

Nativity Anew II

April 6, 2008

Campaign Kick-Off Event This Weekend



A special Kick-off Celebration to mark the official start of our *Nativity Anew II Campaign* is scheduled for **this Sunday, April 6 at 7:00 pm.** This event will be held in the cafeteria and all parishioners and their families are cordially invited and encouraged to attend.

The event will feature refreshments, bars and cookies that are being specially prepared. More detailed information about our project and campaign will be shared. You'll have the chance to meet and mix with fellow parishioners and to hear from church and campaign leadership about our needs, our plans, the campaign and the various ways you can become invested and involved. Our newly printed campaign brochure will be distributed and our recently completed campaign DVD will be shown.

In short, our Campaign Kickoff Celebration promises to be an informational and inspirational event that you definitely don't want to miss! So please plan to attend if you can and remember that we **absolutely will not be asking people for their gifts at this special event.**

Upcoming Events

Campaign Kick-Off Event
Sunday, April 6

Creative Giving Seminar
Monday, April 7

Commitment Weekend
May 10-11
After all Masses

Creative Giving Seminar To Be Conducted This Week

Did you know that you could increase your current income by making a contribution to our church? Are you aware of the tax advantages of making charitable gifts? Would you like to explore opportunities to not only benefit our church, but also provide financial benefits to you and your family? If so, your questions will be answered at our *Creative Giving Seminar* scheduled for **this Monday, April 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the Bethlehem Room.**

At this special seminar, a brief

DVD presentation will be shown and a workbook will be provided, which will highlight the many, beneficial ways that gifts might be made to our church and campaign. We'll explore and explain various methods and benefits of giving cash, securities, personal property, real estate, life insurance policies, and retirement savings. We'll discuss how to minimize or avoid taxes and generate income through various giving vehicles that you or we can help you to arrange.

Additionally, we'll have a panel of experts on hand to answer questions and to help further explain and explore various gift-giving strategies. We can even continue to work with you and your advisors to help arrange for these special "creative gifts" where an interest exists.

So please plan to attend this special "Creative Giving Seminar" if you can. Call the Campaign Office at 701-232-2414 ext. 145 to let us know you plan to attend.

Volunteer News


Names in *italics* are new volunteers who recently joined our ranks.

Aaron & Jan Alton
Brian & Marilyn Bjoralt
Fr. Kevin Boucher
Mike Bruckbauer
Jack & Barb Carson
Dale & Patty Craft
Bruce & Terri Dahl
Dan & Colleen Eck
David & Becky Elbert
John Ermer
Bonnie Faller
Jim & Mary Jane Foley
Sandra Gordon
Jean Hannig
Ryan & Agnes Harrington
Morris & Betty Hund
Doug & Renelda Hushka
Pat & Catherine Keogh
Gary & Janet Kaeding
Patrick Kautzman
Paul & Sheila Leier
Joe & Denise Locnikar
Janice & Mike Kjera
Maurice & Joy McCormick
Jackie & Dan Mengedoth
Nester, Mykal
Joe & Bev Miranowski
Brad & Deanna Ness

Rodger & Dorothy Nichols
Msgr. Allan Nilles
Mike O'Leary
Dave & Karen Opsahl
Allen & Barb Peach
Jim & Jackie Schaeftbauer
Greg & Paula Schmalz
Jason & MariJo Schwengler
Laverne Seefeld
Dorothy Theissen
Karen Vosika
David Wanner
Anna Welder
Marilyn Werre
Brad Wimmer
Kevin & Brenda Wolf
Dale & Carol Zetocha

PRAYER VIGIL NEWS

Over 80 parishioners volunteered to pray during the 24-hour Eucharistic Adoration Prayer Vigil on April 4-5. Thank you so much for making the vigil a success!



Join our growing corps of volunteers! Volunteers are key to our campaign's success. Please say "yes" to our request for your volunteer support or call the campaign office and say you'd be happy to help.

Thanks to the following parishioners that have volunteered to bring bars and cookies for the Kick-Off Celebration Sunday night:

Janis Anderson
Jill Booth
Bonnie Carlson
Janet Feist
Deb Johnson
Nancy Kochman
Jolyn Krabbenhof
Cheryl Link
Mary Nelson
Pat & Brenda Nistler
Kathy Schlicht
Don & Mary Kay Schott



Questions and Answers

Is the grade school overcrowded at this time?

