



THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE

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Dear Parishioners,

There have been some questions and rumors circulating this past month in regard to the use of our Capital Campaign Funds. I want to be as transparent as I possibly can be. Here is a simple break down of the numbers.

Our original goal was \$315,000 with the parish receiving \$189,000. We had three areas which were planned to be funded: New Sign and landscaping- \$30,000; Community Center, and new carpet for the office area and entrance of church, and new furniture for the Fireside Room-\$70,000; and saving for the future replacement of the roof in four to five years-\$89,000.

The final amount pledged was \$641,000, or 203% of our original goal. When you factor in an average of 6% of pledges unfulfilled, our new amount that the parish can expect to receive over the five years of the campaign is around \$429,000.

Thanks to the generosity of people of the parish, we will be receiving not the \$189,000 that we originally planned for, but rather \$429,000. This additional \$240,000 can be used however the parish decides.

Therefore, from the \$240,000 in additional funds, \$85,000 is being used to repair the bell tower, \$44,000 for the community space, landscaping, and other items such as carpeting and a portion of the sign expense. The remaining amount of \$111,000 is being set aside for the replacement of the roof in four years or so. As a result of the care we have taken with yearly inspections and repairs, at this point, it hasn't been recommended that we replace the roof just yet. Overall, \$200,000 of the campaign funds will be set aside for the roof.

If you have further questions or need more details, please contact me directly.

Thank you again for your generosity.

Blessings,

Father Shane Stoppel-Wasinger

Pastor