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## The Campaign for St. Mary Parish

Newsletter Vol. 1

April 2, 2006

### Campaign to Begin after Easter

Father Marc Gawronski and the Campaign Leadership Committee are pleased to announce the beginning of "*Loving in Word and Deed, The Campaign for St. Mary Parish.*" The campaign will begin after Easter, with a goal of raising \$850,000 over the next three years to:

- **Meet our 2006 Catholic Services Appeal target**
- **Retire parish debt**
- **Complete important parish restoration projects**

This is our opportunity to address these important issues and help prepare us for the future. Each of our parish families will be asked to respond to the challenge of supporting this drive *to the best of our ability*. A series of campaign receptions is scheduled where the details of the campaign will be explained, questions answered, and campaign literature distributed.

***Look for weekly updates in the Sunday bulletin!***

#### Campaign Leadership Committee

Fr. Marc Gawronski, *Pastor*

Dennis Blanchette, *General Chair*

#### Major Gifts Committee

Lois Yaeger, *Chair*

John Castiglione

Kelley Duffey

#### Advance Gifts Committee

Donna St. Pierre, *Co-Chair*

Harry Grenawitzke, *Co-Chair*

#### Follow up Committee

Jack Ready, *Chair*

Linda Black

#### Recruitment Committee

Kay Lani Rafko-Wilson, *Chair*

Joel Whalen

#### Campaign Secretary

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April 23, 2006

### **Parish Wide Receptions are coming in May!**

All parishioners are encouraged to attend a campaign reception to learn more about the campaign. Advance Gift and Parish Wide Receptions are planned when presentations will be made on the planned restoration projects and the campaign; committee members will be on-hand to answer your questions; and campaign literature will be distributed. Refreshments will be served, so please make your reservation today— your participation in this campaign will help prepare St. Mary Parish for future generations!

#### **Clip and Save**

Parish Wide Receptions are scheduled for the following dates:

***Tuesday, May 2nd at 7:00 P.M.  
in the Parish Life Center***

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***Thursday, May 4th at 7:00 P.M.  
in the Parish Life Center***

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***Sunday, May 7th  
after 11:30 A.M. Mass  
in the Parish Life Center***

Please R.S.V.P. in one of three ways:

- 1) Return a reply card that is attached the reception invitation;
- 2) Call the Parish Office at 241-1644;  
  
or
- 3) Email the Parish Office-  
parishoffice@stmarymonroe.org

#### **Campaign Objectives**

We seek to address three pressing needs through this appeal to the St. Mary Parish Family. Our campaign goal is secure pledges totaling \$850,000 over the next four years, with pledge dollars distributed as follows:

- \$70,000 will fulfill our parish's obligation to the 2006 Catholic Services Appeal in support of the work of the larger church.
- \$390,000 will COMPLETELY RETIRE parish debt that has existed since the 1998 expansion of our campus, when we created our Parish Life Center, gymnasium, library, music, computer & art rooms, and Faith Formation Offices.
- \$390,000 will make it possible for us to complete important parish restoration projects, including repairs to our church, school and rectory buildings.

***Come to a reception and learn more!***



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April 30, 2006

### Calling All Volunteers!

All adult parishioners are asked to complete a Volunteer Card this weekend and become a Campaign Volunteer. Your role as a Campaign Volunteer involves an eight hour time commitment over a four week period in May and June to help make follow up contacts. If you are able to assist only with clerical tasks, please indicate this on your card.

Kaye Lani Rafko-Wilson & Joel Whalen will be providing more details about volunteering for the campaign during the liturgies this weekend. All those who volunteer for follow-up contacts will be sent a letter regarding a Volunteer Orientation Meeting that will take place on Wednesday, May 17th.

### Pledge Total Nears \$100,000!

The Campaign Leadership Committee thanks all those who are helping to get the campaign off to an excellent start- the early returns have brought our pledge total \$90,500, which represents more than 10% of our campaign goal!

Every pledge is important, which is why all St. Mary parishioners are asked to consider a sacrificial gift of time, talent and treasure to help the drive succeed. What can you do to help? Attend a campaign reception, fill out a volunteer card, and encourage your fellow parishioners to get involved.

During the receptions details of the drive will be presented, personalized campaign literature will be distributed, questions will be answered, and (best of all) refreshments will be served.

*~Where others see obstacles,  
let us see possibilities~*

### Parish Wide Reception Schedule

**Tuesday, May 2nd at 7:00 P.M.  
in the Parish Life Center**

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**Thursday, May 4th at 7:00 P.M.  
in the Parish Life Center**

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**Sunday, May 7th  
after 11:30 A.M. Mass  
in the Parish Life Center**

Refreshments will be served.

Call ahead or just show up!

Need more information?  
Call the Parish Office, 241-1644,  
ask for Fred or Dan.



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## The Campaign for St. Mary Parish

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May 7, 2006

### Campaign Reception - This Sunday!

**Sunday, May 7th following the 11:30 A.M. Mass in the Parish Life Center**

*You are welcome to join us! Learn more about the importance of "Loving in Word and Deed, The Campaign for St. Mary Parish" and how it will benefit us all. The reception runs only about an hour, your questions will be answered following a brief presentation. You can also pick up your campaign literature. Refreshments will be served.*

### Thank You Campaign Volunteers!!!

*A heartfelt thanks to more than 80 parishioners that have signed on to help Kaye Lani Rafko-Wilson and Joel Whalen with the volunteer efforts of the campaign through their gift of time and talent.*

For those of you that have offered to help with follow up contacts, our first meeting will be held:

**Wednesday, May 17th at 7:00 PM in the Parish Life Center.**

For those volunteers wishing to help with the clerical/office duties, our first mailing will be on:

**Tuesday, May 9th at 1 PM in the Social Hall.**

Special thanks to Doug Thoma for his help in coordinating our mailings.

