WISH LIST – ST. SOPHIA

A number of families and individuals have asked if there are some specific projects or items that people can contribute to special gifts and memorials. Yes, there are!

Looking for a way to contribute I a special way? Here are sine WISH LIST items that would really make a difference which are not included in our budget.

Our Church home is very much like our family homes when it comes to dependence on family members for financial technical skills and "muscle" support. Both church and home families budget their income for expenditures and try hard to anticipate future needs with a "wish list."

We are truly blessed to have a parish that continues to grow. With this growth there is a need to enhance and expand our programs to keep apace with this growth. Nevertheless, with this growth the daily activity use results in natural wear and tear of our complex. Our inability to fund the repair and/or update these items have allowed some areas of our church complex to deteriorate beyond our ability to maintain them.

Your generosity will make a difference for helping to make these wish items come true. Please contact a Parish Council member or call the Church Office at 489-4442 to make a donation either entirely or a portion of the cost. The item will immediately be purchased once funds have fully been collected. A tax deductible receipt of your donation will be sent to you. God bless you, and may your gift be a source of blessing to others.

Capital Improvements – *Estimated Cost: $20,000+* – Fellowship Hall and Surrounding Halls are the center of all our activities. We need to repair and update the hall enough to facilitate its ability to generate income through more varied rentals, and maintain current functionality for our members. Wear and tear is showing and very neglected for rentals. It needs painting, wallpapering and carpeting.

Kitchen & Storage – *Estimated Cost $7000+* – Everyone knows that the kitchen is the heart of the home... Our St. Sophia kitchen was built in 1964 and has served us well. However, for the many events that take place throughout the year, our kitchen is not functional. Storage is at a premium especially when we have big events. Plans have been drawn for new storage areas as well as cabinetry, shelving, and storage containers.

Icons in the Church – *Estimate Cost $5,000 to $12,000 each* – There are few remaining Icons that need to be completed. This is a good bequest to leave in memory or honor of our loved ones. See Father Pat for more information

Total Solution For Our Events [Stage, Lighting & Spotlights, Sound system, Dimming System and Audio/Visual System, New Projection System, LCD Television and DVD Player – *Estimated Costs $49,000+* – Upgrade the system to meet the specific needs of this multifaceted and fast-paced church. The system has to be easy to reconfigure so that a Fashion Show could take place on Friday, a Dance on Saturday and a wedding on Sunday and then be ready for any other program, meeting or production that we do throughout the year. We need in the hall, the ability to offer access to sound for DVDs, Powerpoint presentation, and other media : availability for rental to conferences and other events.

Two Wireless Microphones & Two Mic Pacs – *Estimate Cost $2,500+* – There is a need for working microphones with stands for the many events that take place. The existing two rarely work.

Choir Robes – *Estimated Cost $300 each [need 40 robes]* – The existing robes are starting to get threadbare with a lot of piling. Our wonderful choir does many events, and it would be nice to have them represent us with nice-looking robes.

Office Equipment [servers and desktop PCs] – *Estimated Cost $6,000+* – Servers and updated computers are needed in order to integrate our church records into a more modern technological software. We need to update our security and offer donations and stewardship payments on line. Our computer system is dated and cannot support the new emerging technology.

Festival Equipment – The Festival grows more every year and the equipment we are using is worn from years of use and needs replacement very soon. Needed are commercial quality grills, fryers, ~~loukoumathes machine~~, coolers, and many more items. See George Sokaris if you have restaurant equipment that can be used at the Festivals. *The Parish Council will try to purchase some of the most critical items by having various fund raisers. Please support these events when they take place. Thank you!*