



Winter wave parishes are actively making individual lead gift calls, and hosting in-home receptions and informational gatherings as the parishes. A campaign message is planned for each parish's Easter bulletin to continue education and solicitation.

Winter Wave Progress:

St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Lansing continues to receive pledge cards. 80% of their parish packets have been picked up and the remaining ones are going in the mail. **Fr. Joseph Kim** has been emphasizing the importance of the campaign as it pertains not only to the parish, but to the diocese as well as the universal church.



Fr. James Eisele hosted a series of well attended after Mass receptions at **St. Michael, Grand Ledge**. Father shared the details of both the parish and diocesan elements. At the upcoming cabinet meeting the team will review the status of solicitations and determine next actions leading up to the post-Easter Witness and Participation weekends.

St. Joseph, St. Johns will host its first parish gathering this week. **Fr. Mike** is following up with parishioners.

St. Mary, Westphalia has reached 56% of its goal. **Fr. Eric** is preparing for parish gatherings after all the masses this week. The parish just held its announcement weekend. The all in ministry meeting was very successful.

St. Peter, Eaton Rapids will host an all in ministry meeting this week. **Fr. George** has met with some top leadership families.

Fr. Klein was joined by lay presenters at all **St. Gerard, Lansing** Masses last weekend. He encouraged the more than 300 families who have attended a reception to make their pledge this coming week. All others were invited to pick up their campaign information and encouraged to pray and reach their decisions by Easter. The campaign is now at \$1,099,000.



A series of individual visits, weekday receptions, and after Mass receptions will be conducted at **Most Holy Trinity, Fowler**. **Fr. Dennis Howard** continues to personally set appointments and is being well received at visits.

Conceptual drawings for **Holy Redeemer's** new gathering space have folks in **Burton** excited about their Witness to Hope campaign. Other parish case elements include funding to refurbish the pews and kneelers, a project that has been a priority for the parish for some time. **Fr. Steve** has begun his leadership meetings and has some early pledges.

Church of the Resurrection, Lansing, is off to a good start with some generous pledges made as a result of **Fr. Steve's** leadership gift requests. The parish is holding receptions in Mercy Hall after all Masses with the first one scheduled for Sunday March 26 at 12:30.

St. Patrick – Brighton

Fr. Karl is continuing leadership calls over the next few weeks and following up with top prospects and in the process of closing the leadership gifts. The cabinet is begun to host a number of In-home gatherings. A big thank you to the Malthaner, Nardozzi and Barta families for hosting this week.. **Fr. Karl** is happy to announce they have already raised \$124,000 toward the goal and looking to climb up fast.

St. Agnes – Fowlerville

Fr. Nate and team hosted their second in-home gathering this 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. They are currently at \$58,100 toward goal.

St. Augustine – Howell

Fr. Gregg has begun leadership calls at the parish. And the Cabinet has begun hosting In-Home receptions with great attendance and lots of great participation. **Fr. Gregg** is looking forward to the first gifts coming in to the parish. They are currently at \$9,500 toward goal.

Fr. Robert Pienta at the **St. Joseph Shrine** in **Brooklyn** has scheduled several parish gatherings for March and April to share 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** had personalized packets for all parishioners attending the joint parish Soup and Substance meeting on Wednesday evening at St. Joseph.

Cristo Rey

Lansing

Fr. Fred Thelen

Cabinet meeting was held on Monday night; members were encouraged to bring their completed pledge to the Leadership Gathering on Tuesday. Several turned in their pledge to Fr. Fred, stating publicly why they pledged. Others will be doing the same at next week's Large Parish Gatherings on Tuesday evening (Spanish), Wednesday morning (Spanish) and Wednesday evening (English). A pulpit announcement/witness talk invitation will take place at the weekend liturgies, bulletin "invitation" inserts and invitation cards to the Large Parish Gatherings will be hand-distributed by the Cabinet members. To date, just under \$90,000 has been pledged by eleven parishioners.

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Flint

Fr. Paul Donnelly

A Cabinet meeting was held Wednesday evening. Interested Parish Council members joined us at the Cabinet meeting. A bilingual "Large Parish Gathering" will be held on Monday evening. A pulpit announcement/witness talk invitation will take place at the weekend liturgies, bulletin "invitation" inserts and invitation cards to the Large Parish Gatherings will be hand-distributed by the Cabinet members.