



# our vision [where we are going]

Our parish has grown in many ways over the last 28 years. We have grown in size, both in parish families and our actual church facilities. We have grown in ministries both toward our own parishioners and in extending our arms to those in need in our surrounding community. Our capital campaign, "Growing In Faith Together" (G.I.F.T.), will allow our parish to continue our mission of spreading the good news of Jesus Christ.

**Generosity:** The Lord provides us with many gifts for which we are grateful, both spiritual and material. Our church, through its ministries, also provides us with many reasons to be grateful. "Growing in Faith Together" is a chance for us as parishioners to demonstrate our gratitude in both spiritual and material ways.

**Inspiration:** As Catholics, we rely on scripture and sacred tradition to inspire us in how we live our lives. G.I.F.T. offers us an opportunity to reflect and ask God to inspire us in our giving.

**Faithfulness:** Our faith and prayer will guide us in revealing our potential for giving. It is usually greater than we ever imagined. By listening to the answer to our prayers, our faith will grow and sprout until the harvest.

**Thanksgiving:** God is our creator. Everything we are and have comes from him. We join together as a church to commit our prayers, gifts, and good works to answer the calling of Jesus Christ as we "Grow in Faith Together."



Dear parishioners and friends,

God gives each of us a certain work to do to carry out his purpose and plan. I believe that our Church of the Annunciation is standing on the threshold of a new and exciting opportunity to further God's plan.

Our recent renovations and additional facilities have helped us meet the needs of a growing parish. The door is now open for us to shape the ministries of our church for generations to come. This brochure introduces you to some of the steps we want to take in the near future.

As you study this brochure and become familiar with our plans, pray to God and ask Him how you and your family might follow His will for our church. Let your faith in God prompt you to respond.

May God bless us in these holy days of Lent as we strive to "grow in faith together." May a deeper sense of commitment give us also a deeper sense of joy.

Father John

# our story [who we are]

The Church of the Annunciation began as a Catholic community in August of 1980 with the hope of building a church and becoming a parish. At the end of the first year, there were 80 registered families. In January 1985, a ten acre track of land was purchased where the church is now located. The church was completed and dedicated in January 1986. Since that time, the parish has grown to over 500 families. Due to this continued growth, the parish entered into a purchase agreement for the Knights of Columbus Hall along with its 5 acres of land, and ground was broken on July 2007 to add a new addition to the church. This was a long awaited result of the campaign, "Building Our Vision Together," which began in 2002. The doors opened to our newly renovated church to celebrate Palm Sunday 2008.



On Commitment Weekend, March 28 - 29, everyone in our parish will be given the opportunity to make a three year commitment over and above what they are currently giving to the operating budget. Plan to be a part of this Commitment Weekend by being present and let's join together in our commitment to sacrificially give toward this exciting vision.