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Preserving Our Heritage
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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

ST. MARY
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Marietta, Ohio



Preserving Our Heritage -

A Letter from our Priests...

Dear Parishioners,

Throughout the impressive history of Saint Mary Parish, each generation has left an indelible mark on what had been accomplished in Marietta. From the beginning of our Parish history when Fr. James McCaffrey became the first resident pastor, the parishioners of Saint Mary Parish have been examples of faith and generosity. We celebrate with great pride and thanksgiving the achievements of our past, and we dedicate ourselves today to that same faith and tradition for which our ancestors sacrificed so much to ensure.

Our beautiful and historic church building dedicated on December 12, 1909 is in the words of the Marietta Daily Times (Dec. 13, 1909) “a marvelous beauty, no pains having been spared to make it a place of dedication to the services of God”. Over these many years, the church has seen eighteen pastors and has gone through several renovations. Now it is time again to make some necessary repairs on our church building, to enhance the interior beauty through more permanent fixtures and to restore our devotional items. Our Capital Campaign **Preserving Our Heritage - Preserving our Faith** will enable us to address our current parish needs.

In a spirit of thanksgiving to God, we invite you to review this brochure that details for you the plans for our restoration project. We ask that you examine the brochure and carefully consider your part in our parish goal.

The success of this campaign depends on the faith and generosity of every member of our parish. Your generosity will give honor and glory to God as well as preserve our beautiful building for generations yet to come. May God bless our efforts and strengthen our parish community.

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Msgr. John M. Campbell
Pastor

Fr. Mark A. Moore
Parochial Vicar



We are asking for a sacrifice, and we know that sacrifice leads to good things. But most important, we need to remember that our Lord will not be outdone in generosity. Thank you in advance for your prayerful and financial support of the Preserving Our Heritage- Preserving Our Faith Campaign.

At St. Mary Parish, We Are All Members of a Larger Family

All of us are members a family, and family members help each other in times of need. Here at St. Mary, we are also members of a much larger family, our parish family and our diocesan family. Now, as we begin the **Preserving Our Heritage - Preserving Our Faith Campaign**, we turn to you for assistance. Each family member, in his or her own special way, has been generous to St. Mary Catholic Community in the past. Even the simple act of registration shows a commitment of faith and an identity with the community. Continuing that spirit of generosity, we request a pledge of financial and prayerful support from all our families. We invite parishioners that call St. Mary their spiritual home to take this opportunity to **Preserving Our Faith** and support the good works of our diocese, as well as, ensure the financial health of our parish community.

Please Keep in Mind the 3 Facets of Parish Giving...

- **Offertory:** Your weekly contributions to the general collection support the day-to-day operating expenses of the parish, including faith formation, liturgy, maintaining our facilities and personnel.
- **Preserving Our Heritage- Preserving Our Faith Campaign:** Your pledge payments to this campaign should be in addition to your regular offertory contributions and annual appeal contributions. Your campaign pledge is a restricted gift – to be used solely for the projects in this brochure.
- **Annual Diocesan/Parish Share Campaign :** Each year, all parishioners are asked to support the Diocese of Steubenville in order to supplement the services they provide to our parish, other parishes, and missions of the diocese.





Pledges Via Cash or Check: Simply complete your pledge card by selecting the amount of your pledge and down payment. Make sure to select your method of payment, i.e., monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annual payments. Please make checks payable to St. Mary Church and note the Restoration Fund. You will be sent payment reminders and a special payment envelope in accordance with the payment plan you choose. You may return the pledge card in the weekly collection, bring it by the parish office, or return it in the mail with a stamp.

Gifts of Stock: Donors can use their own broker/agent or the diocesan agent to transfer and sell stock. If the stock has been held long-term (over one year), the donor does not have to pay capital gains tax on the stock, and is allowed a tax deduction for the full value of the stock. Donors may also choose to sell stock in order to claim a loss, which may be beneficial for tax circumstances. In either case, the stock must first be transferred to the parish before being liquidated. Please contact the campaign office for more information.

