

October 12, 2017

Dear Parishioners,

Next year our beautiful parish church building will be ninety years old. It has seen many changes over the years and it has served our parish community well. However, as with all things, they constantly need our attention to remain in good repair; by paying attention to things when they are smaller issues, it helps to keep larger issues from developing. Recently our building & grounds committee, trustees and I toured all of our parish buildings and identified a few key areas that are in need of our attention. We have checked into various bids for repair and replacement of the following items. They are listed by priority.

The church roof is the original roof and can no longer be repaired. We have experienced leaks which have been causing damage to our recent interior painting that was done in the church. Our beautiful stained glass windows have some major damage in a few places, minor damage in others and some need to have the leading between them repaired. The refinishing of all the church doors will be taking place in the coming weeks. The trim of the windows and other painted areas of the church, rectory and community house all need repainting. The brick retaining wall in front of the rectory is crumbling and leaning badly. Our church bells haven't rung in four years because the electronic ringing mechanism is from 1971 and parts are no longer available; in addition, replacement of some of the timbers that anchor them is needed. Finally, the kitchen floor in the parish hall needs to be replaced.

We come to you asking your generous support of our capital campaign in which we hope to raise \$160,000 to cover the cost of these repairs. We would like to complete these projects as we have the money in hand, but in the case of the major and most needed repair, our roof, we may need to secure a loan so that it

can be completed this fall before there is further damage to the interior of the church. We ask that you complete a pledge card and turn it in the weekend of October 29. There are various options available to make a onetime gift or to pay each month or quarterly. Any gift is greatly appreciated so that we may enjoy our beautiful buildings in the future and be good stewards of what our fore bearers built. Next weekend members of the building & grounds committee, as well as the trustees will be on hand to show the various areas of need to anyone who would like to inspect them. Thank you very much for your prayerful consideration of these projects and may God bless you!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Msgr. David M. Darin".

Msgr. David M. Darin
Pastor