



Moved by the Spirit, we seek to ensure that our vibrant parish continues to grow in mission and grace. Responding to the changing needs of our growing parish and community, we are embarking on a capital stewardship campaign to raise funds to build a **Parish Life Center...for the life of our parish.**



A wonderful group of parishioners were in attendance on September 13<sup>th</sup> for an ice cream social and Parish-Wide Campaign Orientation. Thanks to all who attended and we look forward to seeing everyone at upcoming events.

## Vision Awareness

Weekend Mass  
October 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup>

Mark your calendars for our Vision Awareness Services and join us for a special time to celebrate our past, to rejoice in our present and to embrace our future. As we hear the life stories of Holy Spirit's families, we will see God's hand in this journey as we respond to the growing needs of our community and parish.

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### Our Stewardship Consultant



**Mrs. Kimberly Bishop** is a Senior Consultant for the Church Division of Cargill Associates, Inc., a stewardship development firm dedicated to raising funds for churches and organizations nationally and internationally.

Mrs. Bishop brings 24 years of diverse experience with emphasis in office management and administration. She has 12 years experience in the church setting, eight of those years as Administrative Assistant to the Resident Bishop of the Mississippi Area of The United Methodist Church.

As a stewardship consultant, Mrs. Bishop fulfills her call to ministry by assisting local churches in raising necessary funds for ministry and mission, as well as guiding churches and individuals on their spiritual journey of faith and discipleship. She believes that Cargill's uniquely designed campaigns change the life of the church – and the individual. She is excited about being part of a team that takes seriously not only the church's financial needs, but also its spiritual needs.

She and her husband, Stephen, live in Gulfport, Mississippi.



### OUR CAMPAIGN LEADERSHIP TEAM

- ❖ **Campaign Coordinator *Patty Robison*** acts as a liaison between all the Directors, pastor, Campaign Director, and consultant throughout the campaign.
- ❖ **Campaign Directors *Bill Berens and Chris & Ken VanDerWey*** are the lay leaders who will coordinate the work of the Leadership Team and inform the congregation of progress.
- ❖ **Home Gathering Directors (Advance Cultivation) - *Phillip & Cindy Baumeister, Dan & Shelly Beatty, Mike & Karen Dexter, Bob & Diane Greaney, Kim & Mary Kessler and Bill & Joan Malatestinic*** will organize gatherings in support of the campaign.
- ❖ **Vision Awareness Director *John & Patricia Vidal*** will lead and implement a church-wide effort to share information and encourage prayer for the program.
- ❖ **Ministry Emphasis Director *Jay Robison*** will coordinate a program to educate the congregation about the ongoing ministry and mission of the church.
- ❖ **Spiritual Life Directors *Maureen Flaherty and Karen McMahon*** will organize and implement a time of prayer to lay the spiritual foundation for the campaign.
- ❖ **Children/Youth Directors *Doris Serafin and Steve Lockhart*** will lead in tithing education and ensure that the children and youth of the church take an active part in the campaign.
- ❖ **Hospitality Directors *Lois Halfman and John & Rochelle McNamara*** will be responsible for the food and decorations at the fellowship gatherings throughout the campaign.
- ❖ **Communications Directors *Denise Carney, Jackee Garcia and Christy Yoder*** will coordinate campaign publicity and inform the congregation of the meaning and message of the program through print and video.
- ❖ **Mailing Directors *Yolanda Benard and Mary Fargo*** will coordinate all materials, mailings and other information used during the campaign.
- ❖ **Commitment Directors *Fay Iorio and Fred Wright*** will lead in providing contacts to homes to receive commitment responses.
- ❖ **Follow-Up Directors *Dennis Conley and Mickey Manoski*** will provide support throughout the giving period and involve new members as they join.

## A Letter from Our Pastor

Dear Holy Spirit Community,

It was June 1996. I was just assigned to start a new parish. I pulled my car off the side of the road – it was at our present entrance on 109<sup>th</sup>. I asked a neighbor if this was the site of the new parish – they said it was. I walked around the cornfield. What was the vision God was creating? In my imagination I saw a large group of people working together to be a very welcoming community helping each other, especially the poor ones. I saw lots of children. Soon the invitation went out – “we’re starting a new parish.” Our new community would give life to this vision – a vision breathed in us by the Holy Spirit.

For over 10 years we’ve worked to make Christ’s vision relevant in our community. “Making Christ real in the world,” became our mission. Now we have grown dramatically and need to expand our building and extend our vision.

This vision will be set before our church family in many ways during the upcoming weeks. To do this, we need hundreds of helpers. Through direct involvement every member of this congregation will be given the opportunity to grasp the vision.

The stewardship program will be identified as “A Parish Life Center for the Life of our Parish.” This congregation has been faithful in meeting the challenges placed before it by the Holy Spirit. Those challenges have included, but are not confined to, building. To continue to fulfill the Lord’s mission and ministry to this congregation and community, we are being challenged to build again.

I know you will respond in the tradition of Holy Spirit when you are contacted to volunteer. This contact will come to you within weeks from a member of the Campaign Leadership Team. In preparation for those contacts, I encourage you to begin praying. Ask God to give you guidance on how and where you can volunteer to serve. If you will only ask, I promise you will receive an answer that will have positive influence on others and be personally rewarding. Holy Spirit Church needs your help!

Truly, we enjoy the fruits of those who have gone before us. I am confident we will build on their tradition.

In God’s Love, Fr. Joseph V. Murphy

## Please Get Involved!

**Assistance is still needed in many facets of the campaign.** Leadership Team Directors will be enlisting people to assist them in fulfilling their part of the Stewardship program. Please contact the parish or one of the directors if you are interesting in serving in any capacity. You can also attend one of the meetings below and see if that group’s mission fits your interests and talents.

Tuesday 10/9

Vision Awareness: 6pm

Wednesday 10/17

Hospitality 6pm

Ministry Emphasis 6:30pm

Thursday 10/18

Children/Youth 6pm

Spiritual Life 7pm

Not equal *giving...*  
but equal *sacrifice*

## Ministry Emphasis Weekend

November 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>

You are invited to participate in our Ministry Emphasis Masses. This mass will give each of us an opportunity to discover the vastness of our parish’s mission and ministries. Want to know why we need this Parish Life Center? Come to the Emphasis weekend and the need will be made crystal clear. Watch for more details.

A Parish Life Center



for the *Life* of the Parish

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## Capital Campaign Event Calendar

Fellowship Gatherings: October 28<sup>th</sup> through November 17<sup>th</sup>

Vision Awareness Services: October 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>

Ministry Emphasis Weekend: November 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>

Commitment Services: November 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>

First Fruits Weekend: December 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>

Spiritual Life Activity: TBD