



December 3, 2018

Dear St. Michael Parishioner,

I am writing to you today to ask for your kind and generous support of our *Year-End Appeal* for St. Michael the Archangel Parish. This past year I was very impressed by the support shown by so many for this Annual Appeal. Words cannot express my sincere gratitude for all who helped to make the Year-End Appeal such a success.

Once again, we are offering three options for the Year-End Appeal. Donations may be designated to increase our School or Parish Foundation – as we look to the future – or our Facilities Fund - which helps us tremendously in the present. You may recall that it was our hope last year that many would consider designating their donation to support the Facilities Fund. This is also our hope for this year as we continually strive to maintain and upgrade our facilities. Whichever Fund you choose – know of our heartfelt gratitude for your generous support!

Thanks to the many parishioners who designated their donation to support our *Facilities Fund* this past year we were able to take care of a number of much needed projects for our parish. When the boiler went out in the downtown church this past winter, we had the means to replace it in a timely manner at a cost of \$35,000. We also had the ability to upgrade equipment, technology, and the overall look of some key areas in our facilities. For example, we freshened up a number of spaces as we painted the school auditorium, all of the hallways in the old portion of the school, a number of our school offices, and the interior of the rectory. The painting was completed at a cost of about \$18,500. We also installed drop ceilings and energy efficient LED lighting in our Junior High classrooms, as well as the hallway outside of the auditorium. This same hallway received new flooring (\$7,600) and new carpet was installed in five of our school classrooms (\$16,500). Additionally, we purchased a new database for our school (\$6,000) and new surge protection for our parish and school computer network (\$10,000). We also purchased some critical equipment for our maintenance, custodial, and church cleaners, including a zero-turn lawnmower which converts to a snow blower (\$16,000), a new burnishing machine for polishing floors (\$6,200), and commercial vacuums (\$2,800). As you can see, much is happening with the ongoing upkeep of our facilities, equipment, and technology.

If you are feeling financially blessed this year, I pray you might consider sharing some of your blessings with the parish – especially as we look to the end of this current tax year.

Thank you, in advance, for the love and care you show to our parish. I am continually humbled by the love, faith, and generosity of St. Michael parishioners. It is my honor to help us be good stewards of the many blessings our Lord has given us here at St. Michael the Archangel.

Thank you for all you do! Have a blessed Season of Advent!

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rev. Michael J. Zacharias". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Rev. Michael J. Zacharias
Pastor

We, the people of St. Michael The Archangel Parish, are called to be a Spirit-filled pilgrim people who build and proclaim God's kingdom.

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