

LEGACY FOR OUR MISSION:

For Our Children and the Future

PARISHIONERS AT ST. AGNES RISE ABOVE EXPECTATIONS

Four years ago, the members of St. Agnes Parish in Nashville demonstrated their stewardship values as they raised six times the parish's annual collections for a new building to support the local growth. The parishioners are once again joining forces and answering Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein's call to live as good stewards of all that God has provided.

St. Agnes has served Brown County for 70 years. The four-year-old facility that seats 350 people cost more than \$2 million, and initial planning with a parish building committee began some 10 years before construction was underway. Throughout the construction parishioners stayed faithful to their community and contributed their prayers, talents and financial resources.

Through the *Legacy for Our Mission* capital stewardship campaign parishioners are being called to serve, and once again they are delivering. St. Agnes ministers in many ways, and the parishioners have been asked to assist in raising funds that will enrich and extend the ministries into the future.

"I am really touched by how many people come to me after Mass and say they may not be able to offer much, but they want to help in any way they can. Their deep sincerity and selfless generosity impresses me beyond words," said Holy Cross Sister Eileen Flavin, parish life coordinator at St. Agnes.

One of the growing ministries at St. Agnes is the youth group. Currently, there are 15 youth who attend the Wednesday night activities on a regular basis. A small barn on the parish's property has been designated as the future home of the youth group. St. Agnes is asking the



Catholic community to help raise the funds that will give the youth a special place of their own.

"By appointing an area for the youth, we are acknowledging that they are the leaders of tomorrow and the future of the parish," said Sister Eileen. "They deserve a stable environment where they can go and share God's love."

Offering three liturgies every weekend is another way St. Agnes is ministering to its people. It's also another area of need. After the current parish was constructed, an organ was needed to accompany each Mass and a member of the parish graciously donated their personal organ. For four years the organ led the community in song and prayer, but now as age takes its toll the parish is in need of a modern-day church organ.

Campaign funds will also help improve and pave the driveway that leads from the church to the buildings on

top of the hill. The parish will create a rainy day fund for future repairs as well.

"There are almost 60 team members who have dedicated their time to help in this campaign," said parishioner Tom Tuley, campaign co-chairman. "Team members are praying for the mission, making phone calls to remind members of special events, helping recruit volunteers for various tasks and creating materials such as postcards and brochures. Everyone has been very giving."

Tuley became a member of St. Agnes in 1998. He had attended Mass with his wife for numerous years but had never taken the journey to convert to Catholicism. The kindness and sincerity of the St. Agnes community helped Tuley rejuvenate his faith and find his spiritual path.

"No one believed St. Agnes would raise enough money for the new building, and we rose above everyone's expectations," said Tuley. "The people of St. Agnes welcomed me into their community and they will continue to support their own members, as well as other parishes within the archdiocese."

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