



Congratulations to Fr. Gordon Reigle and the parishioners at St. Robert Bellarmine Parish in Flushing and the parishioners at Good Shepherd, Montrose for reaching their parish goals. Great work! We also congratulate Canon Bill Turner and the people of St. Mary, Chelsea for surpassing their goal this week as well. We celebrate their success and are tremendously grateful for the hard work and dedication at all three of these parishes.

We continue to make progress in reaching out to Leadership Gift prospects to ask for their support for their parishes and the overall wider Church needs. Bishop has a leadership meeting scheduled for this week and next.

Tony Gwiazdowski, Campaign Executive Director

Parish News

"The Dead Sea is the dead sea because it continually receives and never gives." — Anonymous

St. Robert Bellarmine – Flushing. Congratulations to Fr. Gordon and the people of St. Robert Bellarmine parish as of this week pledges total \$1,088,806 or 100.1% of goal from 380 parishioners. The follow-up letters are being sent this week. **Fr. Gordon** and the Campaign Cabinet are meeting this week to review the final phases of the campaign.

Good Shepherd – Montrose. Congratulations to **Fr. Gordon** and the people of Good Shepherd as they too reached their goal this week receiving \$160,647 from 88 gifts. Over 40% of the families have participated at the parish.

St. Mary – Mt. Morris. **Fr. Nenneau's** retirement reception was over flowing with fellow pastors, parishioners and family. There was not a dry eye in the room as the Musical Director sang a farewell song written by a parishioner. **Fr. Nenneau** was also toasted and recognized for his humility, sense of humor and dedication to the Church. **Fr. Nenneau** and his Campaign Cabinet also celebrated reaching participation goal with pledges from over 197 parishioners or 105% of the participation goal totaling \$429,179. Volunteers and campaign advocates made phone calls this week encouraging pledges from parishioners still praying about their best sacrificial gift hoping to surpass the goal soon.

St. Mary, Chelsea, Michigan (Fr. Bill Turner)

Congratulations go to **Fr. Bill** is home recovering from his knee surgery and celebrating the generosity of his parishioners! The new pledge total has increased to \$577,656, just over 100% of the target goal from 238 families! They continue to encourage participation.

Immaculate Conception, Milan, Michigan (Fr. Vincent Van Doan)

Fr. Vincent and the campaign leadership team are held their second Participation Weekend this past weekend. Over 20 families made their decision. The new pledge total has increased to \$264,375, very close to 90% of their target goal!

St. Mary, Westphalia has received over 500 pledges, which is 57% of the parish. **Fr. Eric** is on retreat this weekend. The parish has raised \$2,224,931, which is 237% of goal.

St. Joseph, St. Johns has completed its parish wide events and is still receiving some pledges. **Fr. Mike** is excited that the parish is able to fund all of its projects. The parish has raised \$1,088,177 so far and is at 126% of goal.

St. Peter, Eaton Rapids is excited about their continued success. **Fr. George** is following up with the last few parishioners. The parish has raised over \$479,345, which is 132% of goal.

Holy Redeemer, Burton has received 445 pledges for \$1,050,000...just \$38,000 away from their base goal. **Fr. Steve Anderson** continues to encourage participation and the parish's follow-up mailing is producing results. They will make their base goal \$1,088,000 easily, but they are shooting for their bonus goal of \$1,306,000.

Church of the Resurrection, Lansing has 216 pledges (120% of participation goal) totaling \$1,225,000, which is 58% of the campaign goal. **Fr. Steve Mattson** reports that he is shooting for 300 families to pledge and he is hoping that when the parish's follow-up mailing hits homes next week they will get at least 84 additional families to confirm their pledge.

Gift packets were distributed again this past weekend at **St. John the Evangelist** in Jackson. **Fr. Chas Canoy** has made nearly 100 personal visits and we are at 50% of our goal from the personal visits. We plan to conduct participation weekend when we reach 70% of our goal.

At **St. Mary Student Parish** this past weekend, **Fr. Ben Hawley, S.J.** hosted parish gatherings after Masses and we distributed approximately 150 gift request personal packets. Individual meetings with Bishop Boyea are being arranged for dates in June and July.

Fr. Bosco, Pastor of **St. Mary Manchester**, is pleased with the response so far to the campaign and we are now encouraging others to make their prayerful decisions and return their pledge cards. The balance of gift requests not personally distributed will be mailed this week.

St. Patrick – Brighton

Fr. Karl and **Fr. Vince** are closing out their few remaining leadership calls and following up with top prospects that still need to make their gift to the campaign. The parish has hosted its follow up weekend and the follow up letters are now on the way to the remaining parishioners. **Fr. Karl** is happy to announce they have reached 119% base goal and pushing forward now to their total combined goal. The parish is currently at 2,144,543 in total gifts.

St. Agnes – Fowlerville

Fr. Nate and team have hosted their follow up weekend, and the follow up letters are on their way to additional families in the parish. **Fr. Nate** is happy to announce they have raised \$363,660 and working hard to get to goal.

St. Augustine – Howell

Fr. Gregg and the Cabinet have hosted their follow up weekend and **Fr. Greg** is now in the planning stages for a phone a thon to try to close out the campaign. **Fr. Gregg** announces they are currently at \$204,607 toward goal.

St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Lansing – The parish is close to 130% of their goal with over 50% of the parish participating. **Fr. Joseph Kim** continues to encourage participation. He will be reminding his parishioners that the campaign will be “ending” at the end of this month as a sort of “deadline.”

Fr. James Eisele at **St. Michael, Grand Ledge** continues to appeal to the community to drive engagement in the campaign. Over the weekend, Father encouraged the parish to consider their pledge and directed families to fill out pledge cards in the back of the chapel. To date, the parish has received \$671,309 towards their goal for a total of 414 gifts.

St. Gerard, Lansing has received 174 gifts with pledges for total of \$2,009,534. **Fr. John Klein**, along with parish volunteers, made approximately 400 follow up calls to families who have not yet contributed. Father continues to make individual appointments with leaders in the parish community.

Most Holy Trinity, Fowler proceeds to grow in participation – bringing them to 109% of goal for a total of \$727,265 off of 253 gifts. **Fr. Dennis Howard** is appealing to families who have not submitted their prayerful commitment through a follow up mailing.

Cristo Rey, Lansing: Fr. Fred Thelen

Campaign Leadership met and are continuing with follow up phone calls, and follow up letters will be going to press next week. Cristo Rey is at just over 85% of goal, with 110 pledges totaling \$338,202.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Flint: Fr. Paul Donnelly

Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish is at 52% of goal with 58 pledges totaling \$206,485. All remaining packets are being mailed and the Campaign Cabinet will be meeting next week.

Fr. Bob Pienta and the **St. Joseph Shrine in Brooklyn** have received pledges totaling 60% of their goal from 90 households. Co chairs will meet with Fr. Bob to discuss a follow up weekend to encourage all registered households and summer visitors to complete a pledge to support the pressing needs the Shrine and wider church.

At **St. Paul in Owosso** **Fr. Michael O'Brien** is grateful for the 147 households that have already pledged taking the parish beyond 60% of goal. Fr. Mike is hoping more parishioners will make their best sacrifice decision of faith soon.

Fr. Michael O'Brien and **St. Joseph, Owosso** have received pledges from 55 households to put them over 25% of goal.