



ST. PATRICK'S PARISH

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Dear Parishioner,

Enclosed with this mailing are several pages of information regarding our life and ministry in our parish community, especially in regards to finances and stewardship. Please take the time to read and review the material. Your ongoing and renewed support of time, talent, and treasure is essential for the ministry of the parish to continue and grow in Jesus Christ.

Along with this material, I wish to announce the beginning of a parish-wide building process.

Over the last six years, our parish has been considering the possibility of building a new parish facility on property we own in eastern Council Bluffs. Bishop Paets has asked our parish to begin the process of actively planning for this possibility.

The Process is done in three major phases, and may take several years:

1. **Building site evaluation and planning**; parish facility needs assessment; preliminary drawings and documents of a master plan for the use of the site; and evaluation of projected costs to build. (3-6 months, est.).
2. **Fundraising** for the project (6 months-3 years, est.).
3. **Building design documents & actual construction** (12-16 months, est.).

Our parish's Pastoral Council, Parish Finance Council and Parish Council of Catechesis have been informed and consulted about this initiative. We have begun very preliminary planning for this great undertaking.

In addition to the above mentioned parish leadership, we are forming a **Parish Building Project Committee** to act as the steering committee for the project. I have appointed Mr. Lowell Bryant as the Chair of the committee. Lowell is a long time parishioner with long time experience as a manager, coordinator, and parish leader. I have great confidence in his abilities. We will be selecting other members to the Parish Building Project Committee in the near future.

I believe this project has great potential to animate and draw together our parish community in a revolutionary way - as it is guided by the Holy Spirit. It will not be without significant challenges. We will **ALL** be called upon to assist in the planning, development, and completion of this effort. Yet, through this process, we can lay a foundation of faith for many generations to come.

You will continue to be informed and updated as our process unfolds. Please keep this awesome endeavor in your prayers and thank you for your continued support to our parish community and the ministry of Jesus Christ.

Rev. David P. Fleming
Pastor, St. Patrick Parish