Gifts of Property, Life Insurance, Annuities, Wills or Bequests: Families or individuals can make gifts of real estate, personal property, automobiles, life insurance, estate bequests, annuities or charitable remainder trusts. For substantial gifts of property other than marketable securities, the IRS requires an appraisal. Please contact the campaign office for more information.

Gifts Via IRA (For those 70.5 or older. Only valid thru December 31, 2007):

The Pension Protection Act of 2006 permits individuals 70.5 or older to rollover up to \$100,000 from an individual retirement account (IRA) directly to a qualifying charity without recognizing the assets transferred to the qualifying charity as income. Retroactive to distributions made from IRAs in taxable years beginning after December 31, 2005. This provision is time-limited; it will not apply to any distribution made in taxable years beginning after December 31, 2007. An individual may exclude up to \$100,000 from his/her gross income for each tax year for qualified charitable distributions from an IRA.





Preserving Our Faith

Campaign Prayer

Loving God,

*At this time in the life of our Parish,
we turn to you with grateful hearts for what we have,
and with great anticipation for what is yet to be.*

*Bless us with a sense of unity,
a spirit of cooperation, and a generous heart
as we face the responsibilities
and challenges of our Parish.*

*We know there is much to do.
We believe our goals are rooted in Your Word
and in Your Work.*

*Please guide us, strengthen us,
and bless us with Your Presence,
now and through the years to come.*

*In Jesus' Name we pray,
Amen.*





Water Damage

St. Mary: Our Parish Needs

From the earliest Christian times, the word “church” has been given to the building in which the Christian community gathers to hear the word of God, to pray together, to celebrate the Sacraments, and to participate in the Eucharist.

Here at St. Mary, we have an architectural, cultural, and liturgical treasure in our church building. As we strive to live the Gospel values in our daily lives, we know that without our church, we could easily be lost. That is why we have begun a campaign to preserve and restore the beauty of our church. With a fond regard for our past and a bright vision for our future, we hope that the building we preserve will be a reflection of our own spiritual lives, radiant with the light of Jesus Christ.

There are three major objectives for our Parish Campaign over the next four years:

(1) The Repair and Restoration of Our Parish Church\$1,550,000

All of these efforts will enhance the beauty and nobility of our grand church, while preserving the architectural and liturgical heritage we have received.

In addition, these preparations will allow us to have the bishop consecrate our church, which has never been done in the history of the building. During the Rite of Consecration, the bishop will formally dedicate the altar and the entire church building to the service of God alone. He will anoint the walls of the church with the Oil of Sacred Chrism, which will then be adorned with special consecration candles, so as to signify this special act of dedication to our Lord.

The restoration and consecration of our church is a clear and visible sign that our faith is alive and well here in Marietta.



Suggested Pledge Plans

Total Payments.....	10% Down	4 Annual	8 Semi-Annual	16 Quarterly	48 Monthly	Daily Sacrifice
\$500,000.....	\$ 50,000	\$ 112,500	\$ 56,250	\$ 28,125	\$ 9,375	\$ 312.50
\$250,000.....	\$ 25,000	\$ 56,250	\$ 28,125	\$ 14,063	\$ 4,688	\$ 156.25
\$100,000.....	\$ 10,000	\$ 22,500	\$ 11,250	\$ 5,625	\$ 1,875	\$ 62.50
\$75,000.....	\$ 7,500	\$ 16,875	\$ 8,438	\$ 4,219	\$ 1,406	\$ 46.88
\$50,000.....	\$ 5,000	\$ 11,250	\$ 5,625	\$ 2,813	\$ 938	\$ 31.25
\$40,000.....	\$ 4,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 4,500	\$ 2,250	\$ 750	\$ 25.00
\$30,000.....	\$ 3,000	\$ 6,750	\$ 3,375	\$ 1,688	\$ 563	\$ 18.75
\$25,000.....	\$ 2,500	\$ 5,625	\$ 2,813	\$ 1,406	\$ 469	\$ 15.63
\$20,000.....	\$ 2,000	\$ 4,500	\$ 2,250	\$ 1,125	\$ 375	\$ 12.50
\$15,000.....	\$ 1,500	\$ 3,375	\$ 1,688	\$ 844	\$ 281	\$ 9.38
\$10,000.....	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,250	\$ 1,125	\$ 563	\$ 188	\$ 6.25
\$7,500.....	\$ 750	\$ 1,688	\$ 844	\$ 422	\$ 141	\$ 4.69
\$5,000.....	\$ 500	\$ 1,125	\$ 563	\$ 281	\$ 94	\$ 3.13

Your gift can be given in memory or honor of a loved one.

