



St. Stephen Catholic Parish
Our Faith...Our Hope...Our Future
Capital Campaign
2015

Dear Parish Member,

The members of St. Stephen Parish are a vibrant, growing, loving parish family of over 1,200 families. The parish is rich with history and today our parish ministries enable our members to grow in their faith and their love of Jesus Christ as we prepare for the future.

Those who came before us and helped build the present facilities we enjoy had a two-fold vision. They desired to build a house of God where His light would shine and nourish all of our parish family. They also wanted to build educational facilities that would serve the whole parish – including our children and adults in religious education programs. This vision has been accomplished with sacrifice, prayer, and giving to advance God's work.

Now is the time to broaden our vision. The growth of St. Stephen parish over the past several years and the predicted growth in the future has led us to this new beginning. It is now time to move into the future with ***Our Faith...Our Hope...Our Future*** capital campaign. Phase I of our campaign will be to renovate our parish hall into a facility that will fit the needs of all parishioners. We anticipate that renovation will start in late spring of 2016. Phase II will be to build a new St. Stephen school. Our present building is over 45 years old and does not meet the needs of modern day students. Anticipated start of construction will be in 3-5 years. The total cost of the two phases will be six million dollars, which we will reach through prayer and sacrificial giving.

Each generation before us has left something upon which we can build. We must do the same. Our parish family must accept the challenge of those who have gone before us. Their vision is our vision and our time is now.

As one pastor once stated, "We are only here today because of what was done yesterday. Where we are tomorrow will be determined by what we do today."

I know I can count on your enthusiastic support and participation. It is an exciting time, one in which we are taking a giant step into the future. Our efforts will unite us like nothing else can, and they will bring us ever closer together in our common cause. Thank you for all of your prayers and effort.

I wish the best of God's blessing on you and on our parish family.

Sincerely in the Lord Jesus,

Fr. Bert Chilson
Pastor