

*St. Martin Catholic Education
Foundation Inc.
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Dear Parishioner:

We are dab-smack in the middle of the two most holy seasons in our faith. It is very fitting that Catholic Schools Week is about as close to the Epiphany as it is to Ash Wednesday. Much has happened this past year. We gave a hearty welcome to our fine new priest, Father Nelen. With the help of their talented minions at the Knights of Columbus, Dan and Aaron Bax worked miracles on the rectory and rectory offices. Too many people were involved to recognize here, but the rectory could not have happened without Julie Erwin and Dan & Aaron Bax. The talent and dedication of St. Martins' parishioners is unmatched anywhere.

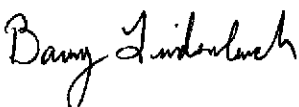
In April 2017, Father Ed was called home. On behalf of the Board of Directors of the foundation, we would like to sincerely thank those folks, both parishioners and non-parishioners, who paid off the remaining parish expansion debt and the \$100,000 school foundation loan. Debt that was expected to take another three years to pay took a little over a month. Because of your generosity you gave some "peace of mind" to one of the most humble and decent souls most of us will ever have had the pleasure of meeting. We would also like to thank Principal Mulholland, Parish Council President, Brian Francka and especially Administration Chairperson Janet Roling for her eloquent letter pleading for debt retirement in early February 2017.

The Knights of Columbus are kicking off this organizations fund drive with a \$1,000.00 donation. Since 2003, the Knights have supported this school and parish almost \$300,000.00. This does not count the service hours on projects such as our rectory. What would we do without them?

Attached to this bulletin is an envelope if you wish to make a possible tax deductible donation to the 2018 fund drive. **On the reverse side of this letter details an upcoming fundraising opportunity for 2019's fund drive.** As always, seventy-five percent (75%) of this fund drive currently supports our school with the other twenty-five percent (25%) remaining in reserve. On behalf of me, Treasurer/Secretary Joyce Distler, and Vice Chairman Greg Steck, the board of directors sincerely thanks you for your support of this foundation. Have a great 2018

**THE MISSION OF ST. MARTIN SCHOOL IS TO TEACH A LIFE OF PRAYER,
LEADERSHIP, LOVE, SERVICE, AND KINDNESS THROUGH CATHOLIC EDUCATION**

Sincerely



Barry Lindenbusch,
Chairman

