



Dear Parishioners:

Praise the Lord! A big ‘thank you!’ to all who have donated so generously to our various development funds and capital campaigns. It has finally happened: the earth moving equipment has arrived hungry and they are making short work of our longed-for construction project. **We are building a church!**

[Click here](#) to see site work photos.

We can plan for Pentecost 2024, First Holy Communions, and Confirmations in the new St. Katharine Drexel Church. Let us all rejoice in this tremendous step forward. **We will have a church!**

At this point, we are building a church that will allow us to celebrate Mass in our own building. ***However, the building currently does not include an administrative wing for priest and staff offices.*** The pastoral staff will remain a mile down the road in the Mission Office and the pastor will reside fourteen miles away in Middleburg. Consequently, our new church will have to remain locked for most of the day.

Now is the time to help us attain another \$500,000 in pledges to add administrative offices to our church. If we can receive **pledges** for that amount in the very near future, we will still have time to add the office space to give you greater access to your parochial staff and your pastor, and to provide more services to our growing community. Your donations will provide our Mission families with the life-giving elements of the sacraments, faith formation, and daily worship.

As our patroness, St. Katharine Drexel taught, “*Ours is the Spirit of the Eucharist, the total gift of self.*”

How Can I Help?

If you have not yet made a Capital Campaign Pledge or if you have given and would like to provide additional support to help us include much needed office space in our new building, please complete and submit the **SKD Cornerstone Campaign Pledge Form**. Donations do not have to be paid at this time, but we do need to know of your pledge commitment through your completion of a Pledge Form.

If you were waiting to see if the project would really happen before you donate, this is your time to act!

SKD Cornerstone Campaign Pledge Form

If you have any questions or would like to make a direct contribution to our Church Building Project, please contact Lori Trout at trout@saint-stephen.org.

Thank you for all that you do to support the St. Katharine Drexel Mission community.

We ask for God’s continued blessings as our church building project continues to move forward!

Christ’s Peace,

Fr. Murphy