No, but there are some improvements that need to be made to the school, such as the boiler, that is 47 years old. Besides being inefficient, it is failing and will require a substantial investment to repair. Parts of the roof on our education center/school and church are also in need of repair. In addition, the windows in the education center are old and not energy efficient; they are dark and don't allow sufficient light into the learning spaces. They very much need to be replaced.

If you have any questions about the campaign, you can contact the campaign office at 701-232-2414 ext. 145, or email Pat Callens at campaign@nativitycatholicchurch.net.



Campaign Purpose and Goals

The main purpose of our campaign is to raise the funds required to construct a new, central main entrance to our facilities; new administrative offices for the parish and school; add a gathering space for

people to interact before and after masses and other events; and to complete some needed maintenance for our school such as replacing the roof, windows and the boiler.

Minimum Goal
\$ 3,500,000

Challenge
\$ 4,000,000

“For everything is from you, and we only give you what we have received from you.”

1 Chronicles
29:14-16

Chart of Gifts Needed

In order to reach our financial objectives, we will need both a substantial number of givers and a few, fairly substantial gifts as this chart of gifts illustrates:

Size of Gift	Needed	Minimum	Given	Total Pledged
\$500,000 or More	1	\$500,000	1	\$1,000,000
\$250,000 - \$499,999	2	\$500,000	0	\$0
\$100,000 - \$249,999	4	\$400,000	0	\$0
\$75,000 - \$99,999	5	\$375,000	0	\$0
\$50,000 - \$74,999	7	\$350,000	1	\$50,000
\$25,000 - \$49,999	14	\$350,000	1	\$25,000
\$10,000 - \$24,999	35	\$350,000	4	\$40,000
\$5,000 - \$9,999	60	\$300,000	5	\$32,500
Less Than \$5,000	521	\$375,000	7	\$18,212
TOTAL	649	\$3,500,000	19	\$1,165,712

Gift Options

All members are asked to consider gifts above and beyond what they give in their regular offerings and other contributions. And there are a variety of ways that gifts can be made.

Pledges

Pledges payable over three years are easier for many, enable most to make larger gifts than they otherwise might outright and are therefore essential to meeting our goal. Gifts may be made in monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annual installments at the donor's discretion. A 10% initial investment toward your total pledge is also encouraged.

Non-Cash Gifts

Non-cash gifts are an additional or alternative way you can support our cause. You may, for example, wish to consider gifts “in kind” such as labor and materials; gifts of securities such as stocks and bonds; gifts of real estate or even personal property such as artwork, automobiles, jewelry and antiques.

Deferred Gifts

Deferred gifts are another option you may wish to consider. These are gifts that can be given or arranged for now, but will not be received until later, and include gifts through a person's will by bequest, gifts of life insurance policies or annuities, and gifts in trust.

Gift Opportunities

There are also several, specific gift opportunities that exist and give donors of qualifying gift amounts the unique chance to designate their gift to a particular portion of the project and dedicate it in honor or memory of those they choose. These special gift opportunities include:

Building Gift Opportunities

Welcome Center	\$500,000
School Education Office Center	\$250,000
Parish Office Center	\$250,000
Administrative/Office Center	\$250,000

Whatever the gift or method of making it may be, please be assured *your* support is both urgently needed and will be greatly appreciated. Through the prayerful, volunteer and financial support of many, and the extra-ordinary support of a few, we will succeed in our task.

Special Sections and Selections

Exterior Court Yard	\$200,000
Gathering Space	\$150,000
Lobby	\$100,000
Main Entrance	\$ 50,000
Multipurpose Classroom	\$ 50,000
Church Office Suite	\$ 30,000
Educational Center/School Office Suite	\$ 25,000
Large Offices(2)	\$ 20,000
Medium Offices(3)	\$ 15,000
Reception Area	\$ 15,000
Copy Room	\$ 10,000
Small Offices (each)	\$ 10,000
Conference Room	\$ 5,000

Won't you please join us in this exciting and essential effort to better our service to one another, to our community and to Christ?



Focus On Giving... Bequest Through Your Will

Many people find that gifts by bequest are not only simple, but are also a great way to make a wonderful impact on our church's future by making a significant contribution that may not be possible during a person's lifetime.

You can direct a percentage or a fixed amount of your estate to the church through your will. By including the church in your will, you can reduce your estate taxes by taking a deduction for your charitable gifts, while also making a significant contribution to our church upon your death.

Where there's a will, there's a way! Contact us to help arrange your bequest.