



Dear People of St. Patrick Parish,

October 1, 2022

As we know, the pandemic these past 2 ½ years has affected all our lives and we continue to pray for a complete end. We have continuously faced financial challenges and this year holds even new challenges. But first, I want to personally thank you most warmly. St. Patrick is a loving, warm, and caring community. We've been through some rough pandemic times, and yet we continue to still offer programs and services of a full and vibrant church. But, like most churches, our budget has felt the pain. We have not seen growth in our budget these past 2 ½ years, leaving us with a continued shortage.

It has been our parish practice to have one major fundraising event each year, specifically our St Patrick Dinner Dance held in March, to raise additional funds to help supplement our parish needs. Because of the pandemic, we have not had this event since March 2019, three years ago.

Despite other fund generating projects and cost cutting measures that included the reductions of staff salaries and hours, we are still projecting a financial loss for the calendar year.

Our Parish Fundraising Committee has put together a plan to raise a minimum of **\$50,000** to help offset the projected deficit. With the help of your generous support and contribution, we can continue serving the needs of our parish community at full capacity and continue to fulfill the vital mission and ministry here at St. Patrick Parish.

From October 1, 2022, thru June 30, 2023, Our Parish Fundraising Committee is rolling out a Pledge Appeal, **"Be the Light"**.

...that strengthens and renews our parish into the next 100 Years with no deficit

...that will offer enhanced ministries, education, and services

...that will grow our parish community

...in making young families welcome

...to help with resources to better serve the needs of our elder community

...that continues to sing loudly and joyfully

...that brings smiles and happiness to our parish community

Please help to be a light in our Parish. Individually we are flame, but together, we are a beacon of light shining strong that will brighten the way into the next 100 years! Thank you!

God Bless,

Fr. Larry Young, Pastor, and the St. Patrick Fundraising Committee

