

St. Ignatius of Antioch

November, 2019



Dear Fellow Parishioners,

St. Ignatius of Antioch is about to undertake an ambitious step to finally expand the parish hall and construct a new kitchen. This past June, we celebrated 40 years as a Catholic Christian Community with the wonderful anniversary theme of **CELEBRATING THE JOURNEY, THANKING GOD FOR THE PAST, LOOKING TO THE FUTURE.**

While thanking God for the past, we were able to reflect on those who laid the foundation for the community that is St. Ignatius of Antioch today. We are indeed blessed to have many founding families still playing an active role in the parish.

Of course, that's only part of the story. New families joined our community over the years and we continue to welcome new members every month. These new faces refresh and renew our community with their talents and experiences and we remain a wonderfully diverse community united in worship and action by our faith in Jesus.

Now it's time to look to the future. I believe that we have a plan before us that is achievable. I recognize that many of us have been through multiple campaigns here at St. Ignatius or in parishes elsewhere. I ask that you not think of this as just another campaign, but as an important step forward in our journey into the next 40 years.

I encourage you to prayerfully review the enclosed information and I hope you will join with me as I personally commit to supporting this effort.

Your Pastor and Shepherd,

Father Robert

EXPANSION PROJECT

GOALS & FINANCIAL FACTS

Expansion Project goals:

1. Expand the seating capacity of the existing Parish Hall
2. Construct a Health Department compliant kitchen.

Over the past 18 months, the parish has reviewed 3 construction budgets from our contractor, Oliver & Company. The Expansion Committee worked diligently to implement design changes that resulted in cost reductions of over \$500,000. The most recent construction estimate is summarized below.

Current Construction Estimate

Oliver & Company:	\$1,433,983.
10% Contingency:	\$ 143,398.
Soft Costs/Fees:	<u>\$ 70,000.</u>
Total:	\$1,647,381.

Available Parish Funds

Fund Balance (as of 10/31/2019):	\$1,064,067.
City Fees on Deposit:	<u>\$ 16,000.</u>
Total:	\$1,080,067.
Funding Shortfall	\$ 567,314.

Complete details of this project were discussed at the November town hall meetings. Information distributed at these meetings is available on the parish website:

www.stignatiusofantioch.org

Expanded Hall Features

The remodeled hall will be approximately 3,000 square feet and feature:

- An increase in round table seating from 120 to 192.
- A new main entrance without having to enter or exit through the church.
- A separate storage room for tables and chairs.
- A janitor's closet with a mop sink and a cleaning supply storage area away from food prep area.

New Kitchen Features

The remodeled kitchen will be approximately 850 square feet. It will be Health Department compliant and feature:

- Walk-in cooler with moveable storage racks.
- Two six burner gas ranges with standard ovens and pot fillers.
- Fixed location for the existing double fryer.
- A standalone griddle.
- Stainless steel food preparation tables with enclosed storage areas underneath.
- Dedicated sinks for food preparation.
- Dishwasher.
- Separate sinks for pot washing.
- Commercial grade disposal.
- Dedicated handwashing stations.
- An enclosed pantry.
- We will use our existing ice machine and the walk-in freezer.

PATH FORWARD

FUNDING SHORTFALL

The Expansion Project funding shortfall is \$567,314. This must be eliminated prior to the start of construction with cash or pledges.

DIOCESAN POLICY

Diocesan policy requires 50% of the construction budget in cash and 50% of the construction budget in verifiable pledges. The parish currently has 65% of the construction budget in cash.

PATH FORWARD CAMPAIGN

The parish is embarking on an effort to eliminate the funding shortfall with cash and pledges within 60 days. We are calling this effort the **Path Forward Campaign**.

**EQUAL SACRIFICE,
NOT EQUAL GIFTS.**

The 60 day period begins now and ends on January 31, 2020.

This is a monumental effort and every gift or pledge will make a difference. *The support of all our families will guarantee success.*

A successful Expansion Project will enable us to continue to provide a place to gather as a community for faith formation for our children, youth and adults, for outreach, and as a social hall for parish and community events. Constructing a Health Department compliant kitchen is critical to our future endeavors.

A pledge form is enclosed. Please take time to reflect on the value you place in your spiritual home of St. Ignatius of Antioch. Consider making a true sacrificial commitment to this effort. Completed pledge forms can be mailed, delivered to the parish office or dropped into the collection basket. A return envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

Pledges vs. One-time Gifts: While a one-time gift will rapidly build our available fund balance before the anticipated late January 2020 meeting with the Diocese, **pledges are equally important and will not delay the project.** A pledge, which is a gift made over time, allows you to bridge the

NEXT STEP

We have requested a meeting with the Diocese of Oakland for late January 2020. Parish financials (cash & pledges), project designs, and the latest construction budget will be presented. We are requesting that our architect (Loving & Campos) and contractor (Oliver & Company) participate in this meeting where we will request permission to put the project out for final bid and proceed with construction.

**There is no reason not to do this now, except that it might be hard.
It is important. It is needed. It will make a difference!**

**ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH CHURCH
Expansion Project Pledge Form**

PLEASE PRINT

Office Use Only		
R <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>	O <input type="checkbox"/>

Name : _____

Address _____ City _____ ZIP _____

Daytime Phone: (____) _____ - _____ Email Address (optional): _____

I (we) are able to make a financial pledge to this Project.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

My (our) gift is a (check one)

ONE-TIME GIFT - \$ _____ Date Gift to be made: _____

OR

PLEDGE - I (we) wish to make a pledge payable monthly:

Pledge Period: 36 Months or 24 Months or 12 Months

Monthly Payment: \$ _____ My Total Gift: \$ _____

Payment Method:

Personal Check or EFT or Credit Card

EFT or Credit Card: Please complete additional information on the reverse.

SUGGESTED WAYS TO MANAGE YOUR PLEDGE

Total Gift Amount	Monthly Gift for a 36 Month Pledge	Monthly Gift for a 24 Month Pledge	Monthly Gift for a 12 Month Pledge
\$10,000	\$278	\$417	\$833
\$5,000	\$139	\$208	\$417
\$4,000	\$111	\$167	\$333
\$3,000	\$83	\$125	\$250
\$2,500	\$69	\$104	\$208
\$2,000	\$56	\$83	\$167
\$1,500	\$42	\$63	\$125
\$1,000	\$28	\$42	\$83

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Pledge Payment Information for EFT or Credit Card

Complete this section if you wish to make Expansion Project pledge payments via EFT

Make the transfer from my: Checking Account: Attach a voided check.

Savings Account: Attach a deposit slip.

Make the transfer on the: **1st** Wednesday of the month.

3rd Wednesday of the month.

I authorize St. Ignatius of Antioch Church, Antioch to process entries from my checking account or savings account as noted above. This authority will remain in effect until my pledge obligation is complete or I give reasonable notification to terminate this authorization.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Complete this section if you wish to make Expansion Project pledge payments via Credit Card

Credit Card Number: _____

Expiration Date (MM/YYYY): ____ / ____ Billing Address Zip Code: _____

Card Security Code: _____ (3 or 4 digit number located on the back of the card)

Charge my credit card on the: **1st** Wednesday of the month.

3rd Wednesday of the month.

I authorize St. Ignatius of Antioch Church, Antioch to process charges on my credit card as noted above. This authority will remain in effect until my pledge obligation is complete or I give reasonable notification to terminate this authorization.

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