

THE PARABLE OF THE TALENTS

For it is like a man, going into another country, who called his own servants, and entrusted his goods to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one; to each according to his own ability. Then he went on his journey. Immediately he who received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. In like manner he also who got the two gained another two. But he who received the one went away and dug in the earth, and hid his lord's money. "Now after a long time the lord of those servants came, and reconciled accounts with them. He who received the five talents came and brought another five talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents. Behold, I have gained another five talents besides them.' "His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a few things, I will set you over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' "He also who got the two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents. Behold, I have gained another two talents besides them.' "His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a few things, I will set you over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' "He also who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you that you are a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter. I was afraid, and went away and hid your talent in the earth. Behold, you have what is yours.' "But his lord answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant. You knew that I reap where I didn't sow, and gather where I didn't scatter. You ought therefore to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received back my own with interest. Take away therefore the talent from him, and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will be given, and he will have abundance, but from him who has not, even that which he has will be taken away. **Mark 25:14-29**

SAMPLE PROJECTS

- Organize a Bake Sale
- Sell your hand-crafted wares
- Offer music lessons
- Teach others your hobby
- Offer transportation services
- Have a garage sale
- Give cooking lessons
- Cook a gourmet meal for a family or group
- Offer an outing on your boat
- Offer your vacation home
- Design and sell gift baskets
- Offer technical services like setting up networks, electrical work or computer repair
- Offer to pet sit or walk dogs
- Become a party planner
- Offer construction or handyman services
- Sell gardening services
- Organize an event to remember, like wine tasting or an auction
- Clean your own carpets and donate the cost of professional cleaning

AND GET THE KIDS IN ON THIS

- Sell your old skateboard
- Offer pitching lessons
- Water your neighbor's plants
- Feed your neighbor's pets

The Parable Project 2010

based on The Parable of the Talents



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A Stewardship Parish

WHAT IS A PARABLE PROJECT

A means to fund capital improvements for our St. Nicholas facility that is scripture based, and that relies not only on direct donations but gives parishioners the opportunity to transform their time and talent into treasure.

WHY THE PARABLE PROJECT 2010

Our building needs improvements, but we do not maintain a permanent capital budget.

- Collections go toward operating budget
- Fundraisers go toward ministries

The needed improvements are many, but we will focus on the three most urgent.

- Our original roof leaks
- Our heating and cooling system is also original, which explains the unpredictable temperature at Mass
- Our sound systems emits "demon noises," sometimes during Mass

WHY NOT A TYPICAL CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Because living out scripture gives glory to God and reminds us that as Disciples of Christ we know that all gifts come from God, and that God calls us to care for and grow the gifts He has given us and to return them to Him with increase.

Participation in the Parable Project gives you an opportunity to please God and hear Him say, **"Well done good and faithful Servant"**

HOW THE PARABLE PROJECT 2010 WILL WORK

Timing

The Parable Project will officially begin on 1/15/2010. The project will have two phases. The goal of Phase I is to fund a new roof by July 31, 2010. The goal of Phase II is to fund a new heating/cooling system and a sound system by December 31st.

How to Participate

Identify a project you will implement using your time and talent to earn money to donate to The Parable Project. Or select a service to perform for yourselves that you would usually pay someone else to do, and plan to donate the savings.

Fill out Parable Project Pledge Form with a description of the project and mail to the office, place in one of the boxes at church entrances, or drop it at the office. If you need "seed" money, indicate this on the form or call our Parable Project hotline at 217-4338 to make a request.

A brochure advertising your Parable Projects will be distributed via email and with the bulletin. It will also be available in the church common areas.

Donations are Also Welcome

Just fill out the Parable Project Pledge Form or call our hotline at 217-4338. We will contact you to arrange the donation.

SPECIFIC GOALS OF PARABLE PROJECT 2010

Phase	Funding Goals (*)	Target Date
Phase I		7/31/09
Roof	\$ 390,000	
Phase II		12/31/09
Heat/Cool Sys	\$ 96,000	
Sound System	\$ 12,000	
Phase II Total	\$ 108,000	
Total	\$ 498,000	12/31/09

(*) Based on cost estimates from vendors

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR YOU?

You may recall that Father Barton surveyed the parish to determine the appetite for building a new facility versus improving the existing church. We overwhelmingly voted to improve our current building and while the improvements are not cheap, they do not approximate the cost of a new building.

If every one of the approximately 1,200 registered households in the parish earned and/or donated \$325 by the end of July, we would meet our goal for funding the roof. If only half our households participate, we would need \$650 from each to pay for the roof.

In the latter half of the year, we are looking to raise \$90 from each of the 1,200 households to fund the heating/cooling and sound system. Again, if only half participate, we would need to raise \$180 from each.

The Parable Project 2010

Will be run by your Stewardship Committee

Chairperson: Megan Lombard

Committee/Project Team Members:

- Jerre Burke (*staff member*)
- Michele Mayer (*staff member*)
- Kathy Hupp
- Dan Mumm
- Brennan Peterson
- Tim Sexton

If you have questions please call the Parable Project 2010 hotline at 217-4338

You Are Invited to an Information Session to be held after all Masses in the Social Hall

Saturday, January 9, 2010

6:45

Sunday, January 10, 2010

10:15

12:15

THE PARABLE PROJECT 2010 PLEDGE FORM

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

HOUSEHOLD PROJECT DESCRIPTION

CHILD'S PROJECT DESCRIPTION

____ Please call me about receiving upfront money for this project.

DONATION INTENTION

Please mail to the Parish or drop in the Sunday Collection Basket or one of the Parable Project boxes in the commons.

THANK YOU!