

CELEBRATE  
the Sacraments...  
A NEW  
Beginning  
FOR THE FAMILY

A Campaign for St. Mary Catholic Parish



our need

SINCE OUR PARISH FIRST CELEBRATED MASS IN 1901, ST. MARY HAS BEEN A GROWING, THRIVING FAMILY OF FAITHFUL CATHOLICS. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE GIFTS GOD BESTOWED ON OUR FIRST CHURCH BUILDING AND ON OUR CURRENT CAMPUS, OPENED IN 1962. OVER THE DECADES, OUR PARISH FAMILY HAS GROWN TO OFFER NEW MINISTRIES AND MEET THE CHANGING NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY.

Now, in 2018, God has offered us the chance to once again impact the faith life of our parish for decades to come, just as the builders of our campus did in 1962. Our calling is to inspire those who seek Jesus and help them find him here – through the beauty and miracle of the Mass, the general and religious education we provide, and by our compassionate and loving service.

The projects we will accomplish through this campaign are both practical and inspirational.

- The **choir loft** will be moved to the back of the nave in keeping with Catholic liturgical norms, and the **sanctuary** will be improved with beautiful new artwork.
- The **new staircase to Marian Hall** in the church building will replace a long-problematic and precarious set of stairs built for less traffic flow than we have now.
- A **new sound system** will improve our ability to proclaim God's word, ensuring everyone can hear and understand.



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### ***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, like St. Mary, rarely conduct a campaign, while others run consecutive campaigns to accomplish their goals. In our case, our 56-year-old campus has needs going beyond the ability of our annual budget to accomplish and which we must now address.

### ***Why is it necessary to move the choir loft?***

There are two main reasons. First, Catholic architecture dictates that we reserve the sanctuary for the ministers of the Mass: bishops, priests, deacons, acolytes, readers and cantors. Second, placing the choir in view of

"I AM  
the way and the truth and the life.  
No one comes to the Father  
EXCEPT THROUGH ME."

—JOHN 14:6

the congregation distracts Mass-goers. Musicians are active during Mass and their movement can distract worshipers, drawing their eyes away from the altar, our true focus at Mass.

### ***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 have directed our focus for growth in the right areas. In addition, the archdiocese reviewed, vetted and approved our project plans.

### ***When will construction begin?***

Our current plan is to start construction in June/July 2019 and finish by Summer 2020.

Our highest calling in this capital campaign is the work we will do in the Temple. This sacred space is where we worship as a family. It is where we experience the most memorable moments of our faith journeys: receiving the sacraments. The Church is our home in our darkest hours, when there is nowhere else to turn. And our church is where God inspires and welcomes new members to our family, building the body of Christ.





# how to give

THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE AND SUPPORT THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN. YOU MAY CONSIDER FULFILLING YOUR PLEDGE OVER A THREE-YEAR PERIOD TO MAXIMIZE YOUR SUPPORT FOR ST. MARY.

## **Gifts by Cash or Check**

Gifts made by cash or check are most common and will allow St. Mary to address its immediate needs above and beyond normal operating expenses.

## **Gifts of Securities, IRAs or Retirement Plans**

Charitable gifts of stocks, bonds or mutual funds that have been held for at least one year and have appreciated offer special tax advantages. For those aged 70 ½ and older, you can realize tax savings if you direct your retirement account's annual required minimum distribution directly to St. Mary.

## **Gifts of Real Estate**

Donations of appreciated homes and other real property are entitled to an income tax deduction equal to the full market value of the property with no tax on any capital gain.

## **Gifts of Life Insurance**

Naming St. Mary Parish as primary or contingent beneficiary of a life insurance property, is a unique way to fulfill a commitment. Gifts of life insurance are tax deductible, as are the future premium payments.

## **Corporate Matching Gifts**

Many companies match charitable gifts made by their employees, retirees or board members. A matching gift program provided through your employer or board membership may allow you to increase the value of your gift. For information and required forms, check with your company's human resources department.

## **Planned Giving**

Planned gifts can enable you to take full advantage of the tax laws to accomplish your financial and charitable goals. A deferred gift through an estate plan or life income gift offers you the ability to support the parish and retain the income from those assets during your lifetime. Methods include:

- Bequests by will or living trust
- Charitable Gift Annuities
- Charitable Lead or Remainder Trusts
- Beneficiary benefits from IRAs, pensions, or financial accounts



## **CELEBRATION GOAL** **The Temple | \$4.5 million**

Our church building will receive an update to many of its mechanical components. In addition, we will relocate the choir loft and organ to the back of the nave, refresh the sanctuary with sacred iconography and add a new, wider stairway to the building's lower level, where so many of our fellowship activities take place.

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

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