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Holy Family Parish

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PARISH WILL 'TAKE THE NEXT STEP'

Holy Family is pursuing its journey toward building at 106th and Woodland with the start of a focused, short capital campaign extension.

To continue being the "vibrant, spirit-filled faith community" we say we are in our mission statement, Holy Family will "take the next step" to its future.

A campaign advisory committee will lead the extension of the Our Journey, Our Family, Our Home campaign, which ends June 30.

Parishioners will pick up their boxes from the current campaign on the second Sunday of Easter – April 30/May 1. New parishioners will get boxes, too. Take them home. Look inside for items to prepare you for your campaign commitment.

The commitment weekend will be June 11/12, Pentecost Sunday. The giving period will begin July 1 and will end December 31, 2012.

Last year the parish leadership – parish council, staff, finance, facilities and stewardship committees – decided extending the current campaign was the wisest course.

Mike Halterman, parishioner and CEO of Catholic Charities, agrees with a shortened campaign.

"The economy is just barely coming back, especially now with what is going on in the Middle East and the price of gas," he said.

Extension Details. . .

*A short, 18-month extension will allow the economy to settle down. Three years is a long time for many

people to commit during a period of economic instability.

*Parishioners will be asked to at least give an average of their previous three-year commitment.

*This campaign will take the next one to a calendar year schedule, rather than a fiscal year. Many people prefer that because personal tax years run on the calendar year.

*The parish will make good use of its resources by using staff and parishioners to operate the campaign. With Patty Whelchel as stewardship and development director, it is quite feasible.

This campaign will also include an appeal toward the parish's operational costs that lasts for 18 months, as well. As with the capital campaign, it will place giving on a calendar-year basis.



Campaign advisory committee includes from left, in front: Sarah Harrison, stewardship committee; Marie Relic, parish manager; Patty Whelchel, director of stewardship and development; Scott McBee, finance and facilities committees. In back: Suzanne Hill, communications coordinator; Jerry Dechant, parish council; Father Matthew, Tom White, parishioner; and Richard Ziegler, parishioner.

A WORD FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

We, the current members of Holy Family parish council, support and endorse the extension of the current capital campaign for an additional 18 months, beginning July 1, 2011.

This policy presents the next step in providing a vibrant, spirit-filled, faith community at our present location while addressing the goal of relocating our parish facilities to 106th and Woodland.

Joan Bird, Paul Bobowski,
Jerry Dechant, Marla Mangogna,
Jane Meyers, Melissa Montesano,
Steve VanKeirsbilck, Father Matthew.



Lack of parking continues to be a problem at weekend Masses.

SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY DRAWS PARISH TOGETHER

Anyone who doesn't think time flies need only help with a capital campaign!

Right after I arrived at Holy Family, we laid the ground work for the "Join the Journey" campaign: a three-year campaign to retire the remaining debt on the classroom/office/parish hall addition to our building as well as the property at 106th and Woodland.

On the heels of this came the "Our Family, Our Journey, Our Home" campaign during which we successfully paid off all parish debt and began to save some money for building at the new property.

Now, six years later, we launch the "Take the Next Step" campaign, where we hope to make some improvements to our current property (additional parking, perhaps a second entrance) and then continue building our savings toward the move to the new property.

How the time flies! Three capital campaigns in six years. How does one stay enthusiastic through all that? Many things keep me excited and enthused throughout another campaign:

1. The broad support parish leadership groups give our continued journey. I have never felt like I was "sticking my neck out" and going it alone through any of our campaigns. Our parish leadership has always taken ownership and responsibility and has shown accountability in each of our campaigns.

2. We are not using an outside consultant in this campaign. With Patty Whelchel on board as the director of stewardship and development to do lots of the leg work, we will draw from a long list of "seasoned" campaign people within the parish to help us. Plus,

since we have not changed our focus (a new home at 106th and Woodland) we feel confident in moving forward.

3. The overall conviction that we need to continue to live out our mission statement – to be the "vibrant, spirit-filled faith community" we are called to be. That means we do need to do a few things here, as well as continue looking toward the future.

