

Capital Campaign Update: Year One

		JAN-MAR 2014 & prior	APR-JUN 2014	JUL-SEP 2014	OCT-DEC 2014	Totals
PROJECT EXPENDITURES	Original Estimates					
“Glory Goal” Projects:						
Hope House Grant	200,000		2,000		5,000	7,000
Interfaith Coalition House (Ferndale)	25,000				8,000	8,000
Emer Assist/Shoulder to Shoulder	25,000				3,600	3,600
Stained Glass, Repair/Protect	110,000					
Choir Area Renov/Sound System	40,000					
Church Roof: Clean/Repair	75,000					
Church Carpet/Floor Repair	25,000			25,000		25,000
Endowment/ACS Foundation	100,000	50,000	1,000		50,000	101,000
School Heating System	150,000					
Debt Reduction	192,000			79,000		79,000
Gym Floor	80,000		7,000			7,000
Increase Deferred Maint Reserve	20,000					
Capital Campaign Expenses	50,000	50,000				50,000
Replace School Windows	150,000					
Phase in Faculty Pay Scale Incr	75,000		6,000		25,000	31,000
IT Upgrades Parish/School, (Comp/Phones)	75,000			54,000		54,000
Marketing/Development School	45,000					
Church Front Doors	45,000					
Habitat for Humanity Housing	18,000					
Beyond “Glory Goal” Projects:						
Lighting/Bell Tower Windows Outside	25,000					
Bathroom Upgrades School	20,000					
Flooring, School	150,000					
Total Spent		100,000	16,000	158,000	91,600	365,600
Payments Received		239,000	144,000	92,000	197,000	672,000
Balance of Funds Available						306,400

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Dear Parishioners,

We are so excited about so many of the things that have taken place already with our capital campaign, and we are looking forward to another great year. We are so grateful to all of you for all of your generosity, and we wanted to "fill you in" on what's taken place these last twelve months.

In addition to paying off one of the mortgages for the rental houses at \$79,000, we were able to upgrade both the school and parish computer system and phone system this past summer. We also began implementing the pay raises for our wonderful teachers. It is our intent to get the pay scale raised up to be more on par with what public-school teachers make.

I'm sure you'll remember that last summer we took out all of the pews and refinished the church floors. We were able to replace the rotted floors in the back of the church with beautiful new wood floors. In addition, we carpeted all of the areas in the church and gathering space that needed to be upgraded. We had budgeted \$25,000 for that project and that's exactly where it came in.

We had hoped to start work on the gym floor last summer, but it was too much to try to accomplish in our first year. However, this summer we intend to replace the gym floor. This will obviously be a daunting task, yet one that we should be able to accomplish in a relatively quick fashion. We have all the money for the gym floor already set aside. Although this project will be more than we anticipated, we are saving over \$40,000 on the church doors and also have an extra \$20K set aside for deferred maintenance, which definitely applies to our gym.

We have a wonderful committee, headed by Colleen Hansen, which is making sure that all of these projects continue and that they're fully financed when we are able to begin. Please read the rest of this newsletter for more specific information.

This Capital Campaign has involved so many of our families working together, first to reach our fundraising goal, and now to realize the projects. I am so grateful for the dedication and support our parishioners are sharing to help us accomplish these projects. Your generosity is an inspiration for our community.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. K. Scott Connolly
Pastor

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It's the one year anniversary of our Capital Campaign! As a parish we exceeded our Glory Goal and have pledged over \$1.6 million to the essential projects identified by the campaign. To date, we have received \$672,000 in pledges and additional gifts. We have prepared a summary of the 2014 campaign activities. Read about the process for researching and funding complex projects like the gym floor; projects still under study and a summary of projects completed and partially funded. The funds of this campaign allow us to accomplish much needed maintenance and upgrades on our campus without adding to our current debt. Thank you for your prayers, sacrifice, and faithful support of our campaign.

Who's Who

Many of the Capital Campaign projects are major building projects and require the involvement of several different groups. The Buildings & Grounds Commission is determining the most cost effective and integrated approach for each project and soliciting bids for the work. Many of the projects are highly complex, such as the Church Roof, School Heating, and the Gym Floor. The bid information is then given to the Campaign Projects Committee. This committee manages the timeline of the projects and oversees the expenditures. The Campaign Projects Committee consists of Pastoral Council, Finance Council, Buildings & Grounds, and Capital Campaign representatives as well as parish staff. To manage the individual projects, a volunteer "champion" has been recruited to assist the staff as each project takes place.

