

Each of us is a manager of God's gifts and resources. God has given each of us something unique to share for His work. Being a good "steward" (or manager) is about living as a disciple of Christ—It is your faith in action.

Always remember that God will never be outdone in generosity!

the total amount pledged to date to our *A Walk in Faith* capital stewardship campaign. **Announcement Weekend** – Weekend of **October 19/20** - At each of the Masses we will announce the total amount pledged to date to our *A Walk in Faith* capital stewardship campaign.

Commitment Contacts – **October 9-18** - Parishioners who did not make a pledge by **October 7** will be contacted by parish volunteers to allow their final decision to be received by the parish.

Commitment Weekend – The Weekend of **September 21/22** is **Commitment Weekend**. This weekend begins the commitment phase of our campaign when parishioners will be asked to begin confidentially registering their pledges which can be paid over a 12 month period.

Prayer & Discernment – Before any of us decide what our 1-year sacrificial pledge will be to *A Walk in Faith*, each of us should pray and seek God's will. What will 'sacrifice' mean for each of us?

Information Presentations – More opportunities are available to hear a presentation and ask any questions regarding our *A Walk in Faith* capital stewardship campaign. The schedule for additional information presentations is: **August 17/18** and **August 24/25** weekends with Q&A following Masses. No pledges or commitments will be asked or received at these meetings—they are only informational.

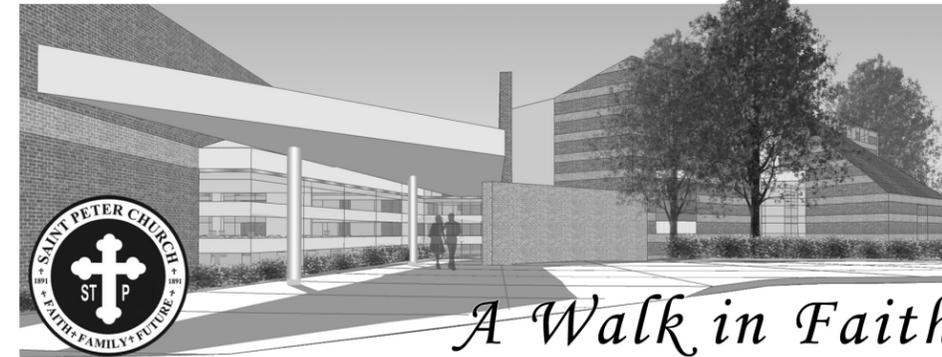
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



A Walk in Faith

St. Peter Church
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A Walk in Faith

This Fact Sheet includes very important updates to the overall building plans that were raised by parishioners and overwhelmingly approved by the Stewardship Cabinet.

Please read this newsletter thoroughly and prayerfully.

FACT SHEET 2 August 2013

Dear Church Family:

Much planning and study has occurred at St. Peter Parish to ensure we address our parish needs, maintain fiscal strength, and most importantly, continue our ministries and Catholic presence for years to come. Hopefully you were able to attend one of the presentations this past weekend in order to come to a much better understanding of our parish needs and the reasons behind our current building plans and stewardship campaign.

On the weekend of **August 17 & 18**, at each of the Masses there will be another brief presentation of our plans concerning a new parish hall, classrooms, kitchen, storage, and more here at St. Peter's. Following the Masses, you will again have an opportunity to ask any questions you may have. For any parishioners unable to attend the August 17 & 18 weekend Masses, the following weekend of August 24 & 25, presentations will be available following the Mass in the parish hall. Additionally, we hope to have informational presentations available on DVD so you may study and reflect on our plans and then ask any questions you might have. **No financial pledges or gifts will be requested or received at these information presentations - they are only informational.**

Please plan to be present for one of these additional presentations. Your understanding of our stewardship campaign is very important. The presentations are designed to not only share information about our building plans and campaign, but also to call our parish family to prayer. This campaign is important for the future of our ministries and parish life and it's vital that every parishioner be informed and participate. Members of the campaign Contact Team will be making courtesy phone calls to remind you of the upcoming presentations.

Please read the enclosed information to learn some new details. As part of our *A Walk in Faith* campaign, every parish household is asked to pray about its blessings and how you are using them for the work of our Lord through this parish. Eventually, everyone will be asked to make a sacrificial commitment (*over and above current giving*) to be paid over the coming year. Everyone's participation is needed for our success.

Let us commit to know and do the will of God. He has granted to each of us the privilege of being part of a wonderful, caring and vibrant Catholic family. This privilege implies a responsibility to share our blessings. To the glory of God, each of us are asked to step forward in faith.