(Even if we broke ground tomorrow, we would have up to a 24-month construction period. We cannot go another two months, much less two years with our current parking situation.)

4. The continued spirit of our community that evidently continues to draw more and more people to our parish.

I recently had a friend visiting from Easton, Mo., who loves coming to Holy Family because the people are so spiritual. I told her she gave me the best compliment a pastor can get.

Yes, we can have bigger and better buildings, but if we aren't filling those buildings with people whose minds and hearts are turned to God, then we are building in vain. But if you first have people whose minds and hearts are turned to God, then they are willing to make short-term sacrifices in whatever way they must to achieve long-term goals.

So "take the next step" with us here at Holy Family: both in our communal journey and your personal journey of faith.



Father Matthew

REFLECTING ON THE PAST; LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

As we approach the end of the Our Family, Our Journey, Our Home campaign, we reflect on the past and look to the future.

We received pledges of \$1,673,800. As of February 28, 2011, \$1,240,000 of those pledges has been collected.

This **extraordinary** accomplishment happened on the backdrop of an economic recession that required many of us to tighten our belts.

Parish leadership groups have discussed the next steps. Our goal remains the same: to continue being the same community that draws us together in the journey to seek God and develop our faith.

Although we have been blessed with contributions of time, talent and treasure to make facility modifications at our current location,

these measures are only temporary. We are still growing. Opportunities for expansion are being exhausted.

How can we continue to welcome people and deliver on our mission when we do not have the seats or parking spaces for them? We must continue taking the steps we need to lead us to 106th and Woodland.

We believe an 18-month extension of our current capital campaign will allow us to continue our journey while meeting our short-term goal to provide a “welcoming, vibrant, and spirit-filled faith community” for all those who attend or visit Holy Family.

During this campaign extension we will use the calendar year for

pledges rather than the fiscal year used in the past. Families will be able to consider and coordinate pledges within their normal annual financial planning process. We believe this is important to promote Holy Family’s continuing journey.

Please give strong prayerful consideration to continued contribution to the capital campaign at either your current level or, if your situation allows, an increased amount that reflects gratitude for the blessings in your lives.

Holy Family Finance Committee

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Ron Farrell, Henry Kaminski,
Scott McBee, Marie Relic,
Barb Thomas, Mike Wilson*

TAKE THE NEXT STEP IN YOUR FAITH JOURNEY

As our parish begins to take our next steps to 106th and Woodland, the stewardship committee would like to instill in everyone the importance of taking the next step in your personal faith journey.

The committee asks you to look inside yourself and see what you can do to live your life more as a faith-filled disciple. It is imperative that we continue to build ourselves up as images of Christ as we take the next step to develop our land for the future of Holy Family Parish.

Stewardship Committee

*Patrick Beffa,
Father Matthew Brumleve,
Terry Genz, Sarah Harrison,
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Darrell Leiker, Patty Whelchel*

BLESSING OF GROWTH IS A CHALLENGE

We are coming to the conclusion of the Our Journey, Our Family, Our Home campaign. Your generosity and dedication helps Holy Family continue providing a “welcoming, vibrant, spirit-filled faith community.”

As you have no doubt noticed, we are blessed with growth in this community where we celebrate, grow and live our faith. However, this blessing presents a challenge. It reinforces the need to step forward to allow others to share in our unique journey. We face immediate threats to achieving our mission in the present.

We have used our community’s time, talents and treasures to make the worship space more accommodating and inviting. Additionally, we are looking at ways to address parking problems during Masses.

To continue creating a life-giving community, we need to modify our current property to meet demands **and** continue following the stepping stones leading to the larger space at 106th and Woodland. As such, we fully support the 18-month extension to the capital campaign.

We ask that you think about your conclusions to the sentence, “Holy Family matters. . . .” Help us take the next steps by extending your pledge for the next 18 months.

Holy Family Facilities Committee

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Our Mission

Holy Family Catholic Church is a
vibrant, spirit-filled faith community.
Following the example of the Holy

Family, we seek God by
celebrating, growing and living our faith.

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