



# St. Francis de Sales

## WE CAN "FIX IT" TOGETHER

### 23<sup>rd</sup> PLEDGE UPDATE & REPAIRS COMPLETED

Sunday, January 20, 2019  
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners,

As you have noticed, the new maintenance building has been completed, just north of the Blue Ribbon 2007 and 2018 parish school. On Friday, January 18th, the Village of Lake Zurich building inspectors and the Fidelity Group construction company with Jason Sfire, inspected the building and granted occupancy. Congratulations to the Fidelity Group and the parish. The remaining major project is the new flooring design in the Church. We had hoped by Christmas 2018 to have completed the new Church flooring, but our plans and finances are scheduled for 2019. A monument on the site of the first Church building will be erected in remembrance of the first church in the parish and in honor of the generations of Catholics since 1949 in this faith community as disciples of this Body of Christ. This monument is scheduled for the spring of 2019.

As pledges are made and paid, we will continue to address the one remaining project, which can be found on our parish website. See what this good parish has accomplished already in total pledges and number of donors! At this point in the Campaign, 861 donors helped us reach \$1,365,694 in total pledges. Total pledges paid are \$1,310,968. Balance due is \$54,726. It is not the intention of the Fix-It Campaign to place the parish in debt. As a parish, we spent 9 years paying off the \$3.8 million debt. We will only address the project as we raise the funds to pay. As Thomas Jefferson advised, "Never spend your money before you have it!" My Grandmother Ryan said the same message in her own way! For details on the campaign, including the presentation that was shown at Masses as well as the information on Charitable Giving Options, visit our parish website, [www.stfrancislzparish.org](http://www.stfrancislzparish.org). Thank you to those who have already responded with a pledge toward the \$1.7 million goal. St. Francis de Sales has a long history of generous giving. I respectfully ask for the prayers, involvement, and sacrifice of many, if not all, in the parish in making a pledge towards the Fix-It Campaign in addition to the generosity you provide each Sunday offering. For example, **if 1,000 parishioners pledge the suggested amount of \$850 per year for 2 years, we will reach our campaign goal immediately to conclude the project.** Please, everyone, participate through a prayer and a pledge. All the funds we raise in the Fix-It Campaign stay within the parish. I want to express my gratitude to Deacon John Sfire, Jason Sfire, and Amie Paige of The Fidelity Group for doing an extensive study of our parish campus, as was presented in the Fix-It Campaign presentation. I have asked the Fidelity Group, under the leadership of Deacon John Sfire and Jason Sfire, to serve as Project Managers of the Fix-It Campaign. I also want to offer my appreciation for the guidance and involvement of Tom Purtell, Chair of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC), Marty Bush, Member of the PPC; Mike Carlino, Chair of the Parish Finance Council; Doug Samz, Member of the Parish Finance Council; Christine DePrez, Cornerstone Bank Liaison; Laura Angelini, Business Manager; and Pam Lynch, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries.

God give you peace,

Father David F. Ryan, Pastor