

WHAT PROJECTS ARE WE INCLUDING IN THIS CAMPAIGN?

The Town Hall Meetings and Campaign Planning Study we conducted in the summer of 2017 provided a clear picture of what projects the parish believes are most critical. Using that information, we have prioritized our goals. The *Celebrate the Sacraments... A New Beginning for the Family* campaign addresses the most critical projects. This is Phase I of a three-phase plan.

CELEBRATION GOAL: The Temple | \$4.5 million

- Renew the Sanctuary including a new apse and artwork
- Install new skylights
- Relocate choir loft and organ
- Create via sacra (main aisle leading to the altar)
- Refurbish kneelers and baldacchino
- Install new sound system
- Construct additional accessible staircase to the lower level
- Update Marian Hall kitchen
- Replace original boiler and update mechanical systems

CHALLENGE GOAL: School & Pastoral Center | \$1.3 million

- School
 - Reconfigure school offices to create additional workspace
 - Refresh Joachim Hall cafeteria
 - Upgrade elementary main floor bathrooms
- Pastoral Center
 - Replace original windows with energy-efficient windows
 - Install central air conditioning
 - Upgrade bathrooms
 - Reconfigure entryway

VICTORY GOAL: Rectory Repairs & Maintenance Fund | \$400,000

- Rectory
 - Upgrade kitchen and bathrooms
 - Replace carpet
 - Create chapel sacristy
- Establish Campus-Wide Maintenance Fund

TOTAL GOAL: \$6.2 MILLION



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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APRIL 2018 UPDATE

After much work, St. Mary Catholic Parish is finally ready to embark on a campaign to address the capital needs of our campus. In March, the archdiocese approved our plans and gave us the “green light” to move forward.

It has been 18 years since our last effort and our buildings and grounds have been well-used since then – in fact a whole generation of Catholics have been born, received sacraments and finished high school in that time!

This document serves to answer frequent questions about our project plans. If others arise, I encourage you to contact me or Sarah Norton, the parish’s Director of Business Operations. You can also visit our campaign website at www.stmarylitleton.org/capital-campaign.

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WHY IS IT NECESSARY TO MOVE THE CHOIR LOFT?

Catholic architecture dictates that we must reserve the sanctuary for the ministers of the Mass: bishops, priests, deacons, acolytes, readers and cantors. Placing the choir in view of the congregation distracts attendees, especially during the Liturgy of the Eucharist, as the members appear to present a concert instead of fulfilling a component of the Mass. As stated in the document of the “Catholic Bishops in America, Built of Living Stones: Art, Architecture and Worship”: “The placement of the choir should never crowd or overshadow the other ministers in the sanctuary nor should it distract from the liturgical action.”

MY CHILDREN ATTEND ST. MARY SCHOOL. HOW WILL THESE PROJECTS BENEFIT THEM?

Beyond the planned updates to the school offices, Joachim Hall cafeteria, and the oldest restrooms in the elementary building, our children will benefit from our work on the rest of the campus, too. Every day, our students utilize buildings across our entire campus, not just the school buildings. We are one parish – church and school together – and upgrades to any part of our campus facilities are a benefit to our community as a whole.



THERE ARE SOME OTHER PROJECTS WE NEED THAT I DON'T SEE LISTED. WHEN WILL WE WORK ON THOSE?

Our parish campus has many needs. Because we want to remain debt-free, we need to live within our means to accomplish these projects. After we achieve our first three goals (Phase I - \$6.2 million), we will address the following additional projects as we can afford them.

Phase II: additional \$2.5 million

- Restructure the church narthex/gathering space
- Re-engineer the parking lot and improve lighting

Phase III: additional \$2.8 million

Construct a Ministry Center building to meet the needs of our ministry programs

WHAT IS THE PROCESS FOR SEEING THIS BECOME A REALITY?

We have worked for over a year to create these project plans, gather input from our parish, and earn approval from the archdiocese to move forward. Our fundraising effort will happen between now and August 2018. We anticipate most parishioners will want or need three years to fulfill their pledge commitment.

WHAT HAPPENS IF WE DON'T MEET OUR \$6.2 MILLION FUNDRAISING GOAL?

These projects are big and require each of us to give to the campaign at a level that is sacrificial to our families, beyond the annual Gift of Treasure. Parish leadership has developed alternate scenarios if we aren't able to immediately reach our \$6.2 million fundraising goal. These contingency plans include options like cost reductions, postponing specific projects, drawing a small amount from our parish reserve and continuing fundraising later. At the end of the campaign in August, we will know better which next steps to take.

WHEN WILL CONSTRUCTION BEGIN?

Our current plan is to start construction in August 2020 and complete by August 2021. But this depends upon the response to our campaign. According to archdiocesan policy, the parish must have half of the project cost in cash (\$3.1 million) before breaking ground.



WHY ARE WE MAKING THE REST OF THE CHANGES TO THE SANCTUARY AND NAVE?

Our parish family's focus this year is on rejoicing in the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist. These are gifts that, as years pass, most of us may take for granted. With the sacraments as our foundation, parish leadership identified the necessary physical changes to return the worship experience to a more sacred form. Our campaign's name helps us remember this goal: *Celebrate the Sacraments...A New Beginning for the Family.*

HOW WILL THE CHANGES IMPROVE THE WORSHIP EXPERIENCE?

The changes will bring the attention at Mass back to where it should be: on the presence of God among us. Now, with changes and upgrades – the choir repositioned to assist in worship, and a new via sacra reminding us of the connection between the baptismal font and the altar – our worship will focus once again on the true meaning of the Mass: growing our relationship with God.



WHAT DOES ARCHBISHOP AQUILA THINK OF OUR PLANS?

Archbishop Aquila offers his full support of our project. He understands our desire to grow and improve as a community in Christ and believes we directed our focus for growth in the right areas. In addition, the archdiocese reviewed, vetted and approved our project plans in March.



OUR LAST CAPITAL CAMPAIGN WAS 18 YEARS AGO. HOW OFTEN DO MOST PARISHES RUN CAMPAIGNS?

Capital campaign frequency depends on the needs of each parish. Some parishes, like St. Mary, rarely run a campaign, while others run multiple campaigns in a row to accomplish their goals. In our case, our 56-year-old campus has needs that must be addressed now and are beyond the ability of our annual budget to accomplish.