

SAINT PATRICK CAPITAL CAMPAIGN INFORMATION SHEET

OUR PARISH, OUR CHILDREN, OUR FUTURE!

THE MISSION

Following the example of Father Judge, one of its early pastors, St. Patrick's Catholic Parish Community endeavors to "be good; do good; and be a power for good."

THE PARISH

- Our campus and facilities are very busy, strained to capacity; need repair and renovation to continue our growth and ministries.
- Many fascinating ministries exist that you may not be familiar with.
 - For example; The Lazarus Society Inc. with the vision of helping *others to help themselves*, enables the Church through the Lazarus Society to meet the needs of the larger community.
 - Seconds to Go is a part of the Lazarus Society, in that they sell thrift items in support of the program.
 - The Hispanic and Latino community is a group of families worshiping on Sundays at 7 p.m. with a very active choir and musicians full of contagious enthusiasm.
 - This is a very welcoming Mass! Everyone should give it a try!
- Adoration is offered after the noon Mass on Wednesdays. Come sit with Jesus for an hour, or even five minutes. You will find the quiet strength that this provides.
- Saint Patrick Parish School is an integral part of this Parish.
 - Children learn a solid curriculum which is in line with Catholic Doctrine.
 - The grades range from Pre-Kindergarten to the eighth grade.
 - They raise funds for needy children in third world countries.
 - They support first responders with baked goods.
 - Classes make time to visit the elderly in nursing homes.
 - They bought a goat for a family in Haiti through fundraisers.
- The Sodality of Saint Patrick Parish is comprised of eighteen ladies that do many charitable ministries; some of which are:
 - Dinners on St. Patrick Day, Immaculate Conception, and repasts for the parish community.
 - Care of all of the altar cloths.
 - Help with the care of the church building after Mass.
 - Support for the families of persons with HIV/AIDS.
 - Help many visiting priests.
- The Sodality does not receive any monies from the church; they hold fundraisers to support the ministries of the Church.
- The Knights of Columbus of Saint Patrick Parish are comprised of seventy-five members, including eight clergy. They offer a valuable service to the church by holding dinners and fundraisers, of which manpower is donated to the church and then money donated to the ministries of the Church. Some of the functions the Knights do are:
 - Donate to the Lazarus Society this past year for the purchase of approximately a ton of food, Coats for Kids (program through national Knights of Columbus that allows councils to purchase

bulk children coats at a discounted price). After they receive the coats they are then donated to the Lazarus Society for distribution among the needy.

- Sponsor a seminarian yearly.
- Fish fries are a familiar event through which the Knights have donated to The Chattahoochee Valley United for Life, among other things.
- Donated a sound system and projector for the fellowship hall, as well as placing a base for a flag pole between the church and hall.
- Participate annually in the national Intellectual Disability program that takes place in the fall. Funds that are collected are donated to a local Intellectual Disability activity, such as East Alabama Mental Health and ARC.
- They have spearheaded the efforts to help beautify the church grounds, and update the rectory.
- Sponsor Father Wafula in Uganda to help the poor and spread Christianity.
- Helped to start a Knights council in Uganda.

THE PEOPLE

Parishioners	200+	Families	60+	Ministries	19+
Priest	1	Parish Staff	8	Ministry Volunteers	100+
Parish School Faculty and Staff	14	Parish School Students	91	Religious Education Classes	10
Religious Education Students	120	Knights of Columbus	75		

THE FUTURE

Saint Patrick Parish will grow in the ability to provide a solid Catholic Education to the children of the parish, and those of the community. These children are our future. The buildings that encompass the parish will be repaired and maintained so that they are not only attractive, but functional. Attractive, repaired and functional structures will be available to the many groups that exist in the parish and those that are yet to be formed. A savings will enable us to flourish as a parish, by meeting the monies that are needed, and establishing new functions that will help the parish to grow.

THE PLAN

Our church building has weathered and become an aging structure. Needed structural repairs are complex and costly, including major infrastructure repairs. It is critical and urgent that these repairs begin now. This program involves many people; our parishioners, school alumni, businesses, and many others. Our plan is that this capital campaign will provide the needed resources to repair our church, and to enable current services to grow with our community, which will include the school building and body.

THE NUMBERS

Where	What is needed	Amount needed
Debt	Payment of outstanding debt	\$1,766,522
Church Building	Structural Repair	\$440,000

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Lazarus Building	Structural Repair	\$136,400
Seconds to Go Building	Structural Repair	\$146,080
Cenacle Building	Structural Repair	\$462,960
Campaign Costs	Supplies	\$2,000
	Total	\$2,953,962

THE SCHEDULE

Information – Information will be provided about the campaign in the month of September, along with opportunities to ask questions. No pledges or commitments will be asked for or received during this phase.

Prayer & Discernment – Before any of us decide what our five-year sacrificial pledge will be, over and above our current giving, each of us should pray and seek God’s will. How has God blessed us? What type of sacrificial gift can we make in order to bless others?

Commitment Weekend – The weekend of **31 October/1November** is Commitment Weekend. The entire parish family will be asked to confidentially begin making their pledges. Special activities will be planned to commemorate this historic time in the life of our parish. More details will be forthcoming.

Announcement Weekend – On the weekend of **14/15 November** we will announce the total amount pledged to our 2015 Our Parish, Our Children, Our Future! Capital Stewardship Campaign, to date.

Saint Patrick Parish



We Are the Parish!