



# The Church of St. Anne

Centennial 1919 – 2019

Remember – Rejoice – Renew

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Dear Parish Members,

Along with the many other blessings of the upcoming season of Advent, the RENEW phase of our St. Anne Centennial journey has finally arrived.

We REJOICE in thanking everyone who has supported and who continues to support our Centennial Celebration through prayers, participation, and contributions to the Centennial RENEW Fund Drive. Just as Father Cleary looked to the future one hundred years ago when he started St. Anne Parish, we must also look ahead today by investing in our future.

Based on our review of current pledges, continuing donations, and expected additional income from the Birdies for Charity bonus, Catholic Order of Foresters Matching Funds for October Bingo, scheduled events, sales of commemorative items, etc., an initial budget of \$175,000 has been established to begin the Centennial RENEW project.

The following highest priority items will be included:

- Paint the walls (maintenance)
- Replace the carpet (maintenance)
- Construct the re-designed Sanctuary (improvement)
- Upgrade the sound system (maintenance)

While the official Centennial Fundraising pledges will be completed at the end of December 2018, the red ST. ANNE CENTENNIAL FUND DRIVE – RENEW envelopes will continue to be included in your packets in 2019. Your continued support is greatly appreciated and planned items not included in the list above will be addressed as additional funds become available.

We look forward to your support of upcoming Centennial events, including Trivia Night on January 19, 2019, St. Patrick's Dinner on March 9, 2019, Day of Reflection on June 8, 2019, and our Centennial Mass with the Bishop on July 28, 2019.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Antonio Dittmer', with a horizontal line underneath.

Fr. Antonio Dittmer, Pastor, St. Anne Parish

Enclosure

## FAQ about Centennial RENEW Project

Q: When will the RENEW work begin?

A: Establishing a work schedule is still in progress, but work is expected to begin in January 2019.

Q: Will we be able to use the church during the RENEW work?

A: The work will be scheduled to maximize the availability of the church for weekend Masses; however the church may be unavailable for 2-3 months. During this time it will be necessary to celebrate weekend Masses in an alternate location, yet to be determined. Your understanding, patience, and flexibility for these temporary changes are appreciated.

Q: Will the Mass schedule need to change because of the RENEW work?

A: The weekend Mass schedule will be finalized once the alternate location is determined. Again, your understanding, patience, and flexibility for these temporary changes are appreciated.

Q: Will daily Masses need to change?

A: Since the chapel is not affected by the RENEW project, it is expected that daily Masses can be celebrated in the chapel, following the normal schedule.

Q: How can we do this project when we haven't reached the \$250,000 goal?

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Q: When will we see paint and carpet samples?

A: An interior designer will coordinate the color palette with the colors of the stained glass windows in the church and we will display samples of the paint and carpet selections as soon as they are available.

Q: What items were NOT included in the initial project?

A: The following items are NOT currently included in the \$175,000 project scope:

- Re-upholstery of altar furniture to coordinate with the new color palette
- Touch-up of church pews
- Changing the colors in dome/skylight to coordinate with the new color palette
- New matching tables for use on the altar
- New seat cushions to coordinate with the new color palette
- New flooring in the vestibule area.

Q: Has the goal of raising \$250,000 changed?

A: In order to include the remaining items listed in the question above, raising \$250,000 is still the goal.

Q: Will we borrow money for the RENEW project?

A: No money will be borrowed for this project.

Q: When will the RENEW work be completed?

A: The goal is to complete work by Easter 2019. (April 21, 2019)

Q: What can I do?

A: You can pray for St. Anne Parish and the success of this project, pray for all of us to have patience and flexibility, continue your support of the Centennial RENEW Fund, continue to participate in Centennial events, and continue to volunteer to help with Centennial events. REJOICE!