

September 30, 2023

Greetings, Donors to the Feed My Sheep Capital Campaign!

Christ is in our midst!

First and foremost, our sincere thanks for your gifts and pledges that helped us reach our goal of \$53,000 to build a kitchen at St. Raphael of Brooklyn Orthodox Christian Church. Without your gifts, large and small, we could not have attained this lofty goal.

We are currently in the design phase of the project, where plans must be drawn up and approved by the City of Iowa City before any construction can begin. We met recently with the designer who drew our initial kitchen plan in 2020, and confirmed that we will engage his company to complete the blueprints and serve as general contractor for the project, liaising with the city to obtain permits and coordinating subcontractors. If all goes as planned, we anticipate construction to begin in January 2024 and be completed before the start of Lent (mid-March).

If you have not yet done so, please remember to fulfill your pledge by March 4, 2024. Your pledge is not only a promise to St. Raphael Church, but a promise to God Himself. If you want to complete your obligation before the end of 2023 for tax purposes, be sure to remit payment to our treasurer by December 29 in order to allow time for processing.

We are so excited to see the ways in which our kitchen will help our parish grow in 2024! We especially look forward to offering additional free hot meals to the public and launching free community cooking classes. We will continue to keep you informed of the progress of the project. If you ever have questions, please feel free to contact any one of us.

In Christ,

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