

# Frequently-Asked Questions

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## **What is the time frame for this project?**

The building committee along with the architect has already begun to work with the town of Westport. We hope to break ground on the new gathering space in February. If all goes well it will take 8-10 months to complete. The church building will not be closed during construction; we will use the entrances by the Community Room and at the end of the classroom wing. Our hope is to have the addition ready for our 50th Anniversary Mass with Bishop Lori on October 21, 2007.

## **What if all of the funds are not pledged during this active phase of the campaign?**

The project has three different elements. In priority order: the new gathering space, the parking lot and the rectory offices. The parish finance committee does not want to take a loan out to finish the projects or deplete the parish savings. A minimum of \$1.3 million is needed in pledges to move forward on the new gathering space. The active phase of this three year pledge campaign will run until the end of this year. In January, the behind-the-scenes follow-up & redemption phases will begin.

## **How can we begin this major campaign effort when each week St. Luke falls short in meeting its budget figure in the weekly collection?**

The figures in the bulletin reflect our philosophy that ordinary expenses should be covered entirely by the weekend collections. Other income (Christmas and Easter Collections, regular income from a bequest and one-time special gifts) helps to make up for the collection shortfalls. It also helps that the monthly budget number is based on projected expenses; our constant efforts to keep our expenses at or below that budgeted figure also helps us to approach a balanced budget across the space of an entire fiscal year.

## **Will any work be done inside the church itself?**

No, nothing is planned at this time. We will be looking into the cost of cleaning, restoring and enhancing our Stations of the Cross before our 50th Anniversary year ends.