Memorials are special ways of honoring the people we love, whether they are living or deceased. Often made for a special intention or in thanksgiving for blessings received from God, a gift to this campaign can be made in honor of almost any suggestion a donor deems worthy. Families are encouraged to consider joining together to memorialize their special legacy at St. Mary Church. All gifts will be appropriately acknowledged in a permanent display.

Altar.....	\$ 150,000
Tabernacle Stand.....	\$ 75,000
Ambo (pulpit).....	\$ 75,000
Baptismal Font.....	\$ 75,000
Crucifixion scene for side niche.....	\$ 75,000
Holy Family scene for side niche.....	\$ 75,000
Mosaic of Our Lady of Perpetual Help.....	\$ 50,000
(over votive candle stand)	
Confessional.....	\$ 25,000
Wording around Dome Ring.....	\$ 25,000
Handicap ramps to sacristy and chapel.....	\$ 15,000
Symbols for large blank circles in the clerestory (8).....	\$ 15,000 each
Hanging Sanctuary Lamp (2).....	\$ 10,000 each
Restored Angel throughout church (18).....	\$ 10,000 each
Large Candlesticks (2).....	\$ 7,500 each
Refinishing processional cross.....	\$ 5,000
Presider's Chair.....	\$ 3,000
Concelebrant Chair (2).....	\$ 3,000 each
Server's chairs (6).....	\$ 3,000 each
Consecration Candlesticks (12).....	\$ 2,500 each



All contributions to the campaign are fully tax deductible for those who itemize their taxes. Pledges are not legally binding, but rather an indication of your intention to donate.

If you have any questions about the campaign or making your pledge, please contact our on-site Campaign Office at (740) 373-3643 x 22.

How to Pledge Your Support!

St. Mary Parish seeks to raise \$2 million through the efforts the **Preserving Our Heritage- Preserving Our Faith Campaign**. Every member of our parish community is essential to our success in reaching this goal, and, therefore, each family is asked to consider making a pledge to the campaign to the best of their ability.

All St. Mary families are asked to consider a pledge of \$5,000 or more, payable over four years. A pledge of \$5,000, after a down payment of \$500, is \$75 per month for four years. This breaks down to only \$17.50 a week or \$2.50 a day!

We Need Your Special Generosity!

Everyone is asked to prayerfully consider how their generosity can reflect their gratitude for the gifts that God has given them. We know that a pledge of \$5,000 will be a challenge for some of our parish households, therefore, it is vital to the success of our campaign that those who are able to make larger pledges do so. In Deuteronomy 16:10, we are reminded “the measure of your own free will offering should be in proportion to the blessing the Lord has bestowed on you.”

The sacrifices made by the former parishioners of St. Mary’s, made our beautiful church possible. Their hard work and sacrifice enables us to worship in a grand and beautiful church building. But our worship of God does not end there. We all share the responsibility for the maintenance and preservation of our parish church building. We hope that you will ponder the sacrifices, which made this church possible, and offer your help in the restoration effort.

Individuals who are financially capable of pledging \$10,000, \$25,000, \$50,000, \$100,000 or more, are asked to step forward and become leaders of our campaign. Please review the Suggested Pledge Plans available on the following pages and choose a plan that is right for you and your family.

*Not everyone
can make the
same size gift,
but everyone
can make the
same size sacrifice.*



Wiring: Much of the restoration work to our church is necessary for the preservation of the building itself. The wiring in the church is outdated, and some of the wiring was not replaced in the last renovation (1971-72). In the attic, some live wires are sitting on top of insulation! The restoration plans includes new wiring throughout the church to prevent any potential fire hazards.

