

**Thank You!**

**Your Gift + The \$25,000 Challenge Gift =**

“An expression of our love and our desire to become the best manifestation of Christ’s Church we can be.”



**Message from Campaign Co-Chair, Jamie Cody**

Friends and Fellow Parishioners,  
We are reminded once again that God is great and that when we serve him, anything is possible! Just a few short weeks ago, I addressed all of you to present a challenge:

*If we could raise \$90,000 to bring us to 90% of our total \$2,250,000 Forward in Faith Campaign goal, we would receive another*

*\$25,000 from an anonymous donor. But, we had to make this happen by year end.*

In the weeks that followed that announcement, 103 of our parish families accepted this challenge and contributed to our campaign! Gifts ranged from \$20-\$25,000, proving that gifts of all sizes truly do make a difference! Gifts were made by new donors who were waiting for a little nudge and donors who decided to give again and....donors who weren't going to give, but decided to "dip their toe in water" and it was joyful.

I am so honored and grateful and happy to report that we met the challenge goal! We are still waiting for exact numbers as the commitments are being recorded, but we made it! I must thank my campaign co-chair, John Laronda and all of the campaign committee members who helped to spread the word and inspire, especially, Jeff Miller, Becky and Dan Couet and Holly Hill-Batista who shared their stories with all of you during Mass over the month of December. Of course, thank you also to Father Greg and Diane Whelan who continue to be the backbone of this effort

Our response to this challenge is a perfect example of why Saint John Neumann is a church that is growing and extending the invitation of faith to others. We are a church that responds to challenges and meets them head on with the faithful incentive that we are doing the work we are all called to do. I am so proud to be a part of this amazing place and this incredible mission and overjoyed that so many of you have joined me on this journey. The joy we all feel in giving is such a wonderful gift to share with each other. Thank you so much!