Dear Parishioners,

As we continue to develop the Capital Campaign, the role of our faith is so important. Foremost is our Catholic faith in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. That faith gives us a confident hope for a great future. It provides us with faith in each other. It’s the basis for the confidence and faith we have in the leadership of our Capital Campaign!

I am very pleased to announce our Capital Campaign Co-Chairs - Don & Valerie Bellino, Rick & Stacy Denne, Jared & Kim Hollinger and Doug & Judy McWilliams. Supported by a talented and devoted Steering Committee, our campaign leaders are committed to the faith-filled future of our parish family.

One important quality of our faith is that it is not completely unknown. We can believe and have confidence based upon a good reason. “Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen.” Hebrews 11:1. That “evidence” is our reason for believing and for having confidence. For this reason, I want us all to make a faith-filled and informed decision in making a campaign commitment.

Please attend one of our campaign events to further understand the details of each phase. In addition to sharing fellowship, each event includes an exceptional parish history video, a PowerPoint discussion of the projects, and plenty of time for your questions.

Thank you to our Events Team for their creativity and effort in providing these important opportunities.

As always, I welcome your questions, concerns and thoughts about our parish and this capital campaign process.

Peace,

Fr. Dave
FACILITIES TEAM SHARES VISION

... explaining projects at campaign events

Addressing overdue campus upgrades and considering space for future needs of the parish is the objective of the St. Columbkille Facilities Team. Formed in 2013, the team includes parishioners with backgrounds in finance, architecture, real estate, construction, project management, risk assessment and engineering.

The team will follow industry “best practices” in addressing our facility challenges. In assessing needs, the team:

- Interfaced with professionals in architecture and construction to discuss solutions for each phase of renovation or construction.
- Interviewed parish user groups to understand space requirements and needs.
- Conducted listening sessions for parishioner feedback and questions.

Team members will present detailed project information during each campaign event. They will share the plans and costs of each project and answer questions.

The Facilities Team invites all households to attend at least one campaign event to become fully informed of the projects supported by the campaign.

FACILITIES TEAM MEMBERS INCLUDE: Terry Buckman, Des Connelly, Dave Fanslau, Jared Hollinger, John Lepak, John Lowndes, Marlo Monico, Dick Van Haute, Chris Wiedenfeld, Debbie Armentrout, Nicole Cook, Julie Crnkovich, Bill Frankman, Bill Heese, Deacon David Krueger, Sarah Pinkleman, Brandi Redburn, Brian Spencer, Fr. Dave Reeson

Facilities Team member Dick Van Haute shares project information during campaign event.
Celebrating Community, Growing in Christ is our capital campaign theme. In reflection, these words point toward a bigger goal; developing our relationship with Christ and enjoying his presence in the faces of our fellow parishioners.

While we are instructed to pray, fast and give in “secret” during this Lenten season, it is impossible to live our faith alone. We live our faith in community! The God of surprises gives us glimpses of Himself and opportunities to live out our faith in the context of our brothers and sisters.

Let us also reflect on the efforts to make our St. Columbkille campus a better place to come together and experience this sense of community. It started with the “mundane” task of adding parking. I wonder how many confessions were made about angry feelings and actions while coming to and from Mass! Well, I believe that the number is falling. Through our initial Pave the Way efforts:

1. The parish office was moved and greatly improved
2. Parking spaces increased
3. There are turn lanes in both directions to enter and exit the parking lot onto Cornhusker.
4. The 12-step course for parking lot anger management has been cancelled! Hallelujah!

Finishing Pave the Way projects is a main priority in Phase I.

**Items include:**

1. Replace and move the Church air conditioning units.
2. Complete passenger drop-off area. (important for less mobile parishioners)
3. Reconfigure the west exit of the parking lot for enhanced traffic flow. (The last bastion of parking lot anger!)

Phase I also includes social hall and kitchen renovations.

1. Update the bride & groom rooms, as well as the meeting rooms.
2. Expand the kitchen: (so our Knights won’t need to join Ferrell’s body shaping. Trust me, the kitchen will be cheaper.)
3. Replace audio/visual equipment.
4. Update lighting, ventilation and ceiling tiles.

In all seriousness, what we have accomplished in Pave the Way and will accomplish through Phase I will have an immediate impact in creating an environment where we can come and go with ease and enjoy each other’s company for the greater glory of God - *Ad majorum Dei gloriam (AMDG).*

**Phase I Benefits**

- Upgraded, energy efficient air conditioning
- Passenger drop-off area
- Greater traffic flow
- Expanded kitchen
- Improved ventilation
- Modernized A/V equipment
- Enhanced social hall
- Renewed lighting and ceiling tiles
- Updated bride/groom & meeting rooms

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**Timeline:** Summer 2018

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**Phase 1: Expand Social Hall Kitchen**

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Attending a campaign event is the best way to familiarize yourself with our parish projects and capital campaign. Scheduled at various times and days of the week, each event includes refreshments, a brief presentation and plenty of time for your questions.