Lighting: Also involved in the electrical renovation is new lighting. Our current light fixtures are not energy efficient, and the light bulbs are expensive. Not only would new light fixtures save us a great deal of money, but they would also provide us with better quality lighting. The lighting would brighten the church, highlight the oil paintings on the wall, emphasize the important architectural elements, and make it easier to read in the church.

Bell Tower: The bell tower has serious structural issues. Bricks and pieces of mortar continue to fall each day. This will be an essential item repaired in the restoration, to prevent any major damage to people and the building.

Water Damage: Water damage has crept into the interior of the church, damaging plaster in the choir loft and on the sides aisle. Pieces of plaster in these areas fall each week! Many cracks have also developed in the church walls, which is resulting in crumbling plaster. The restoration would repair the current damage, and prevent further plaster crumbling before it gets out of hand.



Overall, this work and these improvements will serve us well for years to come. This work is necessary, and we encourage you to look around and see the damage for yourselves. We hope to move quickly, so as to avoid any further or serious damage to the church!



Other restoration efforts:

- *Repair of the altar and sanctuary area, including a permanent altar with relics of saints and a refinishing of other sanctuary appointments*
- *Re-painting the entire interior of the church*
- *Provisions for handicapped accessibility to the chapel and sacristy*
- *Repair of the broken and damaged stained glass windows*
- *Addition of a proper Reconciliation Room, as mandated by the Church's documents*



(2) Diocesan/Parish Share Campaign..... \$71,000

Each year, St. Mary Parish helps to provide the funding for a variety of ministries, programs, and services to thousands of families throughout the 13 counties of our diocese through the Diocesan/Parish Share Campaign. The 2007 Diocesan/Parish Share Campaign obligation of \$71,000 will be incorporated into our overall goal. Please keep in mind that although our campaign will be requesting pledges payable over four years, our campaign goal includes our 2007 Diocesan/Parish Share Campaign only. The Diocesan/Parish Share Campaign 2008 will be conducted as usual.



(3) Triumph of the Cross Cathedral Campaign \$309,000

The last component of our **Preserving Our Heritage... Preserving Our Faith Campaign** is our responsibility to the building campaign for the Diocese of Steubenville. Through this project, our parish of St. Mary's will be able to give our contribution for the construction of our new Diocesan Cathedral - Triumph of the Cross Cathedral. As St. Mary Parish began exploring our own needs, the Diocese was identifying its needs. Our diocesan church is now in the middle of the *Lift High The Cross Campaign* to assist the parishes with their spiritual and material needs, aid in the construction of the new Triumph of the Cross Cathedral, and provide for the 2007 Diocesan/Parish Share Campaign. As members of the diocese and supporters of the Universal Church, St. Mary Parish is committed to contributing our fair share to the diocesan effort.

Summary of Needs for St. Mary Preserving Our Heritage - Preserving Our Faith Campaign

Restoration..... \$1,550,000

2007 Diocesan/Parish
Share Campaign..... \$71,000

Diocesan *Lift High*
the Cross Campaign\$309,000

Approximate Total..... \$2,000,000



How You Can Get Involved!

Throughout the *Preserving Our Heritage- Preserving Our Faith Campaign*, Msgr. Mike Campbell, Father Mark Moore, the Campaign Committee and parishioner volunteers will reach out to all members of our parish to communicate our plans for the future and describe how everyone can get involved. Several important events are being held in order to give every parish family an opportunity to participate.

Campaign Receptions

First, there will be a series of campaign receptions. Every registered family will be invited to attend one of these special gatherings that allow our parishioners the opportunity to gather as a family and learn about the needs of St. Mary Parish.

Campaign Brochure

Parishioners will also be able to read about our campaign plans through this campaign brochure, which will be mailed to every registered family that does not attend a reception. Each St. Mary family member is asked to consider all the information contained in the brochure and then make a prayerful decision about how they will support this effort. Those who do not respond will be personally contacted by fellow parishioners who will volunteer their time over several weeks for the success of the campaign. The volunteers, who are members of our parish family, will be giving their time to undertake the vital task of making home visits and increasing the awareness of this campaign.



Whether you participate by attending a campaign reception, responding at Mass or by mail, or by graciously receiving a parish volunteer into your home, it is your act of involvement that will make this campaign a success.