

Stewardship Highlights

- ❖ Several years ago, the Pastoral Council set out to develop a parish plan for St. Ann Parish. Our Pastoral Council, along with a newly formed Steering Committee, studied in detail St. Ann's vision for the future. The Steering Committee enlisted input from parishioners and parish leaders to develop a master site plan.

- ❖ Fr. Michael invited the Institute of School and Parish Development (ISPD) to conduct an exploration, discovery, and feasibility process to explore the community's willingness to support a capital campaign. The process was revised following Hurricane Katrina in 2005, and remains committed to moving forward and completing its reconstruction and renovation site plan!

- ❖ The *Anchored in Hope – Forward in Faith* capital campaign seeks to raise funds to finance several construction and renovation projects for our church building. The current estimated cost for these projects is \$1.4 million. They include:
 - ♦ Construction of a new sacristy
 - ♦ Construction of three new vestibules
 - ♦ Improved sound systems
 - ♦ Improved accommodations for elderly, handicap and hearing impaired
 - ♦ Improved climate control system
 - ♦ Relocation of the choir and large instruments
 - ♦ Relocation and redesign of the baptismal font
 - ♦ Renovations to the shrine
 - ♦ Repair of kneelers and pews
 - ♦ Improvements to lighting & parking area
 - ♦ New flooring

- ❖ We have spent the fall of 2007 inviting leadership for the Campaign and organizing the many components that we will need to manage in order to be successful. We have 30 dedicated members of our parish family who have already stepped forward and accepted leadership roles for *Anchored in Hope – Forward in Faith*.

- ❖ Stewardship involves receiving God's gifts with a sense of gratitude, cultivating them responsibly, sharing them out of love with others, and returning them with increase to the Lord.

- ❖ Father Michael Schneller, Pastor, together with the Campaign Cabinet are now asking all members of our parish community to consider *gifts of prayer, gifts of involvement, and gifts of financial support*. The success of this campaign can only be actualized through everyone's generous participation.

- ❖ This campaign will be personally implemented – with many open houses, receptions, and one-on-one visits throughout the spring and summer of 2008. Every single member of our 2,300+ parish family will be invited to learn about the parish vision, and consider their personal gifts to the Campaign.

- ❖ Our campaign leaders are hard workers and committed to implementing this campaign person-to-person. What a wonderful opportunity this is for St. Ann to reach out to every single member of our parish family and invite them to become involved!
 - ❖ If you have questions about the campaign or want to get involved, call Lisa Mansfield, Campaign Coordinator in the parish office at 455-7071 ext 234 or email at: stanncampaign@bellsouth.net
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