

IMPORTANT UPDATE from the Desk of Father Pat



Dear Parish and School families of St. John XXIII,

Over the past several years, members of our parish and school have come together to achieve the goal of Gathering and Growing as ONE. One in Faith, Education and Community. Through multiple committees and countless hours, our volunteers and staff have worked on the mission to consolidate our church cluster at Port Washington and Saukville and subsequently guided the incorporation of our Parish and school as St. John XXIII in July of 2016. Through successful fundraising campaigns such as the roof replacement at St. Mary's and the current *Gather & Grow* capital fund appeal, major steps have been taken to ensure the future of our Parish and Catholic education for generations to come. **As an update to the building project, we have completed the required changes to ensure a safe and secure environment for all who use the new facilities at the St. Peter's campus. These were made with support and guidance of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, Port Washington Police Department and our insurance carrier. As stated in a previous correspondence, these modifications have resulted in additional structural design costs to the overall project and a delay to the originally planned construction timeline. As we approach the last phase before beginning the project, we are preparing the required financial information to submit to the Archdiocese for final approval in mid-November. We are confident that we will be sharing good news of an official project start date with you in the very near future!**

We are now in the second year of our three year *Gather & Grow* capital fund appeal and are greatly appreciative of the overwhelming generosity that has been shown by so many. We ask you to continue to fulfill outstanding pledges until your balance reaches \$0. If you are a new member of St. John XXIII parish or school or have been unable to contribute or made a onetime donation during our initial fundraising period, please consider making a pledge or an additional pledge during this very important and exciting time in the history of our Parish and school! For additional information, please contact Mike Burch at the parish office at 262-284-4266.

Peace & Blessings,