



# St. Mary of the Assumption

## *One Faith, One Hope, One Family*

### *The Tradition Continues*

#### Let Joe Do It!

An old adage we know too well. Imagine what our world would be like if Jesus had said those very words to the Father! In life, there are times when we are presented with the opportunity to make a difference in our lives and the lives of others, yet, sometimes we hesitate to meet the challenge and hope someone else will. The *One Faith, One Hope, One Family* campaign is one of these moments where we can change lives. The truth is that like Jesus, to change lives means it will take some sacrifice on our part.

Each of us in this parish community cannot only enhance our own faith life, but also the faith life of our fellow parishioners. *One Faith, One Hope, One Family* is using the funds raised for many important projects, which already have been outlined. Meeting these needs will allow our community to be able to better serve all of us, and bring us all through ministry closer to Christ. To achieve all this, we need your support. Your personal participation is the key! Your support is needed and is important to the success of this endeavor. Campaigns like ours nation wide, see average participation rates of 30% to 35% It is our hope that our parish will far surpass that as we are not an average parish!

In the coming weeks, we will hold several campaign gatherings and we hope that you will

accept the invitation to attend. It is the sincere hope of our campaign leadership that each of you will prayerfully discern your level of support and make your best sacrifice to our campaign, which is all we ask – your best sacrifice, based on your other obligations. Reaching, even exceeding our goal, will make it possible for us to enhance our facilities, support our community and energize the Body of Christ in our parish.

#### **“Charity Begins At Home”**

Here’s another old adage to think about ... Charity does begin at home, and for us as Catholics our spiritual home is our parish. In our parish we encounter Christ through the Eucharist, in His Word and in the Sacraments. With a tradition of 200 years of faithful commitment to Christ that has been passed on to us, it is our turn to share our blessings in our spiritual home.

The *One Faith, One Hope, One Family* campaign presents a unique opportunity not only to impact our lives but also the lives and faith journey of our fellow parishioners and our community. This impact will be felt in future generations, profoundly and deeply. Let’s show that we are committed to our faith and not wait for Joe to do it; let’s work together to share Christ’s love.

*Campaign Goal: \$2,500,000*  
*Challenge Goal: \$3,000,000*