Gym Floor

In June 2015 the gym floor renovation will begin. The Buildings and Grounds commission has devoted countless hours researching this project. Originally, our plan was to resurface the gym floor, but the floor already had extensive cracking which will continue to occur given the composition of the floor. The decision

was made to put a floor system over the top of the existing floor. Because of the multi-purpose nature of the space, many flooring options did not meet our requirements. After much discussion, the Buildings & Grounds committee selected a vented wood floor system. The project champion, Andrew Krzysiek, created an RFP, bids were reviewed by the Buildings & Grounds Commission, and Northern Hardwood was selected as our vendor.

The cost of the project is higher than the \$80,000 anticipated by the Capital Campaign. The wood floor itself will cost \$103,000. Because the floor will be about 3 inches higher, we will have to adjust all the doors and basketball hoops, which will add to the cost. We are able to afford the increase in cost because of the anonymous donor who is repairing our church doors, saving over \$40,000, and by using the \$20,000 of deferred maintenance.

Hope House

In addition to the funds raised through the Capital Campaign, community groups and individuals have donated close to another \$30,000 towards the building of a new and improved Hope House. The Community group is also in planning for several grants from local service

groups and even from the state. The really exciting news is that Habitat for Humanity has come on board and is anticipating helping us build! While our building project has no set start date at this time, due to the Parish Master Plan being revisited, we are hoping to break ground sometime in late 2016 or early 2017.

Donations

This is a three year campaign, February 2014-February 2017. Commitments can be made throughout the campaign. If you are new to the parish consider pledging to this campaign. Many parishioners continue to give generously to the campaign but are unable to make commitments. Thank you!

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**Total amount committed:
 \$1,615,666**

**Total received to date:
 \$672,004**



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Community Service & Outreach Funds used to date: \$18,600

• **Interfaith Coalition: \$8,000**
 Assumption has pledged \$25,000 for the remodel of the Interfaith Coalition house in Ferndale. Interfaith built onto an existing single family home to create three transitional housing units. The first installment has been made.



• **Shoulder to Shoulder: \$3,600**
 has been used by Assumption's Shoulder to Shoulder program.

• **Hope House: \$7,000**
 Donors have contributed directly to Hope House in order to generate matching gifts.



Church Building Funds used to date: \$25,000

• **Carpeting/floor repair: \$25,000**
 One of the first projects funded by campaign donations, the floor was repaired and the entire wood floor was buffed and re-varnished. The church, Blessed Sacrament Chapel and gathering space were re-carpeted. Project completed.

Choir area renovation/sound system

The research committee for this project is headed by Jim Cheatle and Grant Deger, and includes Father Scott, music directors, and others. They have been working with a representative of the Archdiocese property and construction division to get a better understanding of what other churches are doing for their choir space and sound systems. Research continues.

Roof cleaning & stained glass window repairs

The cleaning/repair of the church roof is still being researched by Buildings & Grounds as this will be a very complex project. The committee is also considering whether the roof project should be integrated with the stained glass window project since they may share some requirements, such as scaffolding.



Assumption School Funds used to date: \$101,000

• **Endowment ACS Foundation: \$101,000, fully funded.**
 Restricted donations have more than fully funded the capital campaign commitment to the school endowment.

Deferred Maintenance & Debt Reduction Funds used to date: \$86,000

• **Debt Reduction: \$79,000**
 In August 2014, at the Feast of the Assumption Celebration, Fr. Scott burned the mortgage of one rental home.

• **Gym Floor: \$7,000**
 Core, lab, and research funds.

Campaign Expenses Funds used to date: \$50,000

Professional services for the work TLC did to make our campaign such a huge success.

Additional Projects Funds used to date: \$85,000

• **Phase in faculty pay scale equity: \$31,000**
 • **IT upgrades parish & school: \$54,000** has been used to upgrade computer, servers and the phone system.



Church front doors

Thanks to an anonymous donor, who has given his time and labor, two of the original church front doors have already been repaired and refinished. The doors have turned out beautifully and we look forward to seeing all the remaining doors come to life again.