

## Our Lady of Consolation

December 19, 2018



## Rooted in Christ, Growing to Serve Update Newsletter

### We have hired a Construction Manager!



*Building for Life*

We are very excited to announce that we have hired a construction manager for our upcoming building project. Throughout September and October members from parish staff and our Campaign Committee met several times to discuss proposals from three very qualified Construction Manager companies; Rockford Construction, Erhardt Construction and Dan Vos Construction. After reviewing the written proposals and meeting with each company individually, our parish has chosen Dan Vos Construction to manage our project. We believe that Dan Vos Construction is the best candidate to meet our needs, follow our parish mission and vision, and maintain our strict budgetary and timeline needs.

We are excited to have Dan Vos Construction as part of our team to help move our parish forward into the next stage of this campaign process.

### A Message from Dan Vos Construction

"Our team is very happy and blessed to be part of Our Lady of Consolation's Church campus improvements. We have been constructing churches and Christian schools in West Michigan since the 1950's and we are honored to have your trust in allowing us to work within your parish. As constructors we know that the best part is yet to come, as we start to prepare for this project with Progressive AE and the Parish. We look forward to seeing these improvements emerge and we are dedicated to creating a space that will further your mission in discipleship and faith-based learning."

### Bidding the Rectory

This month we have also sent out requests to four residential builders to prepare a proposal for materials and labor to build the new rectory. The rectory construction will be monitored by Dan Vos Construction as well, however the work performed will be completed by one of these builders. We plan to receive the estimates back in January and make our decision before our next update letter. *Please note*, there was significant conversation about the possibility of moving the rectory and due to the cost needed to update the current rectory and the cost to move the building it is not feasible to continue with that approach.

### Campaign Financial Update:

Parish Goal:  
*\$6.2 Million*

Total Pledged:  
*\$3,462,351.60*

Total Cash:  
*\$1,260,656.08*

Number of Families  
*672*



## Looking for Gifts-in-Kind

### Gift-in-Kind Categories

Electrical	Finishing
Mechanical	Painting
Plumbing	Excavating
Lumber	Caulking
Windows/Doors	Drywall
Steel	Masonry
Roofing	Cabinetry
Flooring	Technology
General Labor	Fire Protection

**If you, or your company, offers another category that we have not listed, but you feel would be appropriate, you are encouraged to complete the form on the website.**

For people in the construction industry, the concept of Gift-in-Kind is pretty standard, but may be a bit foreign to the rest of us. A Gift-in-Kind is a donation method that allows individuals and companies that have supplies or labor that fit the needs of our project to give those services at a discounted, and often-times free, rate as part of their donation. We have several needs on this project and we are very fortunate to have several parishioners who may be able to assist in meeting those needs by way of a Gift-in-Kind donation.

If you own a company that offers any of the service categories listed to the right, we ask that you prayerfully consider offering a Gift-in-Kind above your current level of giving. If you work for a company that offers these categories, consider talking to your company about the possibility of a donation.

If you, or your company, is interested in learning more about our Gift-in-Kind program for this project, you are encouraged to visit the parish website (under the Capital Campaign menu) and complete a Gift-in-Kind contact form. A member from the Dan Vos Construction team will contact you and discuss this with you more.

## Next steps

Over the next few months we will have several meetings with Progressive A/E & Dan Vos Construction, as well as completing surveys and soil borings on the property. We are preparing to start our construction project in the Spring.

The project, in its entirety, is too costly to pursue based on the available finances we have at this time. We are hoping to move forward with the following areas as a minimum; educational wing, rectory, upper parking and ground work. Should we receive substantial Gift-in-Kind donations we will also add in the foyer, lower parking and the Multipurpose room/ gymnasium (depending on the donations we receive).

If you need to make an adjustment, either up or down, to your pledge, please complete a new pledge card and return it to the parish office. Please write "REVISION" somewhere on the card to reduce any confusion.

## Year End Giving

As this year comes to a close, we ask that you take some time to reflect over the past year. What gifts has God graced you with? Has your family taken to heart the concept of sacrificial giving? What was your family's goal for a tithe this year? 10%? Have you met your goal?

As your family praises God for all of His blessings and looks toward next year, consider if you are truly being sacrificial. Sacrificial giving means to forego some superfluous goods in our lives in order to give more for the good of our community.

As we approach the end of 2018, we invite you to consider adjusting your pledge for next year, or giving a one-time year end gift. If your family finances have changed and you are no longer able to commit at the level you previously stated please let us know and we can help you adjust your pledge.