

Brick Campaign Details:

For those of you who have not been aware of some of the issues we have been encountering with St. Mary's Church building. Since I have been here and before, moisture has been leaking through St. Mary's Church walls, damaging the plaster. Last year, some issues with the roof and improperly installed gutters were discovered. Those issues were corrected last year at a minimum cost. Also discovered are many bricks that have been weathered over time and are chipping off, allowing moisture to come through the brick, damaging the plaster on the inside of the church. Bishop Cistone has accepted our request to have D. C. Byers Company of Lansing do the necessary tuck-pointing and sealing of the brick on St. Mary's Church. Byers estimates that 600 bricks on the building will have to be replaced. The brick work will have to be done before the windows are repaired. The window project at St. Mary's is estimated at \$10,000. The St. Mary's window project is much smaller than St. Michael's window project, but both were included in the same bidding process. However, we need to complete the brick work repairs before we repair the windows. To raise funds for the brick project, Annunciation of the Lord Parish is beginning a "Brick Campaign" for St. Mary's Church. The Parish Finance and Pastoral Councils have recommended that we begin requesting that all parishioners be encouraged to contribute according to their means. The original quote which totaled approximately \$64,000 has been reduced by \$6,000 because the calking of the windows had been previously budgeted with the stained glass repairs. The new quote is now \$57,895. The Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils agreed to match \$2.00 from parish savings to every \$1.00 donated. It was suggested that if 200 parishioners would contribute \$100 equaling \$20,000, then the parish would contribute double of what is donated. By no means are we limiting the donation amount. Any amount raised over the goal will be placed into St. Mary's building fund for future renovation projects. Normally, there are cost overruns with a project like this, but the parish will be reimbursed \$25 for any new bricks not used. When donating, you may use the building fund envelope found in your packet for the next 60 days. All building funds (from both St. Mary & St. Michael) collected over the next 60 days will be used for the important and necessary work at St. Mary's. Or you may place your donation in a plain white envelope with your name, envelope number, and label it, "Brick Campaign." Your donation to church is tax exempt and will show up on your year-end tax-report. We are expecting a successful fundraising campaign as the brick work has been tentatively scheduled to start sometime in April. Your contributions are greatly appreciated and will help preserve our historical landmark.

Thank you, very much, to the following who have donated so far

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Mr. & Mrs. Jeffery Phillips

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Mr. & Mrs. Ken Rutkowski

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Schramski

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