the pre-school.
- The remaining lower level rooms and hallways are identified to need one or more of the following: Flooring — Tile (ceramic, rubber, vinyl — use dependent) or Carpet.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

fixing the kitchen and heating and cooling system. Time and regular use have taken their toll, architectural styles have changed, and the younger generations pay very close attention to design elements. Part of growth as a parish means being responsible stewards of what we have inherited as well as boldness in thinking toward the future. The interior design concepts were developed keeping in mind the evangelizing power of beauty, the cost effectiveness of timeless design, and the needs of a vibrant, growing, young parish. If we want to keep growing as a parish and continue to be a place where people can see our faith in Jesus Christ, we have to be ready for whatever changes that might mean.

Is there still time to make suggestions for updates?

Yes! The initial Feasibility Study indicated that more information needed to be presented. We have hosted many Town Hall meetings to help present the design concepts, get valuable input, and inform on the details. We have hosted and continue to host campaign events providing our parish leadership, including our Pastor, Staff, Building Committee, and Capital Campaign leadership with additional feedback which will be used to prioritize the projects and timelines for completion. We need to complete the projects which need immediate attention and any projects that are integral to an area under construction. This will save both time and money – now and in the future. We will continue to get input on the remaining projects from parishioners, ministries, the architect, and the parish Building Committee to best meet all the needs presented.

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Art and Evangelization

When we think of the role of art in evangelization, we shouldn't just think of sacred art. It's broader than that. St. John Paul II, in his letter to artists, said: "art remains a kind of bridge to religious experience."

When a young couple is church shopping their criteria includes "What will look good in the wedding pictures?" When a mature couple is church shopping their criteria includes "Does the facility represent the quality of the community?"

Our worship space is a magnificent structure, and it does the job of holding many of us during Mass, however, it could do so much more. The ancient cathedrals of Europe lifted our eyes and spirits upward. We are all born with a magnetic attraction to Jesus. St. Augustine said "... our hearts are restless until they rest in God."

Imagine when our worship space has been renewed and upon entry our eyes and hearts are lifted up to God. Imagine what it will be like when that young couple enters our church for the first time and the environment induces a silent sense of reverence and awe. Just like us, they will have found a home, and our joyful sacrifice will have been worth it.



Beauty As A Tool of Catechesis

By Jonelle Galuska

After twelve years in traditional Catholic parishes, a family move prompted us to join a parish with a modern aesthetic. I was a child, so rather than listen to the homily I spent mass time examining why our new parish home felt different.

The biggest difference was it always felt dark. The wood was dark. The carpet was dark. Even the light fixtures were DARK! Whereas stained glass windows in most Catholic churches told Bible stories, our new parish windows seemed to teach geometry. Aside from a crucifix, the only statue was a baptismal font that was an anatomically correct heart. It scared me.

I asked my teacher why our parish was different than most Catholic churches. She explained that throughout most of Church history, when the majority of people were illiterate and Bibles were expensive, churches were designed to be instruments to teach our faith. She said it was unnecessary to do so in our modern culture so most modern parishes opt against it.

I didn't give much more thought until I was grown. We were stationed overseas and we made it a point to visit the Cathedral in every town we explored. We were in awe of the light, the architecture, the art, and the transcendent beauty that is consistent with our Catholic faith.

I asked a tour guide in a French cathedral when it was built and by whom. She responded that she doesn't have a simple answer because it took place in phases over 1000 years, most parishioners never seeing the fruits of their labor and/or tithes in their lifetime.

I was moved. How humbling and beautiful is our communion of saints to which we owe eternal gratitude? They gave not to enjoy themselves, but to pass along our faith to the next generation.

I recently attended a wedding at our local Cathedral. A friend's little boy who had never been to church or heard a Bible story grabbed my hand. He pulled me around the church asking me for the story behind every window, statue, and fixture. In that moment I realized the power of art and beauty to evangelize and catechize our youth!

I am now a faith formation teacher. I believe the Capital Campaign will help us evangelize and catechize the next generation by igniting the natural sense of wonder God has placed in their hearts.



Holy Apostles is My Home

By Joe Oppelt

Holy Apostles. This is my home. It's my family's home. This is where I have discovered my love for the Mass. True love for the Mass. Not just a place to fulfill my obligation to go to mass, but to love the Mass for the gift of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

The people here have welcomed me into the Body of Christ. They have put up with me when I've been in depressed times of my life. They have supported me and my family during times of trial and tragedy, cooked meals for us, prayed with us. And they have celebrated with us in times of joy and victory. This parish has evangelized me.

This place is my home. These people are my family. This church is my church.

In the Letter to the Hebrews we are told that a Sanctuary is "a copy and shadow of what is in heaven." (HEB 8:5) When I sit in the pews and see the sun shining through our stained glass window of Jesus hanging on the cross, I can't help but feel my heart and mind and soul lifted upward to Heaven. When I see our beautiful tabernacle in the center of the sanctuary, when I see the Body of Jesus in the monstrance of the adoration chapel,
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Thank you to all who have joined us for our campaign town halls, events and moments of prayer.

If you have not had a chance to attend an event, please stay after Mass on the weekend of May 4th & 5th! Visit our website www.holyapostlescc.org for more information.



