



# Infinite Blessings ... Imagine!

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## Calendar of Events

March 1-28

Enrichment Gatherings

March 21 & 22

All Church Bible Study

March 22

Sunday School Art Day

April 3

Advance Commitment Event

April 24

All Church Banquet and

Children's Party

April 26

Commitment Sunday

May 31

Celebration Sunday!

## All Church Banquet

*Save the date!*

April 24th

In the Church Courtyard

Party for children

Food, drinks and fun!

## St. Anthony Imagines Increased Worship, Teaching and Outreach

Welcome to the first newsletter of the St. Anthony Capital Campaign "Infinite Blessings...Imagine!" We will publish four newsletters over the next few months to help you better understand what this campaign is all about and to help answer any questions you may have.

It is through much prayer and thoughtful discernment, that the church Vestry voted to institute this campaign. With our current mortgage of \$1.2 million we are seriously hampered in our ability to walk in Christ's love through ministry, outreach and worship.

Just imagine what we could do if we didn't have our mortgage payments. That was the thought that captivated our campaign leadership team as they pondered what to name the campaign.

We challenge you to IMAGINE. ..



Imagine reaching out to the lonely or grieving...

Imagine enriching and expanding our own spiritual life...

Imagine growing the new ministry to those harmed by domestic violence...

## St. Anthony Debt Imperils Programs

At our recent annual meeting, St. Anthony Treasurer Barbara Ells reported on the finances of the church, highlighting last year's budget and outlining what we can expect for 2009 and beyond.

The overriding message was that as long as the church is weighed down with our \$1.2 million mortgage, our abil-

ity to maintain our current programs, much less develop new ones, is hindered.

Barbara noted that we started 2008 with a projected deficit of \$35,000. This deficit did not even include our annual Diocesan assessment of \$72,000 and the \$32,500 shortfall in pledge income we ex-

perienced in 2008. A bequest by a parishioner helped to balance the budget but we were still unable to completely fulfill our obligation to the Diocese.

Without our annual mortgage payment of \$117,000 we would be able to balance our budget and, well, just IMAGINE!



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### Your Questions Answered

#### ***Why are we initiating the campaign now?***

If we want the ability to grow our ministries, it's time to do something to solve our financial problems and help us better answer God's call for us.

#### ***Why do we have to pay off our mortgage?***

Our large mortgage payments are a burden to our budget each year. Our vestry felt it was important to free us from this debt and make it possible to fulfill our mission as a congregation.

#### ***What is our parish's financial situation?***

Please see the box on the front page for more information. Also, a copy of the 2008 Ministry and Operating Budget is available from the church office.

#### ***How can I learn more about the campaign goals?***

Please plan to attend one of our upcoming Enrichment Gatherings where you will have the opportunity to ask questions in the relaxed atmosphere of a parishioner's home. These gatherings will take place between March 1-28.

#### ***How can I get involved?***

There are many committees that need help. Please see the list on the next page for a description of the committees. Don't hesitate to contact the committee director—we'd love your help! Another good opportunity for involvement is through our all church Bible Study March 21 and 22nd.



#### **Capital Campaign Leadership Team**

*(L to R):* Front row: Debbie Fox, Susan Mitchler, Monica Gliva, Grant Gilfeather and Leanne Murrillo.

*Middle row:* Dorian Mulvey, Jeanne Paige, Barbara Ells, Susan Gilfeather and Jill Kyler.

*Back row:* Mario Vassaux, Bill Counce, George Mulvey, Jeff Roberts and David Ells.

*(Not pictured: Harold Aikins and Beth Hammond)*



## CAMPAIGN LEADERSHIP TEAM

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The Campaign Leadership Team is comprised of volunteers from St. Anthony who prayerfully considered the importance of this campaign and their commitment to helping make it happen. Each team listed below is in need of volunteers to help make this campaign a success. Please don't hesitate to contact the committee director for more information.

**Pastor Dorian** is the campaign's *Spiritual Leader*.

The Leadership Team is lead by *Co-Chairs* **Harold Aikins** and **Bill Counce**. (haikins@tdsiaz.com or wcoun@cox.net)

*Planned Giving Directors* **David and Barbara Ells** will look beyond the three-year campaign to continued giving opportunities such as estate planning. They will help parishioners plan their giving through wills, trusts, stocks and bonds, life insurance policies and investment real estate. (drbells@msn.com)

The *Promotion Director*, **Monica Gliva**, will create all the publications and written materials for the campaign. (gliva@desertinet.com)

*Enrichment Gatherings Director*, **Leanne Murrillo**, is responsible for small group gatherings that will serve as an opportunity for parishioners to gather more information about the campaign. (ctrsphx@cox.net)

**Grant and Susan Gilfeather** will serve as our *Prayer Vigil Directors*. They will plan our 24-hour prayer vigil for which they will provide prayer request cards. (g2feather@cox.net)

*Bible Study Director* **Susan Mitchler** is responsible for assisting parishioners with Bible Study during the campaign. (dsmitchler@yahoo.com)

The *Commitment Director*, **Jeff Roberts**, will conduct follow-up visits with members of the congregation who have not made a financial commitment by Commitment Sunday. (jwroberts1@msn.com)

**Debbie Fox** will be our *Hospitality Director*, taking reservations for our church banquet and assisting with hospitality at the banquet. (debbiefoxroka@cox.net)

Our *Banquet Director*, **George Mulvey**, is charged with planning our All Church Banquet. (gmulvey@cox.net)

**Jeanne Paige** is our *Continuation Director* and as such she will monitor our fundraising efforts after the initial campaign has ended. (jpaige112@aol.com)

Our *Audio/Visual Director*, **Mario Vassaux**, will produce an audio/visual presentation for parishioners to view at the Enrichment Gatherings. (mario@upandatom.com)

**Jill Kyler**, our *Resource Director*, is responsible for the logistics of the campaign including mailings, room arrangements and special requests. (jillkyler@st-anthony.net)

As *Children and Youth Director*, **Beth Hammond** will coordinate the activities and projects planned for our younger parishioners, including the children's party. (bethhammond@st-anthony.net)



## Meet Our Campaign Co-Chairs



Harold Aikins

Harold Aikins and his wife, Debbie, have been parishioners at St. Anthony since 1998. Since then, Harold has served in many roles including High School Sunday School teacher, Youth Group leader, Search Committee member, and MOSA member. In addition Harold has attended many Youth Mission trips and has participated in Habitat for Humanity. Most recently Harold completed three years on the Vestry and is ready for his new role on the Capital Campaign.

Harold and Debbie have a daughter Jennifer. He is a manufacturing representative with a love for hiking and skiing. Little League coaching has been a passion for Harold.



Bill Counce

Bill Counce has been a member of St. Anthony since 1998. Through his involvement with the Hospitality Ministry, Bill has brought us the Sunday Coffee Hour. He has also been serving as an usher for the 10 am service for many years. In addition, Bill sat on the Youth Ministry Council last year and just completed a four-year term on the Vestry. Bill is now blessing us with his leadership on the Capital Campaign.

Bill is married to Patti Counce and has a 12 year old son, Chris. Bill has a home theater contracting business and is also a real estate agent with an emphasis on recreational and residential real estate. In addition, he serves as an assistant scout leader for Boy Scout Troop 616, a youth football coach and is a passionate outdoorsman.

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