

# St. Ann Catholic Parish Capital Campaign 2007



*Passing the Flame to Make a Difference*

*Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it... Psalm 127*



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1010 S. Louisa Street—Peoria, IL 61605

Dear Parishioners,

We stand at the threshold of a new era in the history of St. Ann Parish. The dedication and sacrifices of past generations have brought us to where we are today. Our dedication and sacrifices will make it possible for future generations to continue doing God's work. Through it all may we remain His faithful people, constantly giving thanks to Him for calling us to be his servants.

Our *Passing the Flame to Make a Difference* Capital Campaign will result in the construction of a new parish center to serve the families of St. Ann Parish

Like other Catholic parishes, St. Ann has become more than a place of weekend worship. As parish life has grown, the many educational, administrative and social needs have increased.

For the next several weeks we will be engaged in a capital campaign that will give everyone the opportunity to share in the vision for the future of our parish. Living in a world that constantly challenges our Catholic Christian values, St. Ann parish has made every effort to offer its parishioners guidance and direction based on the teaching of Jesus Christ and the traditions of our Church. By making a pledge to the *Passing the Flame to Make a Difference* capital campaign you will enable our parish to continue making these efforts.

We have the potential for a very successful campaign. My prayer is that we also have the measure of faith that will allow our potential to become a reality. And that prayer can only be answered if each of us responds by making a pledge not "until it hurts" but "until it feels good". Generosity has been a hallmark of our parish. I have been witness many times to this generosity, and because of it, God has blessed us greatly in return. For that generosity, I humbly thank you and ask for your continued support and cooperation. May God bless you!

Reverend Terry Cassidy  
Pastor

### *An Active, Involved Laity*

There has been a remarkable increase in ministerial activity among St. Ann parishioners—originating with a modest religious education program and culminating with a vibrant religious education program today. St. Ann parish has also added many ministries over the years. Many of these ministries have emerged only recently or have changed significantly over time. New ministries are constantly being suggested and inaugurated. Visitors to St. Ann parish are struck by the tremendous spirit of love, compassion, sharing, and general commitment of the lay people of our Catholic family. The concept of stewardship as a way of life is taken seriously at St. Ann. Our parishioners regularly give generously of their time, talent, and treasure.

This campaign has been well thought out. Hundreds of hours of planning and assessment of needs have preceded this fund raising campaign. This campaign is one in which

you can be proud to participate. Surely God will bless you for your interest, concern and generous response.



### *The History Behind the Tradition*

During the summer of 1881 Father Frederick Von Schwedler organized the parish of St. Boniface in the southwestern section of Peoria. The first church, school, and rectory cost a total of \$16,000. In 1892, the rapidly growing parish was turned over to the Franciscan Fathers from Cincinnati, Ohio, with Father Nicholas Holtel, OFM, as the its first pastor. It was under his pastorate that the present church was constructed for a cost of \$37,000. A convent was built at the turn of the century. With the parish growing a new school building was constructed in 1916. By 1931 – the 50<sup>th</sup> birthday of the parish – the parish community consisted of 480 families and almost 300 students in the school. A rather unique activity began in the parish in the 1940's – the construction of a bowling alley beneath the church. It has continued to the present in providing pleasant gatherings for the members of the present day St. Ann parish.

On December 18, 1966 fire completely gutted the church. Under the leadership of Father James, in April, 1969, the church was rededicated – very different from its predecessor, but still an outstanding building.

In 1971 St. Boniface School consolidated with St. John School in an effort to preserve Catholic education in the parishes. The school closed in 1999.

St. Boniface and St. John parishes worked together for many years before it became necessary to close St. John parish and bring everyone together at St. Boniface which became St. Ann parish in 1994. The present pastor, Father Terry Cassidy, has been pastor since 1999.

### *Finances*

#### **A SOUND FINANCIAL PLAN**

An intensive fundraising campaign is now initiated. The goal of the campaign is to raise a minimum of \$1,000,000. Funds will be raised from our parish households through Pacesetter, Special and Parish Family gifts, and friends. These funds will be in the form of subscriptions, or pledges, to be paid over a five-year period.

#### **ESTIMATED PROJECTED COSTS**

1.	<b>New Parish Center</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>
2.	<b>Furnishings, new parking, etc</b>	<b>\$ 200,000</b>
3.	<b>Total Estimated Cost of Project</b>	<b>\$1,200,000</b>

***Full Support Needed***

Just as in our homes, our parish family needs the full support and participation of each member. The spirit of Christianity has always been full participation in, total involvement in and commitment to our faith.

