

# Help "Raise The Roof" – An invitation to support . . .

In 1889 when earlier parishioners laid the cornerstone for St. Mary's Church, they did so in the spirit of hope, trusting that God would bless their families and lives. More than 117 years later, St. Mary's Church stands tall, "the crown jewel of the Archdiocese" as stated by Archbishop Naumann. St. Mary's Church truly is one of the "8 Wonders of Art in Kansas".

The building is showing signs of age. The roof, which has withstood many storms, is in need of replacement. The aluminum shingles have many cracks and holes; those shingles have served well since 1959. Other work also needs to be done. For a few examples, the west wall crack and mortar needs to be repaired; the electrical wiring and lighting in the church requires modernization. Because of the roof project, there has been a delay in making the basement bathrooms accessible and installing new concrete, sidewalks and landscape. In short, the church building demands improvements. While each will be a significant investment, today's members and visitors will have greater accessibility and the next generation of church members will inherit a church home that is safe and secure.

St. Mary's Parish Council welcomes parishioners and others to contribute towards the roof and other projects.

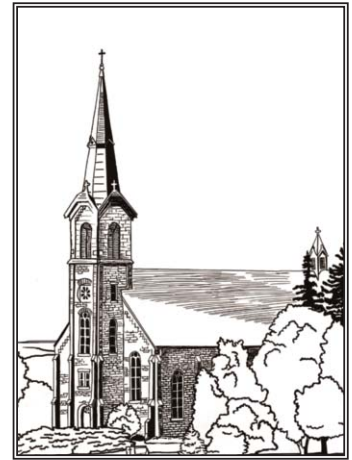
The Roof Committee and Father Ed have recommended replacement using DaVinci Shakes. These shingles are a composite material of high quality and reputation. The Committee studied many alternative roofing products in association with consultant Emily Koenig of CES Consulting, Marysville, Kan. The project will include new copper guttering and downspouts and cornice unless the cornice can be



DaVinci Shakes in "Weathered Wood"

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repaired. The work on the roof is anticipated to begin in October and should be completed in 45 days, given reasonable weather. Buck Roofing from Kansas City was one of three bidders and was the low bid at \$244,000. Including unforeseen costs and the consultant fee, the project has a total budget of \$275,000.



Faith Moves Us Forward

And while the parish has some funds on hand, the upcoming needs of the parish warrant an invitation to parishioners and others to

<b>St. Mary's Church Roofing Project</b>	
Previous Donations .....	\$90,000
State Preservation Tax Credits .....	\$65,000
Use of Existing Parish Funds .....	\$70,000
<b>"Raise the Roof" Fund Goal .....</b>	<b>\$60,000</b>
<b>Total Budget .....</b>	<b>\$275,000</b>

consider either making a donation at this time or to pledge an amount over the next year so that adequate reserves are maintained and other projects can be planned for. A proposed funding breakdown for the roof project is shown above. Please use the form below to make a donation or pledge. Payments should be made to St. Mary's Church; please note it is for the "Roof Project Fund".

*DaVinci Shake, multi-width composite roofing tiles, have achieved the highest possible test ratings for fire, wind and impact and have been approved and preferred by cities and subdivisions nationwide.*

- ♦ Class A fire rating (ASTM E 108)
- ♦ 110 MPH wind resistance (ASTM D 3161)
- ♦ Class 4 impact resistance (UL 2218)
- ♦ Lifetime Material Warranty



**My, our, donation to help towards the roofing project and other improvements at St. Mary's Church at this time is: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ . Date: \_\_\_\_\_**

Payment is enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ . Or, I/we will pledge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ payable in the next year.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Return this portion in an envelope marked "St. Mary's Church Projects" and place in the collection or mail to the rectory at St. Mary's Church, 9208 Main Street, St. Benedict, KS 66538.

*"To preserve this that your fathers built, in their great faith in your future." - Joe Oswalt, 1980*