To help us plan appropriately, please rsvp to Katie Rainbolt at 402-672-4064 or by email StCeventsrsvp@gmail.com and indicate the best event date for you. Better yet, increase the fun by bringing parish friends or neighbors. We promise not to run out of refreshments.

Thanks to our Events Team for putting this schedule together, and even more, for handling the hundreds of details involved in every event.

**Pizza with Our Pastor**

**Fr. Dave at Taco Tuesday**

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**Doug and Judy McWilliams - continued from page 1**

Doug worked fish fries, coached youth sports, ushered and like his father, served on the finance committee. He started the booster club and in turn began Ceili, which Doug and Judy would eventually serve as co-chairs.

The year after Fr. Steinhausen passed away, Doug represented his former pastor and friend at Ceili, donning Fr. Steinhausen’s hat and coat. Later, he led the effort to raise money and build the Steinhausen Center.

“We grew up in active Catholic families, so getting involved was second nature. It was easy here and we were not alone. There were many active parishioners, but some that really carried the torch. They are the pillars – friends like Paul and Barb Kenney who were always involved, always connected and always looking out for the best interest of the parish. It was a privilege volunteering alongside them.”

Doug and Judy describe St. Columbkille in one familiar term – family.

“We’re blessed with truly close friends here; Marie & Gino Valentine, Michelle & Dan Grzywa, Kelly & Jeannie Longnecker, Rocky & Skip Krebs. Our children grew up together. Their children are like our own. It’s special for us to see those kids now returning to St. Columbkille with children of their own.”

The McWilliams are amazed by parish growth and many of the young leaders. “There are many go-getters here. Just as the Kenneys passed the torch of volunteerism to us, our time has come to pass that torch again. Our young parishioners are ready to lead. Their commitment to the faith and to this parish family is inspiring. The future is in good hands.”

Doug and Judy know the campus renovations and construction will serve that future well. “These past due projects will serve this family well into the future. The facility additions will enable us to expand ministry, grow the faith and yes, make disciples.”

Judy remembers a thought her mother often shared, “Throw bread upon the water and it will always come back.” Doug shares, “God has proved that to us many times.”

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**Your Campaign Events Team: Co-Chairs:** Rebecca Cargill, Patty Perry, Katie Rainbolt, Andrea Robles, Rick Yanovich

**Team:** Linda Acquazzino, Pam Albers, Mary Ellen Anderson, Mike Anthofer, David Barnes, Zach Bass, Paul Bonham, Jackie & David Borczyk, Teresa Borer, Katie Boyle, Doug & Mary Beth Broderick, Laurie Byrne, Stephanie Burns, Rod Cargill, Lindsay Carpenter, Steve & Tammy Champion, Kim & Joe Chase, Travis & Annette Clark, Desmond Connolly, Ines Dagogn, Hans & Andrea Dethlefs, Bob Diesing, Robert Ecker, Rick & Mo Egermier, Diane Ferro, Andrea & Bob Fillaus, Janelle French, Frank Graf, Dan Grzywa, Jackie Havranek, Andrea & Brad Heffelfinger, Jim Horacek, Stacy Hug, Mary & Don Hunt, Cheryl Hurley, Dee Iske, Karl Johnson, Patty Jurgenson, Peter & Michelle Kenney, Jill Kersey, Mitzi Keuter, Mike & Pat Krzywicki, Linda & Joe Kueper, Dave & Pat Lang, Jessica Larson, Frank Leonard, John Lepak, Mary Lyn Loeffler, Krissey Madej, Jannah & Will Markham, Frank Mascarello, Roger McCartney, Robin McCoy, James McGrail, Brian Mundt, Dean Neesen, Thomas Oldham, Maria Ortiz, Brian & Michelle Palmer, Gene Peterson, Marci & David Petta, Barb & Pat Plefeier, Debbie & Jerry Plourde, Kevin Pokorny, Andrea Powers, Jan Pulte, Kyle Purcell, Dave & Mary Beth Radloff, Carrie Rieden, Jennifer Roberts, Jennifer Sauer, Bernie Scheppers, Erica Sequeira, Andy & Emily Smith, Gordon & Lisa Sosso, Julie & Garrett Soukup, Danny & Katie Steiner, Scott & Krista Stevens, Scott & Therese Strauman, Emily & Matt Stuever, Layla Stull, Judy Thome, Mike Thompson, Jose Venegas, Nancy & Chuck Veys, Christine Weiss, Ginny Weston, Cam & Cathy Wiese, Dave & Teresa Wooten, Chris Zuerlein, Ryan & Katie Zulkoski