

Catch the Spirit News

St. Mark's by the Lake

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Raising the Roof: Draw the Circle Wide



On Sunday June 10th we heard about being the hands and feet of Jesus.

We at St Marks by the Lake know full well the immense responsibility this brings. We as a community have banded together to further the work of the Church in the community. This has brought about the great growth that we have been speaking about for the past year. We have undergone an intense evaluation of our programs and our property through the Markus Committee. That group presented a plan to Vestry in February which proposes to add on to the Church and Hall to allow for the current needs as well as to address some long term planning. The cost of this project is estimated at one million dollars. We have proposed that over 10 years \$200,000 will come from fundraising, \$400,000 from parishioners, and another \$400,000 from the Diocese of Huron. The Diocese has indicated a willingness to partner with us. We now have to show that we are able to

fulfill our commitments. To that end a package was mailed to everyone in the parish which outlined the plans for our future, and the commitment cards on which we can each indicate our own level of commitment over the ten year campaign.

We have been building up over the past three Sundays to our Raise the Roof and Draw the Circle Wider kickoff on June 24, when we will collect the commitment cards. We will then enjoy each others company at our annual Parish picnic.

This process has been very deliberate and careful. We have identified the ministries that are important to our Parish, and which benefit the community. We have identified future opportunities for new ministries as well as the impediments we face in bringing them to fruition.

It is now time for us all to be the hands and feet of Jesus. We must and we will continue to move this community forward to do the work of the Gospel in our neighborhood and beyond. We hope to see everyone on June 24 as we kick off this exciting time of growth during Mass and following at the Parish Picnic.

For the Wardens

Scott Shields



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Special points of interest:

- Terry Fox Run celebrates its 27th Anniversary
- Support the Sunday School Heifer project
- Are you going to the Sesquicentennial?