



# St. Mary Catholic Community

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**Dear St. Mary Parish Member,**

With the recent installation of Father Simeon Iber as Pastor of St. Mary, many parishioners are sensing a "Spirit of Renewal." It is in this Spirit that the St. Mary Stewardship (finance) Commission and the Parish Council have been working with Fr. Simeon to identify priority capital projects to renew and reinvigorate the St. Mary Catholic Community.

The following is a brief summary of these projects:

Church Air Conditioning. The funds have been raised and installation will begin soon.

Boiler Replacement and Window Upgrades. The present boiler is archaic and inefficient. A new boiler will improve comfort and reduce utility bills. Part of this project includes replacing the single pane windows in the school.

Church Upgrades. Risers for the choir and a sound system upgrade will improve the delivery of church services.

School Addition. After the 2006/07 school year, McCormick Catholic Academy (grades 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup>) will be relocated to St. Mary. Additional space is needed to accommodate these students.

Social Hall Upgrade. The studies show the need for an upgrade of the Social Hall, which will include electrical rewiring, drop ceiling, painting, etc.

Roof and Gutter Repair. The roof above the corridor adjacent to the church is leaking, and must be replaced to avoid structural damage.

Light Bulbs and Fixtures. Our light fixtures are 50 years old. New, energy efficient fixtures will pay for themselves in energy savings over time.

The St. Mary Stewardship Commission and Parish Council, with Fr. Simeon, have approved the above capital projects. Preliminary estimates show that these projects can be completed for about \$975,000. The St. Mary Academy Parent Teachers Association has pledged proceeds from their 2006 Fall Harvest Fundraiser, estimated at \$90,000, toward the funding of these projects. Fr. Simeon and the Parish Council have pledged the entire CSA excess for the above projects. This leaves \$863,000 to be raised by March 31, 2007.

Committees are being formed to contact each parish family. We understand that economic times in the Port Huron area are not good. Accordingly, it is expected that donations only be in accordance with each family's means. If you are willing to contribute time and effort, please call Mrs. Sue McDonald at the St. Mary Office, 982-7906, ext. 103. The objective should be to raise more than needed, so St. Mary will have a reserve account for emergencies.

We look forward to a successful campaign!

Fr. Simeon T. Iber, Pastoral Administrator  
Garry Isaacson, Chairman, Parish Council  
Norman Beauchamp, Chairman, Stewardship Commission