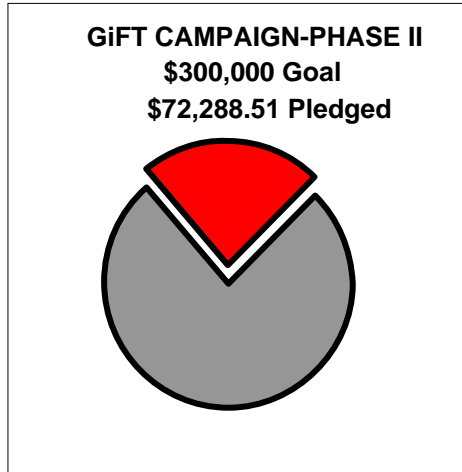


GiFT Campaign – Phase II

By Sandy Konieczny



Yes, no, you've got to be kidding me!! Thank you to those parishioners who have said YES to Fr. John's GiFT Campaign Phase II challenge!! To date there has been \$72,288.51 pledged towards meeting our goal of \$300,000. As Judy Collins so movingly reminded us when she addressed the congregation - it may take stimulus checks; it may take lemonade stands. But just think of what those sacrifices will accomplish!! This project is for the future of our entire parish family, and it will take our entire parish family to make it happen. Please join us and say YES!!

Building Committee

By Bud Noe

August finds us continuing our work with Johnson Architecture to firm up the basic needs related to building a new parish life center and Catholic education wing. We have a signed contract for the schematic design and design development phases, and work is underway.

Most of you have seen the conceptual view of what the expansion will look like from the front. We have now finished the traffic flow and parking issues, and Johnson is in the process of drawing up a future site plan that will show how everything ties together. We hope to have this drawing in August so that all can see it.

Baptism Ministry

By Amanda Norris

Sincere thanks to Loretta DeRuvo, Mary Lou Lamb, and Janet Simonds for their time and talent in contributing to the Baptism Ministry. Our ministry provides a baptismal stole for everyone baptized at Notre Dame, plus a hand crocheted blanket and sweater for every child under the age of 6 months. If interested in assisting in this ministry, contact Amanda at 798-0716.

Madrigal Dinners

By Wanda Ricker

Preparations are underway for our Madrigal Dinners on December 3, 4, 5, and 6. If you have not signed up, please consider in which area you can be of help. If you are not sure what you can do, then just ask Susan Collins, Wanda Ricker, or Barbara Price. We will find a slot where your talents can be utilized. We are in need of people who can sew, help set up, tear down, clean up, cook, serve, sing, act, play musical instruments (well), magicians, jugglers, dance etc. If you have any talent you have been hiding, consider letting it "shine" for the benefit of the GiFT Campaign. If by chance, you do not know what a Madrigal is, then go to the church's website (notredamechurchtn.org) and check for the info on last year's event. There are some really good pictures.

Parish Cleaning Committee

By Barbara Violette

Many thanks again to all the women who are cleaning the church: Judy Collins, Loretta DeRuvo, Ruth Hawk, Mary Lou Lamb, Andrea Robinson, Dorothy Nachazel, Pam Conley, Susan Pearson, Kim Horner, Rosie Brown, Rita Chaloux, Vicki Maddy, and Barbara Violette. There are six groups with two women in a group; each group cleans once every six weeks. We are looking for more volunteers so we can add one or two women to each group. If anyone is interested in helping clean the church once every six weeks, please call Barbara Violette at 639-0090.

Tuesday Morning Work Crew

By Jack Siersma

Work has been completed on the renovation of the former garage area of the Parish Office Center. There is now a reading and meeting room that is available for any parish group who may need it. Thank you to the efforts of the portion of the crew who remained with the task until completion: Bob DeRuvo, John Flanagan, and Tom Janaskie.

Our focus has now shifted to the acquisition and installation of direction signs that will point out the location of each facility including the new parish office. Additionally, we are preparing to attend to many repairs, painting, and maintenance tasks that require ongoing support. Many hands are needed to help with painting, trim replacement, and parking lot/driveway maintenance work that must be done while warm weather is still available. We welcome anyone with time available on Tuesday mornings to give us your support with these tasks. You don't have to be an expert, just be willing.