



**Congratulations to Msgr. Jerry Vincke, Fr. Gary and the entire campaign team and parish community at Holy Family, Grand Blanc, the latest parish to surpass their goal! Holy Family had the largest goal in the Pilot Wave and thanks to their dedicated leadership, consistently following the campaign plan, lots of prayer and lots of faith-filled people the parish has raised over \$4.2 Million with still more to come. Thank you Msgr. Vincke, Fr. Gary and everyone at Holy Family for such an inspiring effort.**

**Tony Gwiazdowski, Campaign Executive Director**

## **Parish News**

*"Remember that the happiest and most peaceful people are not those getting more, but those giving more."*

*H. Jackson Brown*

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**Holy Family, Grand Blanc** is over the goal! **Msgr. Jerry** and **Fr. Gary** report 656 families thus far for \$4,220,770. And...they plan to keep going!

**Holy Redeemer, Burton** is having their first large parish reception this Thursday, March 16. **Fr. Steve** is excited to share the parish's renovation plans and the wider church case with his 1,100 parishioners.

**Church of the Resurrection, Lansing** had a successful Announcement Weekend and the All In Ministry meeting was well-attended. **Fr. Steve** reports that his first 20 one-on-one leadership meetings will begin during the coming week.

At **St. John the Evangelist, Jackson**, **Fr. Chas Canoy** has recruited a leadership team and is conducting leadership visits. The parish continues to learn about the elements of the *Witness to Hope* campaign through bulletin inserts. The campaign cabinet will be meeting next week as we prepare for the all-in-ministry meeting.

The **St. Mary Student Parish** campaign team is reviewing the campaign case brochure and the parish lists while we are focusing on small major donor meetings with Pastor

**Fr. Ben Hawley** and Bishop Boyea to be held throughout March and April. Larger parish gatherings are scheduled for early May.

**St. Mary in Manchester** is officially underway and we are recruiting volunteer leaders and scheduling our major campaign events while we wait on the completion of the parish brochure and the master parish list. We met this week with the Parish Council to seek leadership volunteers and campaign advocates. Bishop Boyea will be visiting the parish on April 29 and he will give a brief encouragement talk to the parish families about the *Witness to Hope* campaign.

The **St. Jude, DeWitt** campaign cabinet has finished their efforts to reach those who have not yet pledged and a follow-up mailing is being prepared for mailing in the next two weeks.

**St. Joseph, St. Johns** has added another parish gathering to target seniors. The all in ministry meeting was very successful. **Bishop Boyea** did a wonderful job expressing the need to participate and stating his reasons for this campaign. **Fr. Mike** did a terrific job speaking about the parish case elements.

**St. Mary, Westphalia** has reached 33% of its goal thus far. **Fr. Eric** continues to eagerly meet with parishioners. The steering committee is meeting again this week.

**St. Peter, Eaton Rapids** donor research has been completed. **Fr. George** will be meeting with more parishioners to be on the steering committee.



**Bishop Boyea** and **Fr. John Klein** greet members of **St. Gerard, Lansing** after Mass. **Bishop** and **Father** spoke at two campaign receptions Sunday morning. As calls and receptions continue the parish has received commitments of \$983,300 thus far toward the goal of \$2,428,684.

In-home receptions continue at **St. Michael, Grand Ledge**. **Fr. James Eisele** continues to provide leadership to individual calls and group gatherings. The parish has realized \$75,000 in early commitments toward its goal of \$985,159.

This weekend at Most Holy Trinity, Fowler **Fr. Dennis Howard** led a Commissioning Ceremony at each Mass. He invited everyone attending to be commissioned as a volunteer to the *Witness to Hope* campaign. The first individual solicitations have been

held and a group reception is planned for March 7. The parish has received commitments of \$26,000 toward its goal of \$669,390.

**St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Lansing** continues to move forward in their campaign. Packets will be distributed this Sunday along with an after mass announcement to explain the packets. **Fr. Joseph Kim** expects some verbal commitments to turn into pledges soon after the packets are distributed.

**St. Patrick – Brighton: Fr. Karl** is holding leadership calls over the next few weeks and following up with top prospects and is in the process of closing the leadership gifts. The cabinet is preparing to host a number of In-home gatherings beginning next week. **Fr. Karl** is happy to announce they have already raised \$104,000 toward the goal and looking to climb up fast.

**St. Agnes – Fowlerville: Fr. Nate** and team are preparing for their first in-home gathering next week and have received their first gifts in the parish. **Fr. Nate** is preparing for his leadership calls. The parish receptions and host have been recruited and the Campaign is underway.

**St. Augustine – Howell: Fr. Gregg** has begun leadership calls at the parish. And the Cabinet has hosted their first In-Home reception with great attendance and lots of great participation. **Fr. Gregg** is looking forward to the first gifts coming in to the parish.

**Cristo Rey, Lansing: Fr. Fred Thelen**

Leadership engagement visits continued this week. Receptions have been scheduled for major donors, as well as Large Parish Gatherings – separately in English and one in Spanish.

**Our Lady of Guadalupe, Flint: Fr. Paul Donnelly**

Top donors are being identified for engagement visits that will be scheduled next week. Large Parish Gatherings are being scheduled, for both English and Spanish speaking.

**Fr. Robert Pienta** at **St. Joseph Shrine** in **Brooklyn** has been busy inviting all parishioners involved in any ministry, activity or organization of the Shrine to attend the **All-In ministry meeting on Tuesday, March 14th at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Family Center** for information and understanding about the *Witness to Hope* Campaign.

At **St. Paul, Owosso** **Fr. Michael O'Brien, Pastor** and **Fr. Dieudonne Ntakarutimana, Parochial Vicar** are meeting with motivated parishioners for conversations about why this campaign is so important and to thank them personally for their generous support.

Thanks to the work of **Fr. Mike O'Brien**, diligent staff and our materials production team, **St. Joseph in Owosso** will have personalized packets for all registered parishioners ready for distribution at the meetings and gatherings planned for March and April.

**St. Robert Bellarmine – Flushing.** **Fr. Gordon** is truly leading by example with his inspiring gift to the *Witness to Hope* campaign. Likewise, a very generous and motivated cabinet co-chair couple made their pledge before leaving on vacation. **Fr. Gordon** is very grateful for their *leading decision of faith* and leading *best sacrificial gift*. Next week, **Fr. Gordon** will discuss the Campaign at the Knights of Columbus meeting. He is determined to bring the campaign to as many parishioners as possible.

**Good Shepherd – Montrose.** **Fr. Gordon** is also leading by example with his inspiring gift to the *Witness to Hope* campaign at Good Shepherd. Next week, **Fr. Gordon** will discuss the Campaign at the Knights of Columbus meeting.

**St. Mary – Mt. Morris.** **Fr. Tom** recently met with his campaign cabinet and finalized the campaign calendar. Volunteers are contacting ministry members to remind them of the upcoming All Ministry Meetings next week.

#### **Immaculate Conception, Milan, Fr. Vincent Van Doan**

This past week Fr. Vincent and the parish leadership hosted over 43 parishioners involved with key ministries and organizations at the All Ministry Meeting. Fr. Vincent encouraged all to participate in the campaign and assist the leadership team. Invites for the small gatherings were mailed this week.

#### **St. Mary, Chelsea (Fr. Bill Turner)**

This past week Canon William Turner and the parish leadership hosted over 20 parishioners involved with key ministries and organizations at the All Ministry Meeting. Canon Turner encouraged all to participate in the campaign and assist the leadership team. Invites for the small gatherings were mailed this week.