

FAITH FAMILY COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER

What is the Faith Family Community Fundraiser?

- Fundraiser that focuses on reducing the amount of our loan to the Archdiocese.

Why is the Faith Family Community Fundraiser a five-year plan?

- To show commitment to the Archdiocese that our parish is willing to work at paying off our loan.
- To make an opportunity to collect an amount that significantly reduces our loan.

When does this fundraiser start?

- Now. Registered members have been mailed materials and pledge cards. If you are registered at our parish and haven't received these materials please contact the parish office.
- There will be envelopes available in the gathering area that will be used for collecting pledges.

What if I am not a registered parishioner, but attend mass regularly, can I pledge?

- Absolutely! There are brochures with pledge cards available in the gathering area or call the parish office.

I'm a visitor but would like to contribute. How do I do that?

- There are envelopes in the pews to use. Please write FFC on the memo line on checks.
- Donate online at <http://www.stssimonandjude.com/onlinegiving.html>.

How are pledges collected?

- Pledge cards can be turned into the parish office, mailed, faxed, put in the collection basket **at any time**, or turned in on pledge kickoff days — May 3–4.
- Donate online at <http://www.stssimonandjude.com/onlinegiving.html>.

What happens to the pledge money when it is collected?

- This money will stay separated from the general fund because it is committed to the loan repayment.
- The money is administered by Ss. Simon and Jude, which is why it is important that all contributions be sent directly to our parish. We will determine, based on the amount of money collected from the pledges, how much can be sent monthly to the Archdiocese. Tracking of the payment will be kept by our parish office and quarterly reports sent to the Archdiocese.

Should I/we stop our weekly envelopes and put all money into the Faith Family Community Fundraiser?

- We ask that as well as pledging to the FFC Fundraiser, you continue your generosity in the weekly collections because that money goes directly to our general fund, which pays utilities, maintenance, salaries, etc.

Will this guarantee that the Archdiocese will not close our church?

- There are no guarantees. The only guarantee is that if we don't take responsibility the Archdiocese will. As we've seen from other parish communities, that could mean anything from imposing fundraisers to closing parishes. The longer we wait to take action, the higher the amount of interest accumulated, and the further out of reach the loan repayment comes.

GRACIOUS GOD, PLEASE HELP US TO CONTINUE TO GROW AND PROSPER AS THE COMMUNITY OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE. WITH HEARTFELT GRATITUDE AND LOVE, WE PRAY TO YOU, LORD. AMEN.