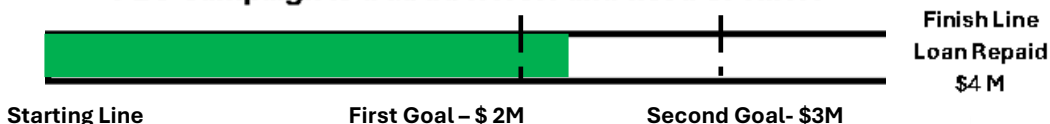




## A Family Life Center- A Story of Faith, Family, Fellowship

**FLC Campaign is a MARATHON and not a SPRINT!**



**CASH ON HAND \$ 2,104,564**

**Q: So, what is happening with the FLC? There is nothing but crickets lately?**

**A:** The Diocese is going through some changes with leadership and processes. As a result, there are delays in committing to a meeting with us. However, the FLC Steering Committee Representatives are busy finalizing documents needed for the Diocese's approval of our funding request for our Family Life Center project.

There are 3 major areas of work going on behind the scenes as we wait for confirmation on our meeting with the Diocesan Building Committee, a subset of the Diocesan Finance Council. The areas are:

1. **Preparation for the Meeting.** This entails gathering data such as Parish growth numbers for the last 3 years; estimated costs for construction of the FLC and the renovation and enhancements to our current Church's Narthex and lower-level social hall and Church office; and a detailed examination of the Parish's finances, Fundraising plans, and the loan payback schedule. Three documents are the output of this work: a cover letter, the proposal, and the PowerPoint presentation. Once these documents are completed, they must be understood and agreed to by the Parish Council and the Finance Council and of course, Father Julius as the ultimate approver.
2. **Fundraising is ongoing.** Even though we met our initial goal of \$2M in the bank, we can't rest on our success. We still need to continue raising money! Money that will go towards reducing the size of the loan we need. This in turn means we will save money on not having to pay interest for money we don't borrow. The Fundraising team is busy planning events to continue to bring in dollars from Brick Sales, Naming Opportunities, and the Gala in the Spring. Other events are in the planning stages: Religious Education children are planning a May festival, more Friday Lenten meals, plus other fun activities. There are many chances for people to volunteer to help with these fun events which develops Parish fellowship as well as cash. Call the office to volunteer. **AND don't forget** to continue to make your Capital Pledge payments. If you haven't pledge yet, the Office will be happy to help you with the process.
3. **Communications.** The Communications team has been working feverishly to update and migrate our website to a different host site. The team promises a user-friendly site with easy to find information on Parish events, Parish services, Mass schedules, key leadership, updates on projects, pictures from the Parish activities, screens to ask questions of the various leaders, and provide a means for you to update information to the office so parishioners' files are maintained. They are working to support the Fundraising Team with flyers, announcements, sponsor recognition, posters, publications, etc. etc. etc.

Bottomline there is much activity occurring to keep the momentum going with the Steering Committee. We want to Thank Everyone for their generosity of offering prayers to support the project, donating your valuable time, and of course donating money – large or small all donations add up to a large sum. Let's make our next financial goal of \$3 Million in the Bank sooner rather than later. Remember with God all things are possible!

*We request your prayers. Faith, Funds, and Volunteers will make the Family Life Center a reality!*

## *Saint Joseph the Worker*

### **Prayer for Our Family Life Center Campaign**



*Let your Faith be bigger  
than your fears*

Dear most merciful and loving God,

We pray for your guidance as our Faith Family is moving forward to construct a Family Life Center to further Your work of evangelization in our community.

The additional space will allow us to expand our ministries to serve our family and our neighbors.

Please guide us as we consider all possibilities for our space needs.

Open our hearts to share the blessings You have given to us with others.

May Your light shine on us as we align with Your divine Will, to provide the resources that will be needed to make this vision a reality in Your name.

Guide us as a Faith Family to consider, prayerfully, Your Will in all matters.

In the name of St. Joseph the Worker, we pray. Amen



*St Joseph the Worker, our patron and guide of pilgrims, speak to God of our need for perseverance.*