If you would like to help, it's not too late! Use the form below to sign up to volunteer, and thank you!

### Loving in Word and Deed

~ Campaign Update ~

**Pledge Total:                 \$280,775**

**Campaign Goal:             \$850,000**

**Percentage of Goal:         33%**

*Remember, every gift is important to our success. The campaign is based on equal sacrifice, not equal gifts.*

### Campaign Volunteer Card

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please detach and return through the Sunday collection or to the parish office.



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## The Campaign for St. Mary Parish

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May 14, 2006

### *Campaign Brochures are on the way!*

*A special brochure outlining the need for our "Loving in Word and Deed" campaign and explaining the pledge process has been mailed to the home of every registered family. The mailing also includes a personal pledge form and a return envelope, please take a few moments to review the information and begin to consider how you can help. If you have any questions about the campaign, ideas, or comments, please do not hesitate to call. The campaign office can be reached at 241-1644. We want every family to be involved and informed about our plans for the future!*

### *Next Weekend is Commitment Weekend!*

*Next weekend, May 20th and 21st, has been designated as our commitment weekend when each family is asked to respond with their decision by returning their completed pledge form either with the collection at Mass or through the mail. The week of May 24th, our campaign volunteers will begin contacting those families from whom we have not heard, your timely response will help to reduce their workload, and is greatly appreciated!*

### Loving in Word and Deed

~ Campaign Update ~

**Pledge Total:**                      \$397,000

**Campaign Goal:**                    \$850,000

**Percentage of Goal:**                47%

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### Thank You Campaign Volunteers!!!

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For anyone wishing to help with follow up contacts, our first meeting will be held:

**Wednesday, May 17th at 7:00 PM  
in the Parish Life Center.**



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## The Campaign for St. Mary Parish

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May 21, 2006

### *This is Commitment Weekend!*

*This weekend has been designated as commitment weekend when each family is asked to respond with their decision by returning their completed pledge form either with the collection at Mass or through the mail. Next week, our campaign volunteers will begin contacting those families from whom we have not heard, your timely response will help to reduce their workload, and is greatly appreciated!*

*If you have not done so, please consider a sacrificial pledge to the best of your ability.*

*By now every family should have received a special brochure outlining the need for our "Loving in Word and Deed" campaign and explaining the pledge process. If you have not received one, additional brochure packets are available at the entrances to church. If you have any questions about the campaign, ideas, or comments, please do not hesitate to call.*

*The campaign office can be reached at 241-1644.*

*We want every family to be involved and informed about our plans for the future!*

### Loving in Word and Deed

#### ~ Campaign Update ~

**Pledge Total:**                 **\$558,990**

**Campaign Goal:**             **\$850,000**

**Percentage of Goal:**       **65%**

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### Thank You Campaign Volunteers!!!

A heartfelt thanks to everyone that has called, stuffed, sealed, mailed, checked, sorted, coordinated, supervised, prayed or helped in any other way with the efforts associated with the campaign through their gift of time and talent.

We are grateful.

**For our contact volunteers,  
our next meeting will be held:**

**Wednesday, May 24th at 7:00 PM  
in the Parish Life Center.**



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## The Campaign for St. Mary Parish

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May 28, 2006

### Commitment Weekend a Success!

*Thank you to those families who responded at last week's Commitment Weekend! Nearly \$200,000 came in bringing our total to \$760,540. Our campaign volunteers have now begun contacting those families that we have yet to hear from. You can help by responding if you have not already done so. Campaign packets are available from the parish office or at the back of Church. If you have any questions about the campaign, ideas, or comments, you do not have to wait for a volunteer to call you.*

- *The campaign office can be reached at (734) 241-1644.*

*We want every family to participate in our plans for the future!*

*Every gift, regardless of size, is important to our success.*

*The campaign is based on equal sacrifice, not equal gifts.*

*Every gift to "Loving in Word and Deed, The Campaign for St. Mary Parish" will be recognized / memorialized.*

*If you have not done so,  
please consider a sacrificial pledge to the best of your ability.*

### Loving in Word and Deed

~ Campaign Update ~

Pledge Total:	\$760,540
Campaign Goal:	\$850,000
Percentage of Goal:	89%
Average Gift:	\$2,175

### Campaign Volunteers!!!

For your gift of time and talent, we are grateful.

For our contact volunteers,  
our next meeting will be held:

Wednesday, May 31st at 7:00 PM  
in the Parish Life Center.

Next Mailing: Thursday, June 1st, 11 A.M.  
in the Social Hall.



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## The Campaign for St. Mary Parish

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June 4, 2006

# Thank You!

*We are grateful to everyone who has responded to "Loving in Word and Deed, The Campaign for St. Mary Parish". Thanks to your generosity, we have now surpassed the minimum goal set for the campaign by nearly 13%.*

*Imagine if every family made a sacrificial pledge to benefit St. Mary!*

*We want every family to participate in our plans for the future!*

*Every gift, regardless of size, is important to our success.*

*The campaign is based on equal sacrifice, not equal gifts.*

*Every gift will be recognized / memorialized.*

*If you have not done so,  
please consider a sacrificial pledge to the best of your ability.*

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~ Campaign Update ~

Pledge Total:	\$958,811
Campaign Goal:	\$850,000
Percentage of Goal:	113%
Average Gift:	\$2,048.74

Campaign Volunteers!!!

For your gifts of time and talent,  
we are grateful.

**For our contact volunteers,  
our next meeting will be held:**

**Wednesday, June 7th at 7:00 PM  
in the Parish Life Center.**