



It was exactly one year ago that our Faith in Action: Building Our Future capital campaign was announced as our path forward to address the needs of our growing parish community and our ministries. This critical and exciting endeavor supports improvements to our social hall, the construction of the new ingress drive, the building of a new educational and ministry building, and an adoration chapel.

Since then, \$3.8million has been raised in gifts and pledges toward our ultimate \$5million goal. This great generosity allowed us to begin (and finish!) Phase 1 already. Many are already enjoying the fruits of the new drive at our high-volume Masses, and it has been incredible to see the very tangible difference that the updated capabilities of the social hall have made in our ability to meet the needs of our ministries and programs.

With Phase 1 complete (and with the help of a loan from the Archdiocese as we continue to raise funds), it was with excitement that we were able to have our groundbreaking ceremony for Phase 2 (the new building) on November 23rd. It is a tremendous accomplishment for a parish to move from the first

announcement to foundation work in less than a year! Work will progress as weather permits through the winter months. In the meantime, we continue to use every nook and cranny we can – a confessional, a former coat closet, and even the gathering space – as classroom and meeting space. Thank God for his providence that we began to address these issues when we did – the new space can't arrive soon enough!

The final 22% of our goal is now certainly within reach and more will be shared in the coming months on our various paths forward. While the loan from the Archdiocese allowed us to begin securing materials and take advantage of today's prices for the new building, it will be crucial to continue to move toward our fundraising goal to minimize the ultimate amount needed. It will also allow us to begin Phase 3 (the adoration chapel) in a timely manner and, again, take advantage of today's prices.

A huge thank you to all for your great love and commitment toward our parish. It is a great blessing to know that the hard work done today ensure this remains a place where Christ is met and loved for years to come.

