

St. Peter Church

2013 Capital Stewardship Campaign

Parishioner Information Packet



A Walk in Faith

O God, Our Father

At this time in the life of our parish we turn to you with grateful hearts for what we have and with great anticipation for what is yet to be.

Bless us with a sense of unity, a spirit of cooperation, and a generous heart as we face the responsibilities and challenges of this Parish undertaking.

We know there is much to do.

We believe our goals are rooted in Your Word and in Your work.

We pray You guide us, strengthen us, and bless us with Your Presence, now and through the years to come.

We ask this in the Holy name of Jesus, Your Son,

Amen.

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Our Capital Stewardship Campaign

Did you know...

- † For almost three years, since 2010, intensive study and planning has taken place at St. Peter parish to address current and future parish needs, maintain fiscal strength, and most importantly, continue to grow our vital ministries and Catholic presence in the Eaton Rapids community.
- † There were three information sessions in the fall and December of 2012 to share with all the parishioners the needs and plans that were being discussed in council and other meetings.
- † Our Capital Stewardship Campaign seeks to raise the necessary funding to build a new parish hall, needed classroom space and meeting space, a new kitchen, added storage space, and an expanded gathering space for multi-purpose use.
- † This is a one year campaign and there is no loan available from the diocese to begin construction before all funds are “in hand”.
- † St. Peter Parish is currently debt –free!

Our Needs...

- † St. Peter Parish has nearly 500 registered families and the current parish hall capacity is only 250 people. With more than 6,000 square feet of space, the new parish hall doubles the capacity needed for hosting larger parish functions and community events.
- † The expanded church gathering space area provides 4,000 square feet of new space to enable multi-function use.
- † The current kitchen is small, outdated and even dangerous. Kitchen appliances are stored behind the parish hall stage, the exhaust fan/ventilation and cooking area is so inadequate that much of the food has to be prepared elsewhere. Recently, a volunteer was rushed to the hospital emergency room for treatment of heat exhaustion while preparing food. The project provides over 2,000 square feet of new kitchen and serving space.
- † The current storage areas are so inadequate that many parish items have to be stored in the homes of parishioners. The project provides 1,400 square feet of new storage space.

Bottom Line Benefits...

- † A plan to meet current and future needs.
- † A new 6,076 sq. ft. parish hall with double the capacity
- † Nearly 4,000 sq. ft. of new & usable gathering space.
- † Over 2,000 sq. ft. of kitchen and serving space.
- † 1,400 sq. ft. of new storage space
- † Expansion of parking lot included in costs.
- † Current parish hall is freed up for classroom and meeting space.
- † New kitchen equipment included.
- † A/V, sound system and stage lighting in costs
- † New bathrooms off gathering space with 6 stalls each
- † Now is the time to build since material/labor costs are lower.

1 Peter 4:10, "As generous distributors of God's manifold grace, put your gifts at the service of one another, each in the measure he has received."

The RESULTS

A Walk in Faith will help us continue our journey as a parish family in building up the body of Christ, which is the church of God. Our new parish hall, kitchen facilities, meeting rooms and storage areas will enable us to gather as a faith community, strengthen our faith together and better serve our community through our parish education and ministry programs. Through prayer and the work of the Holy Spirit we will continue the important mission and vision of this Catholic family named St. Peter Parish!

ESTIMATED COST: \$2,500,000

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, God's grace and 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	<i>Possible Payment Options</i>			Total 1-year Gift	Cumulative Total
	<i>Weekly(52)</i>	<i>Monthly(12)</i>	<i>Annual(1)</i>		
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

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) |



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Questions and Answers

Q. How much do we need to raise?

A. \$2,500,000.

Q. How much time do we have to raise the \$2,500,000?

A. Our goal is to have the money raised following a one-year capital stewardship campaign.

Q. What if I need more than one-year to fulfill a sacrificial pledge?

A. If you need more than a year to fulfill your pledge please indicate that on the pledge card. The diocese requires we raise the money before building, and our goal is to enhance and continue the important ministry of this parish.

Q. Have we considered the option of renovating our current facility vs. building new?

A. Yes! The estimated cost was actually more costly than building new since there were extra charges for demolition and rearranging HVAC equipment.

Q. Isn't our current hall large enough?

A. No! Our current hall cannot accommodate large parish gatherings or other events such as wedding and anniversary receptions or special speakers and presentations. We have nearly **500 families** registered and the parish hall only holds 250 individuals, so clearly we need more space to gather together.

Q. What will happen to the current hall?

A. The current hall will be adapted to meet the needs of more classrooms and meeting spaces.

Q. Why do we need more classrooms and office areas?

A. The answer is simple – we don't currently fit within our current classrooms. Classes have been conducted in the library, the counting room, open daycare areas in order to squeeze people somewhere for Sunday classes. Have you ever tried to teach a class and hold students' attention with people walking by or in and out of your open area? Not an ideal situation. Additionally, our current offices are inadequate and we are in need of areas other than the parish hall where various ministries can meet. Every aspect of our parish ministries is impacted by our inability to provide adequate space, in particular when more than one event is scheduled for the same weekend.

Q. What if we can't raise all the needed \$2,500,000 in one-year?

A. If we need to take more time, or if parishioners need/would like more time than one year to fulfill a sacrificial pledge, we'll take the needed time if our goal is within reach.

Q. What is the timeline of implementation?

A. The diocese requires us to have 100% of the cash on-hand before construction can begin.

Q. Why can't we take a loan like we did when we built our new church?

A. The diocese is not in a financial position to loan our parish funds to start construction sooner if we don't have all the funds needed.

Questions and Answers continued

Q. Why are we conducting a capital stewardship campaign?

A. Our operating budget, which comes from weekly offertory, cannot afford or absorb the additional amount needed. This campaign will raise the needed funds which should be *over-and-above* what parishioners currently give to the parish.

Q. Will my money be used for anything other than the capital campaign building project?

A. No. This is a money back guarantee! All monies are needed up front to start construction. If we do not reach our goal of being able to build the new parish hall with storage and additional rooms, then all capital campaign donations will be returned to the donors.

Q. How much will I be asked to give?

A. You will not be told to give a specific amount. Everyone is asked to first reflect on his/her individual blessings and then pray about a **sacrificial** commitment to be paid over one year. Your commitment should be **over and above** current offertory giving.

Q. What does “sacrificial” mean?

A. A sacrificial commitment is one that requires you to change your lifestyle while fulfilling it.

Q. When will I have an opportunity to make my one-year commitment?

A. You first should prayerfully reflect on your blessings and what a sacrificial pledge would mean in your life. Parishioners will be asked to confidentially register their one-year commitments starting on commitment weekend which will be September 21/22.

Q. Will I have an opportunity to make pledge payments as I desire?

A. Yes. Each parishioner can designate how they wish to fulfill their commitment: weekly, monthly, quarterly, one-time, etc. Special giving envelopes will be provided for payments.

Q. How do I decide what I should commit to our capital stewardship campaign?

A. Prayer and reflection! One of the campaign themes is “Not Equal Gifts, but Equal Sacrifice.” Everyone is blessed differently. Everyone cannot give the same amount. But, if your gift is **truly sacrificial** ... 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.”** Dt 16:17

Q. Can I make a donation from my IRA to the church campaign without tax penalty?

A. If you are age 70 ½ or older, you can make an IRA charitable cash gift up to \$100,000 to the church until December 31, 2013 without incurring income tax on the withdrawal.