



December 15, 2019
Third Sunday
of Advent



**Our mission is to invite everyone
into a deeper relationship
with Jesus Christ.**

You have voted! **Now there is more for you to do!**

Thank you all for your votes and input regarding the future of our parish building. Based on your responses indicated on the Decision Cards, our vision is now to build a new church. A total of 547 votes were cast with 80% of those voting to build a new church.

Building committee members recently met with a local general contractor who has built several area churches, and we feel a safe cost estimate of a new church is around \$6.5 million. We have \$2 million available in savings, and we can comfortably borrow \$1.5 million based on our current income. This means we will need approximately \$3 million in pledges to proceed. **So, our original goal remains the same.....we need \$3 million in pledges to complete our project.**

The Capital Campaign pledges we received last summer total \$2.1 million, therefore **we need to raise at least an additional \$1 million.** In order to meet this goal, we will all have to renew our pledges. We have 300 pledges currently on file. As you recommit the pledge that you made last summer, we ask you to consider increasing your pledge. Nearly 200 of our contributing families have not yet made a pledge. We need your financial support to build a new church, and we ask you to prayerfully consider making a pledge.

If we reach our \$3 million pledge goal, we will make some immediate needed repairs to our existing building, and move forward with planning the new construction. The vision and plans for repurposing our current sanctuary will be developed much later in this process.

If we do not meet the \$3 million pledge goal, plans for building a new church will be halted. Please prayerfully consider this. ***Where is the Lord leading our parish?***
What is He calling us to do now?

New pledge cards will be handed out the first weekend of January. We need to receive a card from each family — whether you already have a pledge on file, are making a new pledge, or choose not to pledge. We need a response from every family. This is the only way to know if building a new church is financially feasible.

Should you have any questions, please contact the church office and we will put you in touch with a committee member. Thank you!

Mass Intentions ~ December 16-22, 2019

Monday @ 7:30 am — Margaret McAleese (RIP)

Tuesday @ 7:30 am — US Armed Forces (Sp Int)

Wednesday @ 6:00 pm — People of the Parish

Thursday @ 7:30 am — Joan Millington (RIP)

Friday @ 7:30 am — Margaret McAleese (RIP)

Saturday @ 5:30 pm — Michael & Bridget Hehir, Rita McDonald (RIP)

Sunday @ 8:00 am — People of the Parish

Sunday @ 10:30 am — John Elser (RIP)

New Prayer Requests

Special Intentions:

David Mangialardi

James Watts, father of Chad Watts

Wayne Capron,

brother-in-law of Sharon Farner

Repose of the Soul:

Judy Carr

Mark Balmes, father of Brian Balmes

Contact the Church office to schedule Mass intentions and to add names to our prayer list.

Sacrament of Reconciliation — Saturday @ 4:30-5:00 pm (or by appointment — call the Church office)

Adoration this week: Monday - Friday, 8 am — 12 pm



*Blessed Mother Flowers this weekend are donated by John McAleese,
in memory of Margaret McAleese.*



ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ EVENTS ~ INFORMATION

Parish Reconciliation Service — Monday, Dec 16th @ 6:00 pm We will have several priests available for this Sacrament.

Religious Ed Christmas/New Year Break — No Religious Ed Classes December 18 - January 5th.

Big Deal Youth Group resumes Wednesday, January 8th; CGS classes resume Sunday, January 12th.

Christmas Mass Schedule — Christmas Eve @ 5:30 pm; Midnight Mass (choral presentation begins @ 11:30 pm);
Christmas Day Mass @ 10:30 am (No Nursery, No Children's Liturgy)

Mass Schedule time change notice — Daily Masses from December 26 through January 3rd will all be held at 10:00 a.m. There will not be a 7:30 a.m. Mass or 6:00 pm Mass on those particular dates. All other Mass times remain the same.

Alpha begins January 9th @ 6:30 pm — Have you invited anyone? Please call the office if you need more invitations!

FINANCIAL REPORT

Offertory Collection for December 7/8:

- Regular collection \$20,320.84
- Capital Campaign Collection \$18,375.09
- Retired Religious Collection \$2,729.00

Church Office information

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Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 8am to 4pm

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*We bid a fond farewell to Jim Suber, who is no longer on staff at St. Paul.
We thank him for his time with us, and wish him abundant blessings in retirement.*