



*St. Lawrence O Toole Catholic Church Po Box 332 Michigan, ND*

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Dear Friends of St. Lawrence O'Toole,

This is a special year for St. Lawrence O'Toole. The cornerstone on the church building is stamped "1913". Our church building is 100 years old this year! St. Lawrence O'Toole Congregation began in the 1880's with the first church being built in 1883. The second church was built in 1898, but burned in 1912. The third (current) church was built in 1913. The enclosed entrance was added in 1968. (History was taken from 1983 Michigan Centennial book.)

Our church is in dire need of some exterior maintenance. Cracking has occurred to the exterior bricks and mortar. The freezing/thawing cycles has allowed moisture to penetrate between the bricks, causing further damage. Tuckpointing is a process of fixing the bricks and mortar, and was last completed in the 1970's. There are major leaks in the bell tower that need repair as well as a coat of paint to the metal roof. The large round window in the choir loft has a rotten sill, which is causing the stained glass panes to loosen.

Our goal is to raise \$100,000 for the restoration of St. Lawrence O'Toole. We currently have about 70 families who are members of St. Lawrence so this is a huge project and a very big goal. We are hopeful that former members and friends of St. Lawrence will be willing to help us reach this goal. During the last 100 years, there have been many weddings, first communions, confirmations, and baptisms at St. Lawrence. Do you remember receiving your first communion at St. Lawrence? Or do you remember when the Bishop came to Michigan to confirm you? The church holds many special milestones in our lives. And so we need to take care of the church building to ensure that future generations can have their special milestones at St. Lawrence O' Toole also. We are asking that you contribute to this one time request to help us meet our goal. All of the funds raised will be used for the restoration of St. Lawrence O'Toole. Please write "restoration project" on the memo line of your check. Please prayfully consider a donation to St. Lawrence O'Toole. Any and all donations will be greatly appreciated!

Thank you!

St. Lawrence O'Toole Council Members