The general solicitation of pledges will be begin in November and December. A large volunteer organization of parishioners will be formed. These volunteers will make contact at that time with all other members of the St. Ann Parish Family. These volunteers will already have made their own financial commitment before asking others to do so. Five-year pledges are being sought because it would be impossible to raise funds of this magnitude through one-time, out of pocket donations.

The leadership team is in place. Many thanks to Diane Willis and Kay Shank for agreeing to be Co-Chairs for this project. They will be joined by countless other campaign volunteers in working for the betterment of our parish community.



**Gift Giving Chart**

This chart will help you decide how much to prayerfully consider as a gift for this campaign.

WEEKLY	MONTHLY	QUARTERLY	YEARLY	TOTAL GIFT
\$385.00	\$1,667	\$5,000	\$20,000	\$100,000
288	1,250	3,750	15,000	75,000
192	833	2,500	10,000	50,000
154	667	2,000	8,000	40,000
115	500	1,500	6,000	30,000
96	417	1,250	5,000	25,000
77	333	1,000	4,000	20,000
58	250	750	3,000	15,000
39	167	500	2,000	10,000
19	83	250	1,000	5,000
12	50	150	600	3,000

We ask that you keep the *Passing the Flame to Make a Difference* campaign in your prayers. Prayer and sacrifice have brought us to where we are today; prayer and sacrifice will carry us into the future. Through it all, be thankful to God for His many blessings and then, in thankful petition pray... **Dear Lord, grant success to the work of our hands.**

## Sacred Legacy

For over 126 years St. Ann parish has served the church and community with distinction.

Now, as St. Ann seeks to perpetuate its legacy, it needs your help.

Though ambitious, its vision is not excessive or extravagant - it calls for a functional, well-designed facility to allow the St. Ann parish family to continue to serve the people of St. Ann and the south side of Peoria.

We are all indebted to previous generations for making St. Ann parish what it is today. By forming our members morally and spiritually, our parish has enhanced our families immeasurably. Now it is our opportunity – indeed, our responsibility – to prepare St. Ann for the future.

We have all worshipped in churches we did not establish, attended schools we did not build, studied from books we did not buy. Now we have the chance to provide for our current needs and for the needs of future generations.

It is not often that an opportunity arises to do something that will make a lasting difference to the Church – especially to the members of St. Ann parish. This is just such an opportunity. Your enthusiastic commitment, your dedicated service to endow future generations with quality facilities to carry out the mission of St. Ann Catholic parish will be appreciated.

We ask that you give this project your prayerful support to fulfill its mission as a community that worships

together as a faithful family of God and is a visible sign to the larger community of Christ's life in us.

This campaign represents an opportunity for every member of St. Ann parish to participate in this exciting and necessary project. In keeping with a spirit of stewardship, if you are asked to serve as a volunteer in one of the sections of the campaign organization, we urge you to accept the task with enthusiasm. When you are asked to make your pledge we hope you will sacrifice as greatly as you can, knowing that your financial commitment presents an occasion to preserve and strengthen our parish both for ourselves and for those who will follow us.

In the end, the **Passing the Flame to Make a Difference** capital campaign is not simply about a building. It is how we can say thank you to St. John parish, St. Boniface parish and now St. Ann parish for the blessings and the well being we have enjoyed. It is about attracting more families to the parish and the assurance that we will provide the facilities they need to be active parish members. The year 2008 will mark over 127 years since the beginning of St. Ann Parish in the south side. What better way to prepare our church, our community, even our world, for the future than through the **Passing the Flame to Make a Difference** capital campaign.

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*Good and gracious Father hear our prayer to build a Parish Center.*

*Jesus, help us to pass on the flame of our faith that You placed within each of us: Through the use of our Time, Talents, and Treasures.*

*Holy Spirit, Help us to further our mission here at St. Ann to go out and make a difference, that our parish center be more than just bricks and mortar but a visible and active sign of Jesus Christ in the South side.*

*For it is only through You, with You, and in You, that we accomplish our mission in life. We ask this through Christ Our Lord.  
Amen*

Conceptual Pictures of the new St. Ann Parish Center



Jefferson—Louisa Street



Antoinette Street



Louisa Street



Courtyard