



# Update!

*Building a Brighter Future at St. John Vianney*  
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## *Appreciating the Past!*

This weekend, the “*St. John Vianney Parish Community*” celebrates - looking both to the past and to the future.

Our parish officially became a Parish *38 years ago* this coming Wednesday. Since its inception, beginning with the 189 families who were the pioneers of our great Parish, we have celebrated many times as a community. We have come together to welcome new children through *Baptism*. We have watched our children receive the Sacraments of *First Holy Communion, First Reconciliation* and *Confirmation*. We have witnessed people joining together in *Marriage*. We have celebrated anniversaries, birthdays, and other special events in the lives of the people who make up our parish. We have also celebrated people of our parish as they have left their earthly experience and have joined our Lord Jesus Christ in eternal life.

Our 38 years together would suggest that there have been 1,986 weekends where we as a community of believers and people who love our *Lord* have come together to celebrate the *Holy Sacrifice of the Mass* and receive *Holy Communion*.

*St. John Vianney is a strong Parish! We are a great Parish!* We are a good community of people who live our faith, support our community through generous donations to others, and who gather together in fellowship over a donut, a soup supper, or in a meeting. While we are individuals, we are also a community of believers who live our motto of “*Growing in Faith Together*”.

As we study our history, we see that many of the original founding members are still parishioners of our *St. John Vianney Parish Community*. They are:

Vi Archambault  
Wayne & Linda Bamberg  
Robert & Josette Card  
Jerome & Barbara Cragg  
Steve & Theresa Gagnon  
Sally Jablonski  
Dan Kilbourn  
Jack King  
Doris Kinsman  
Eugene & Nancy Krawczak  
Thomas & Michele Lewis  
Earl & Chris Lisee  
Randy and Lee Madison  
Richard & Jackie Moody  
David & Terry Oeming  
Bernard & Cecilia Rogoszewski  
Robert Schade  
Arlene Schrank  
Barbara Strong  
Pat & Sally Sullivan  
Lyle & Rita Summerfield  
Bill & Kim Vance  
Paul & Jan Weisenberger  
Janice Williams

When you see them, share thanks for their efforts in making *St. John Vianney* such a wonderful place to come together and to worship.

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*This is the kick off of our Capital Campaign! “Building a Brighter Future”*

This weekend begins a time of incredible excitement for *St. John Vianney* Parish Community. As a Community of People who regularly come together to *Worship the Lord*, this weekend begins an effort to create wonderful physical improvements for our parish. These improvements have been explained in informational bulletin inserts which have been provided in the past weeks.

***What is a Capital Campaign?*** Like most things in life, it costs money to make anything happen. To make the necessary improvements, we the people of *St. John Vianney* must raise an estimated \$1,750,000. This amount will enable completion of the improvements and pay off any construction loan within three years.

***The Capital Campaign includes:***

- ~ Sharing of Information
- ~ Prayer, study, planning and decision-making.
- ~ “Visitors” who will contact and be seeking a three-year pledge from every parishioner to support the necessary improvements to our parish.

***What is the Plan for the Campaign?***

- The Capital Campaign begins this weekend and runs into early next year. Ideally, the end of 2017 will wrap up the campaign. The goal is 100% of *St. John Vianney* Parishioners will be contacted and visited by a person during the campaign. These “Visitors” are people from the parish who have volunteered to make contact and have conversation with each and every parishioner.
- The “Capital Campaign” Pledge period is now until the end of the calendar year. The time period to pay off pledges made by parishioners is from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020.

***All parishioners are encouraged to pray, reach deep into your heart and to share your treasures with the Lord as you support the “Building a Brighter Future” Campaign.***

***Campaign Prayer***

*Almighty Father, you blessed your people most abundantly through the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ, who offered his Body and Blood as the source of eternal life. Bless us as we continue to do your work at St. John Vianney, especially during the Building a Brighter Future Capital Campaign. Help us to invest in our future, providing for our community dedicated to the sacrifice of your Son. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.*



***AMEN***

***May God Bless each and everyone in our Parish!***

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