

**Congratulations...to Fr. Tim MacDonald and the people of Queens Parish in Jackson for surpassing their campaign goal, they are joined this week by Fr. David Reamsnyder and the people of St. Anthony of Padua, Hillsdale and Msgr. Bernard Reilly and the parishioners of St. Mary Cathedral Parish. The momentum is really building as the Pilot Wave enters its final month and we expect several more parishes will reach goal soon. Thanks to everyone at these wonderful parishes who have been so generous and the pastors and volunteers who worked so faithfully.**

**Tony Gwiazdowski, Campaign Executive Director**

## **Parish News**

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***“Not how much of my money will I give to God, but how much of God’s money will I keep for myself...” John Wesley***

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Parishioners at **Queen of the Miraculous Medal** continue to generously support the Witness to Hope campaign which greatly benefits the wider church and the parish. While we are still reviewing and recording the gifts that came in through Participation Weekend and those sent directly to the diocese, we can report that we have successfully surpassed our goal of \$2,875,000. Gifts are still coming in and we are most profoundly grateful for this magnificent support. We have recorded over 520 gifts which represents about 31% participation. It continues to be our hope that we can reach the 50% mark or more in participation

The parish community of **St. Jude** in DeWitt continues to generously give to the Witness to Hope campaign. We are nearing the preliminary goal of \$2,000,000 and volunteers continue their efforts to encourage all who have picked up their packets to prayerfully consider making their commitments in the next two weeks.

Under the steadfast leadership of **Fr. Tom Helfrich St. Rita, Clarklake** has moved their total pledged close to the \$1,000,000 mark with participation of just twenty seven percent of the parish. Fr. Tom continues to inspire wider participation to exceed \$1,200,000 to fund Church beautification.

**Fr. Bill Ashbaugh and Fr. Todd Koenigs knecht** have exceeded \$1,800,000 toward their \$3,000,000 goal at **St. Thomas the Apostle parish, Ann Arbor**. Only eleven percent of the families have stepped up thus far. **Fr. Bill and Fr. Todd** are hoping for hundreds of more families to jump in and be part of this transformational campaign.

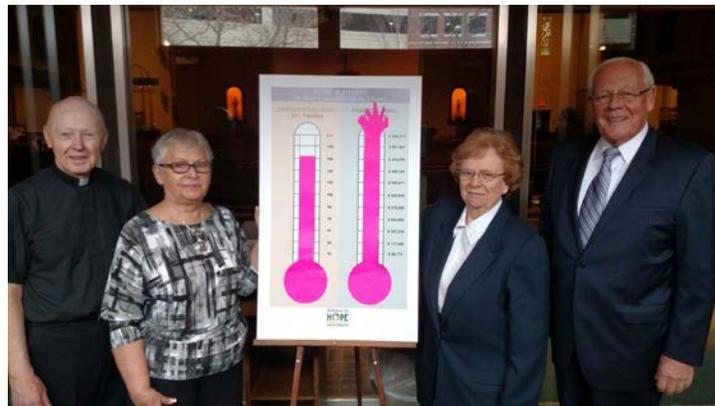
### **Holy Spirit – Brighton**

**Fr. John** and team are in the follow up stage and planning for a follow up participation weekend. They have had 208 families make a gift to the Witness to Hope Campaign or 58% of the parish raising so far \$514,387.

**Fr. John** has been very excited to see how many families truly made a spiritual gift to the campaign. We still need families to pray about make a commitment to the campaign as the parish still needs about \$36,000 to reach goal. **Holy Spirit** is currently at 93% and climbing up fast.

### **St. Mary Cathedral – Lansing**

**Msgr. Reilly** would like to congratulate the entire team and parish for reaching their goal of \$557,750. He would like to ask that families continue to pray about making a gift to the parish before the end of the year for Witness to Hope. Currently the parish has seen 169 families celebrating their gift to the Witness to Hope Campaign raising \$559,470. Msgr. Reilly and his parish leaders broadly display their success below!



### **Light of Christ – Deerfield/Blissfield**

**Fr. Jeff** and team hosted their follow-up weekend this past week. They currently have 111 participating families in the Witness to Hope Campaign raising over \$132,000. There continues to be a lot of excitement and great enthusiasm for the Campaign at the parish.

**Holy Rosary in Flint** has reached 75% of goal, with \$456,741 in commitments from 144 families. **Fr. Horning** is now recruiting his calling team to make contact with all

families who have not yet responded. The final letter from the pastor will be sent upon his approval of the message.

**Fr. Kuchar** and the team at **Saint Mark the Evangelist in Goodrich** have reached \$578,000 from 128 families toward the goal of \$900,000 as the parish plans for its Participation Weekend to be held Dec. 10/11. Already, 35% of the registered families have made a commitment.

**Saint Mary Queen of Angels in Swartz Creek** has received 99 commitments for a total of \$205,347. With gifts still arriving, the parish has reached 50% of its participation goal established by **Fr. Ekka**. The parish is planning a reception early in February with Bishop in attendance to keep the campaign moving.

At **St. James, Mason** the Steering Committee will meet for the final time next week. **Fr. Kusi** is planning the next steps by creating a committee to assist with the building efforts. He also informed his parish of the current total and thanked all the parishioners. The parish has raised \$712,200 and is at 164% of its goal.

**SS. Cornelius & Cyprian, Leslie** has completed follow up weekend. **Fr. Kusi** is excited that the parish raised over 120% of goal. The parish has raised \$185,678. This is 122% of goal.

**Holy Family** stands at \$2.6 million against their goal of \$4 million for 65% of goal. Campaign volunteers made 1,400 "friendly reminder" phone calls to parishioners during the 3 days before Thanksgiving. This was huge undertaking and despite a power outage on the Tuesday night before the holiday, the project was a success.

**St. Anthony of Padua in Hillsdale** proudly shares the Gospel Message for the entire county of Hillsdale. Their faith filled people led by **Fr. David Reamsynder** have surpassed their goal this past week. With follow up weekend coming and a number of parishioners still praying about their gifts, this parish will certainly be significantly over goal very soon. Congratulations to everyone at St. Anthony of Padua.

**St. Mary Magdalen, Brighton** is nearing the \$ 1million mark with Participation Weekend this weekend. The tremendous response of parishioners attending gatherings has really created superb momentum at the parish. **Fr. Howell** and his team continue to work diligently and prayerfully to reach their goal.