In His name,

Bennett P. Constantine *Donna Fedewa* *Chris & Kathleen Smith*
Fr. Bennett P. Constantine **Donna Fedewa** **Chris and Kathleen Smith**
Pastor Campaign Co-Chairs

"NOT EQUAL GIFTS BUT EQUAL SACRIFICE"

What each of us should give is an individual response. Although we all cannot give the same amount, if our gift is motivated by a genuine level of sacrifice ... then the gifts are equal in the sight of God. ***"Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God which He has given you."*** Deuteronomy 16:17
This scripture passage is at the heart of our theme.



Updated and Improved New Building Plans!

Room Legend

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| 1. Vestibule (130 sf) | 9. Extended Administration (328 sf) | 18. Stage (488 sf) |
| 2. Gathering Space (3690 sf) | 10. Sacristy Storage (210 sf) | 19. Parish Hall (6076 sf)
-450 seats shown with aisle, capacity for 500 seats |
| 3. Coat Storage (32 sf) | 11. Bridal / Family Room (210sf) | 20. Extra Office (170 sf) |
| 4. Gift Shop (56 sf) | 12. Electrical Room (125 sf) | 21. Library (516 sf) |
| 5. Women's Restroom (new 290 sf/existing 160 sf)
-6 fixtures/3 existing fixtures | 13. Table/Chair, Altar Society, and Knights of Columbus Storage (1498 sf) | 22. DRE Office (185 sf) |
| 6. Men's Restroom (new 290 sf/existing 152 sf)
-6 fixtures/3 existing fixtures | 14. Youth Group/Meeting Room (1170 sf) | 23. Remodeled Classroom (582 sf - 965 sf) |
| 7. Family Restroom (1 fixture, 131 sf) | 15. Trash/Delivery (350 sf) | 24. Knights of Columbus / Meeting Room (700 sf) |
| 8. Extended Storage (192 sf) | 16. Kitchen (1220 sf) Kitchen Service/Bar (170 sf) | 25. Existing Boiler Room (386 sf) |
| | 17. Storage (175 sf) | 26. Storage (176 sf) |



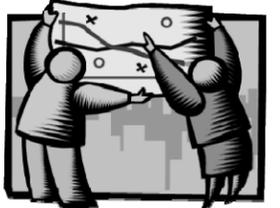
Scale: 3/32" = 1'-0"

New ESTIMATED COST: \$2,500,000

with almost 2,000 extra sq. ft. in improved design.
Includes a new Youth Group/Meeting Room, expanded storage areas, wet bar, and finished classrooms.

Why Did We Update the Building Plans?

A Walk in Faith is a journey with a goal. As we walk, converse and share, the communication has enabled us to see the building design from different perspectives which in turn has raised questions, specified needs and led to new ideas on how we could improve the building design to better use space and meet the needs of the parish in the best way possible while also keeping costs down. Recently, we brought our new concerns and ideas to the architect. He drew up a new design. We then met with the architect and discussed his new design. During the nearly 2 hour meeting, he made some alterations with our guidance. The result is that we have added nearly 2,000 sq. ft. to the previous plan in a very cost effective way.



Our new building plans now have a new Youth Group/Meeting Room, a larger storage space for our ministries, larger sacristy storage, a larger bridal room as well as a wet bar area for the new parish hall. The new building plans now also include redesigns and cost estimates for the current school/parish hall area remodeling as you can see in the design on the facing page.

How will we raise \$2,500,000?

To reach our goal, everyone in our parish family is needed. The following chart illustrates the types of pledges (*over and above regular giving*) needed to reach our financial goal.

Where on the chart is "sacrifice" for you?



# of Gifts Needed	Possible Payment Options			Total 1-year Gift	Cumulative Total
	Weekly(52)	Monthly(12)	Annual(1)		
Tier 1					
22	\$962	\$4,167	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$1,100,000
8	\$673	\$2,917	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$1,380,000
3	\$481	\$2,083	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$1,455,000
Tier 2					
15	\$192	\$833	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$1,605,000
24	\$135	\$583	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$1,773,000
40	\$115	\$500	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$2,013,000
50	\$96	\$417	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$2,263,000
Tier 3					
55	\$58	\$250	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$2,428,000
30	\$38	\$167	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,488,000
10	\$19	\$83	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$2,498,000
Remainder	\$10 or less	\$42 or less	\$500 or less	\$500 or less	\$2,500,000

"It is our peril as Christians that we forget giving is a response to the grace of God. Stewardship requires a change from imagining ourselves as owners to seeing ourselves as trustees." - Bishop Robert Morneau