

St. Perpetua Parish

Under One Roof Community Center Campaign News

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This is the sixteenth in our series of newsletters to keep the St. Perpetua Parish Family informed of the progress and activities of **Continuing Our Growth ...Building Our Future—Our Vision Realized**, the Campaign for St. Perpetua Parish.

Over the coming weeks our community will be invited to join together in support of our campaign, which has a goal of raising a minimum of \$2.0 million to meet funding needs of our parish community center.

Read **St. Perpetua Parish Campaign News** every week for late-breaking news about **Continuing Our Growth ...Building Our Future—Our Vision Realized**.



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Campaign Reaches 78% of Goal

\$1,563,541 Committed

The results of our sixteenth campaign report are in! Over the past week eleven new donors contributed to **Phase II of our campaign** responding to our appeal for support. Current results are

Campaign Goal:	\$2,000,000
# of Parish & School Families:	859
Total Amount Pledged:	\$1,563,541
Raised This Week:	\$62,515
Total Initial Offerings:	\$607,705
Percentage of Goal:	78%
Average Commitment:	\$7,977
Total # of Gifts:	196

A Thanksgiving Message from Fr. John

I love this holiday. There's just something about it that is beautiful. The idea of putting one full day aside simply to be grateful ... grateful first of all to God for all the good things he does for us each and every day; his unconditional love; his incredible forgiveness when we stray; his boundless, humbling mercy, so often at those moments we need it most ... not because we earn or deserve it but simply because God is good and cares about us just the way we are. The Psalmist reminds us "He made us, we belong to him (Psalm 100)."

Grateful too for family! Thanksgiving is a family day from start to finish. I cannot think of too many occasions as wonderful and important as those times we spent together with family. Grateful for all the wonderful things we have because of our Church and our parish. God is present and makes us aware of his presence ... at Mass, at other special moments, in the community of believers sharing their faith. Thank God for our faith! Sometimes, faith is the only thing that gets us through the day!

I am especially grateful for the outpouring of generosity in support of realization of our twenty year vision for a community center - which will soon bring under one roof a cornucopia of ministry, service, outreach and fellowship. For those who have not yet contributed to our 2018 campaign we are so tantalizingly close to reaching our goal. I encourage you to give generously.

With all our gratitude, we also pause, mindful of the poor, the elderly, the sick, those who are alone during the holidays. Thanksgiving (and Christmas right behind it!) annually provide us with the opportunity to think of others, to reach out to others, especially the needy and those who are not as blessed or fortunate as we. Can we make room for some random acts of kindness?

My dear friends, Thanksgiving is such a special holiday. Let's really take the time to be grateful for all the good in our lives. Let's think of the positive, not the negative; what we have been given, not what we lack; what is right in the world, not what is wrong; what is good about our neighbors, not where they fall short; the graces we enjoy, the blessings that are ours. This Thanksgiving season, let's remember and never forget that all we are and all we have are God's gift to us ... and what we do with his generosity is our gift back to God.

May God continue to bless us all.

Thank You for Supporting Our Vision Realized Campaign

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