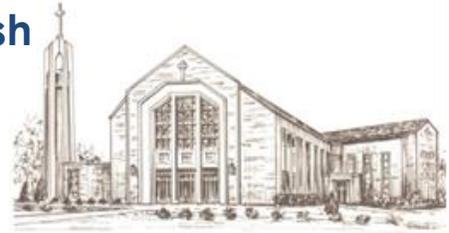


A Campaign for St. Paul the Apostle Parish

*Living out our mission. Addressing our needs today.
Grounded in faith for the future.*



Announcing the campaign launch

We are thrilled to announce the official launch of *A Campaign for St. Paul the Apostle Parish!* The leadership team has been developed, volunteers recruited, and initial visits completed for the campaign. Our parish has already received more than \$1 million in pledges from just a small percentage of our parish families. You will notice a significant increase in activity in the coming weeks, and may receive a call from one of our wonderful volunteers. Information about the projects will be on display in the narthex and on the website for the next few weeks. Please take a few minutes to review the projects and speak with Fr. John, Ed Dollinger, Jim Roof or any of our other volunteers if you have questions.

Frequently asked questions about the campaign

Background

Why are we doing this campaign now? *The Buildings and Grounds Committee started looking at issues that needed to be addressed about four years ago. They identified a number of projects around our campus that needed attention. One project, the new HVAC system in the school, needed immediate attention for safety reasons and has already been completed. After conducting a feasibility study earlier this year, it was determined that there is broad support for the projects.*

What is the goal and how was the goal determined? *The campaign goal is \$2,350,000 and our challenge goal is \$2,700,000. More than 450 parishioners responded to an in-pew survey, and 50 families participated in an interview during the feasibility study. The feedback from parishioners, industry standards and the needs of the parish were all taken into consideration.*

Which parish committees have been involved with the campaign? *The Buildings and Grounds Committee has been involved from the beginning, providing guidance and feedback on the proposed projects. The Finance Committee has also been involved, reviewing the scope of the project and endorsing the goal. An ad hoc committee of parishioners was recruited to conduct the feasibility study and select a fundraising team. Buildings and Grounds and Finance were also represented on this committee. We have built a volunteer team to help implement the campaign. When we are ready to begin the projects, the Buildings and Grounds Committee will oversee the bid process, manage the design, engineering and construction phases, and provide overall oversight of the projects. The Art and Environment Committee will also be engaged when we begin looking at aspects that affect the visual appeal of our campus buildings.*

Case for Support

Why does the convent need renovating and what will it be used for? *The convent is a structurally-sound building that needs significant interior renovations to be utilized fully. There have been no upgrades since it was built in the 1960s. Walls are cracking, windows are inadequate and only three of twelve bathrooms are working. After speaking with engineers, we determined that razing it would not only be expensive, but would be wasteful given the high quality of the structure*

and space that it offers. The parish needs better office and meeting space, as well as storage for records, all of which would be moved to the convent. Currently only Youth Ministry and Religious Education use the building. To expand our use of the building, the City of Joliet and its ordinances require that we make the building ADA compliant.

It seems like there is plenty of parking. Do we really need more spaces? *While we do have enough parking overall, we do not have enough handicap and near-church parking for our aging population. We hope to add at least six to twelve new spots near the church.*

Can we encapsulate rather than remove the asbestos from the church floor? *According to service providers we have spoken with, this would not be a good option for the church because the carpet is glued to the floor with asbestos mastic. Encapsulating it by adding carpet over existing carpet is not a long-term solution, nor would it would be warrantied.*

Our offertory is lower than it was in years past. How can we conduct a campaign when this is the case? *You may have noticed that in the past few weeks we adjusted the way offertory is reported to better reflect our financial standing. Monthly electronic payments were previously not being included. You will note that our new reporting method illustrates our more positive financial position.*

When will renovations begin? *The Diocese has a policy requiring that we have 75% of the funds in hand before starting a project. This should not prevent us from getting started quickly, because we could stage the projects (begin work on the convent when 75% of the convent funds are in, for example). Therefore, it is important that pledges to the campaign are fulfilled on schedule whenever possible. This will allow us to continue making progress on the projects on a consistent basis over the next few years.*

Making a Gift

When will I have the opportunity to give? *You may receive a call from a fellow parishioner in the coming weeks. There will also be opportunities to give during mass later this year.*

How long do I have to fulfill a pledge? *Pledges can be fulfilled over a three- to five-year period. Pledge payments may begin at any time, but we recommend that they start no later than first quarter, 2016. The more funding we can secure early on, the faster the projects will begin.*

Thank you to our campaign leaders and volunteers!

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