(Joe Oppelt continued)

I know I am in the presence of God. From as early as the days of Moses, God has told us the importance of our place of worship. It's the closest place we have to Heaven on earth. It's a place where we should be drawn toward God. When God spelled out to Moses what the sanctuary should look like, He spared no details. He wanted it uplifting, awe inspiring, sacred and majestic.

Just as this parish evangelized me, our call is to continue that evangelization of new people to be Christ's Light for Generations. This capital campaign could help us to do just that.

Right now our building needs help. No doubt, it's still a church, and Jesus still dwells here. But we can make it better. We can make it more welcoming to others. We can make it more comfortable for us. We can freshen what's worn out and upgrade the atmosphere to be more uplifting and heavenly — and more evangelizing.

We all know the heating has died. From a practical standpoint, that can no longer be ignored. As it stands now, in itself it's a distraction to sacred worship. And so is the condition of a lot of the original decor of the church. Most people would agree we need new carpet, more welcoming entrances, community space that is comforting, and more. And that is what the Capital Campaign aims to address.

“We are all family, and this is our house, and Jesus dwells here with us. It's our copy of Heaven on earth. It's time to decide what this dwelling place should be. With your help the parish is refining the facility plans. How much can we do? What are the most important things to address? Please attend a Town Hall meeting or event to share your input on the priorities. Please pray that together we can discern God's will in the life of the parish and in each of our own lives.” – Joe Oppelt

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

What will happen to the religious art that we have grown up with at the parish? (i.e. quilted Stations of the Cross, banners, pictures, crucifix, etc) Honoring our heritage is an important part of this campaign. Our parish treasures will not simply be “boxed up in the attic or gotten rid of. We will make every effort to preserve these treasures and to incorporate them into the design concepts in a way that celebrates our past and embraces our future. Our plan is to repurpose, donate, or reuse being good stewards of our gifts. We would also like to have an archive in order to display the powerful history of Holy Apostles and make it available to future generations.

Will we go into debt to pay for these projects? What about our existing debt? The Diocese has strict policies which keep parishes from going into deep long term debt. We do not want to place the parish in long term debt. For the existing debt on the rectory and the south entrance, we are paying the rectory mortgage and south entrance debt from offertory expenses without any difficulty. If we are able to raise enough money to accomplish our current parish project list and pay off our existing debt, we will certainly do so.

When can we start building?

The Diocese requires us to have 50% of the total cost of a given project in hand and pledges to cover the other 50% before we can begin any project. Funds for the grease trap and heating have come in from early donors. The remaining projects will be prioritized based on need and total pledge amount. **We will not spend beyond our means.** We are anxious to start as soon as we can, therefore we are hoping that each family will participate by prayerfully making a pledge.

The Downside of Deferred Maintenance

“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens ... a time to tear down and a time to build up.” – Ecclesiastes 3:1

Now is the time that we need to remove the broken and worn out parts of our church, and now is the time to build up our worship space anew.

Everyone agrees that we need to replace the stained carpet and broken pews. The air conditioning replacement and kitchen grease trap are already underway. Those are the easy things to agree upon. If we replaced the pews, carpet and air conditioning at the end of their forecast life (at age 20 years) the cost would have been significantly lower.

While seeming to be an act of good stewardship, the hidden cost of deferred maintenance is that church shoppers come to visit and then see our facility in need of repair. Deferred maintenance also impacts current parishioners safe and effective use of the church space.

To attract new or young families, we need to bring our worship space up to speed because the environment of prayer does, indeed, help a person focus on what is important. If we



When it rains, Fr. Baron covers his desk to protect from the leaks in the ceiling, he's a good sport about it!

were to defer the modification of our worship space to “later” we would most likely increase the cost of the changes by 50%.

Thinking about the choir loft? At first glance that seems like an unnecessary luxury. However, after consulting a liturgical architect, we have heard that it is the correct thing to do. To focus our attention on the mass and lift our sights up to God is the function of the worship space. If we were to defer the modification of our worship space to “later” we would most likely increase the cost of the changes by 50%.

The downside of deferred maintenance is the same downside as delaying changes: it increases the costs dramatically!

Why Not Give to the Campaign

By Tim & Kris Hardesty

I can't afford it.
I don't like how the money will be spent.
Someone else will donate.
..... the list goes on.

You may have other reasons that you don't want to give. You have worked hard for your money and want to make sure it is used in a place that will benefit what you care about most. I have been in that place also.

Many years ago a friend invited me to a bible study. I learned that God loves me and wants to be active in my life. I eventually became Catholic and also learned that God owns everything. My life changed. I no longer felt the burden of material stuff because it was really God's stuff.

My stuff was really his stuff.
I was just taking care of his stuff.

By giving to the church I grew to know that “God could do more with 90% of my money than I could do with 100% of my money”*.

Even though my life has had financial struggles and other challenges, I have always felt that God was present and active in my life because I made him a part of it in my giving.

For over two decades Kris and I have actively participated with our time, talent and treasure at Holy Apostles. In that time we have seen hundreds of people grow in their faith life at Holy Apostles, and we want that to continue. This campaign is an opportunity to help Holy Apostles grow even more vibrant and which is why we are inviting you to join us in contributing to this campaign.

* Quote from Larry Burkett on Focus on the Family Radio broadcast

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life. – 1 Timothy 6:17-19