



**Congratulations...to Fr. John Rocus and the people of Holy Spirit Parish in Brighton for surpassing their campaign goal. Eight parishes have now reached their goals and several more will join them soon. Thanks to everyone at these wonderful parishes who have been so generous and the pastors and volunteers who worked so faithfully. As we conclude the Pilot Wave and Advent we look forward to the Joy of the Christmas Season.**

**Tony Gwiazdowski, Campaign Executive Director**

## **Parish News**

*"No one has ever become poor by giving..."*

*Anne Frank*

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**Fr. John Rocus of Holy Spirit – Brighton** would like to congratulate the entire parish and leadership team for the reaching goal. They have had 220 families make a gift to the Witness to Hope Campaign or 58% of the Parish raising so far \$553,287.

**Fr. John** has been very excited to see how many families truly made a spiritual gift to the campaign. **Holy Spirit** is currently at 100% and still 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 179 families celebrating their gift to the Witness to Hope Campaign raising \$611,210 or 109% of goal.

**Light of Christ – Deerfield/Blissfield: Fr. Jeff** and team hosted their follow-up weekend this past week. They currently have 114 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.

Great anticipation is the story of Advent...awaiting Our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ- the mercy, love and peace that He brings to us and our world...At **St. Mary on the Lake**, we are also anxiously looking forward to starting the projects that Witness to Hope has allowed the parish to begin in January, the installation of new windows and doors. Following that project and later in the spring we will resurface our parking lot and perhaps add air conditioning because of the generous response to the Witness to Hope campaign. Profound gratitude to all that have pledged.

At **Queen of the Miraculous Medal** parish, we begin the last few days of Advent with a Parish penance service and the opportunity to thank God for these holy days of waiting for His Son, Jesus. Pledges continue to come in as so many of our parish family are prayerfully making their pledges. We are so grateful and excited to have now reached and surpassed our campaign goal. We also look forward to more pledges as the Christmas season passes. Construction of Vincentian Hall is scheduled to commence in January...

**St. Jude** parishioners continue to express their gratitude to God for His many gifts as Advent moves us closer to the celebration and commemoration of the Birth of Jesus...Approximately 260 families have now made their pledges and we know that all members of our community have received their campaign packets, either in person or through the mail. It is our hope and prayer that we can and will successfully raise the \$2.5 million that is required for our new building and improvements.

**Holy Family**, Grand Blanc continues at a steady pace with 462 gifts and \$3,119,400 pledged thus far. There is a special Witness to Hope bulletin insert planned for Christmas that includes renderings of the capital projects as well as a message about year-end gifts.

**Holy Rosary** in **Flint** is making calls to all those who have not yet responded to the campaign. Now less than \$100,000 from goal, **Fr. Horning's** team continues to press for participation among all the active families.

**Fr. Kuchar** and the team at **Saint Mark the Evangelist** in **Goodrich** completed Participation Weekend and is now looking to regrouping after the New Year to identify those who have not yet responded, and review those who made a one time gift and

consider who should be approached to see if they would renew that annual commitment.

**Saint Mary Queen of Angels in Swartz Creek** now has 142 commitments, and is closing in on the participation goal of 200 families. Nearly \$278,000 has been raised to date.

**Fr. Tom Helfrich** and **St. Rita in Clarklake** have moved their total pledged beyond the \$1,075,600 mark with 297 households on board. Fr. Tom continues to inspire wider participation to greatly exceed their \$1,200,000 target which will fund Church and facility upgrades.

**Fr. Bill Ashbaugh** and **Fr. Todd Koenigsknecht** and **St. Thomas the Apostle, Ann Arbor** total received is now at \$2,181,635 toward their \$3,000,000 goal with just 219 households. Fr. Bill and Fr. Todd are confident that many more families will step up with their *best sacrifice* pledge.

**St. Mary Magdalen, Brighton** parish community continues to make significant progress. The new pledge total is nearly \$1.6 million, 117% of goal. **Fr. David** is still hoping to reach a much higher total before the campaign concludes.

**St. Anthony of Padua, Hillsdale** finished their second participation weekend this past weekend and has now surpassed a pledge total of nearly \$560,000, 110% of the goal. **Fr. David Reamsnyder** is now encouraging all parishioners to participate to help increase the pledge total over 120% of goal!