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Catholic Elementary School

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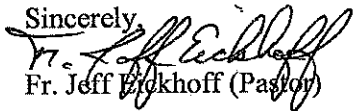
October 15th, 2021

Dear St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church Parishioners, School Families, Supporters & Benefactors,

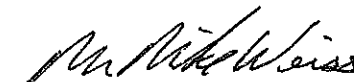
Since breaking ground in May our new school addition is right on schedule to be completed around late March to early April. THANK YOU so much to the generous people that have already pledged/donated!! Your generosity is a true testimony to your belief and commitment to keep our Catholic faith strong & vibrant in Wahoo for many years to come!

To help understand why a new addition is being added we want to give a little recap. There was a survey given to the parish back in 2007 and the results from 300 surveys showed a strong desire to have the current school portable removed, church sanctuary renovated and a parish hall built. A key goal from this original survey was to have the school kids eating in their own building, not having to walk the kids outside in the weather and having to cross First Street, and getting rid of the ancient portable classrooms. Since the time of the survey new goals that have come to light included getting a computer lab that holds an entire classroom at a one time, moving Speech and Resource to more suitable locations, space to grow our successful PreKindergarten and Child Care program, and having a space that is more suitable for CCD to gather before & after CCD classes. While the multi-purpose room where students will eat is not a large parish hall type space it will provide another meeting space that is bigger than the parish office as well as providing a place where families can gather for baptisms, anniversary celebrations, bridal showers, as well as a family space before weddings and funerals.

To conclude, this project was supposed to break ground in May 2019 with a cost of \$1.6 million. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic delayed the start of the project another year to May 2020. Due to this delay, there was an increase in material costs and some building code changes so now the cost of the project sits at \$2.2 million. In addition, the Diocese wants an additional 10% in contingency funds pledged. With this in mind, the Lightning Campaign 2.0 will target \$800,000. Right now, we have enough money to cover construction costs until the end of the year. At that time, whatever amount we have not raised we will need to take out a loan from the Diocese and we will have five years to pay it off. This total does include the interest from the loan we have to take out from the Diocese. The lower the loan we have to take out in 2022, the more money we save from having to pay interest from the loan. With this in mind, we are kicking off the "Lightning Campaign 2.0". A copy of the new "Lightning Campaign 2.0" pledge sheet has been included with this mailing. An electronic pledge sheet form is also available on our church website: www.stwencwahoo.org If there is any way you can support this worthy cause it would be greatly appreciated!!

Sincerely,

Fr. Jeff Eickhoff (Pastor)


Fr. Lee Jirovsky (Superintendent)


Mr. Mike Weiss (Principal)

***TOTAL COST OF SCHOOL ADDITION = \$2.5 Million**

**Money raised so far = \$1.7 million

**Loan from Diocese = \$800,000 (includes \$100,000 of loan interest)

-- Collateral being used to cover the \$800,000 Diocesan Loan

*Use of Parish Savings = \$300,000

*Use GALA Funds for 5 years = \$200,000

*Parish Office House & Rental House= \$300,000

NOTE: Our goal is to raise all the \$800,000 so that we do not deplete the parish savings & property and keep the GALA funds for other school capital improvements.

My pledge to the "Lightning Campaign 2.0" for the expansion to St. Wenceslaus School

Last Name of Family _____ First Name _____

Phone Number _____ Email Address _____

Date _____

Existing pledge amount \$ _____

New pledge amount \$ _____

Total pledge amount \$ _____

How many years are you able to pledge for? _____ (Pledges need to be paid in full by December 2026)

How would you like to pay for this pledge?

*Circle One: Use Push Pay _____ **Automatic Withdrawal _____ Other _____

**Automatic withdrawal will need to have a form sent and returned to parish office.

One Time \$ _____

Monthly \$ _____

Quarterly \$ _____

Yearly \$ _____

If you have any questions you are welcome to contact anyone listed below:

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NOTE: If you would like to make your donation/pledge in memory of a loved one please indicate down below.

*In Memory of: _____