

Frequently Asked Questions

“One Faith, One Hope, One Family The Tradition Continues”

Why is the parish conducting this campaign?

Our parish leadership has developed a long-range facilities plan for our parish. Among the first things that must be done is the process of beautifying the interior of our Church, which has not been done for 25 years and to address much needed upgrades to restrooms in both the Church and school, upgrades to both our school buildings and to plan for the future.

How will the funds be used?

Our first priority will be to complete the interior beautification of the Church in time to celebrate our Bicentennial in 2020. At present our parish leadership is prioritizing the school projects, many of which can only be completed while school is not in session. Some of these will need to be phased over a longer period of time. The feedback from parishioners during the Feasibility Study is being taken into account as these decisions are finalized. The cemetery project will be the last undertaken and the possible new Spirit Center would take several years to complete, if the parish decides to move forward.

How will I be asked to participate?

Every household in the parish will be invited to attend either a home gathering or a gathering here at the Church between October and November 2018. If you cannot attend a gathering, we will then conduct a Witness Weekend in early December and a Participation Weekend in mid December so that all will have ample time to pray and reflect on your gift.

Who is being asked to participate?

Every registered family in the parish will be asked to prayerfully consider a gift to the campaign. In addition, every member of the school community, including non-parishioners who send their children to St. Mary School will be asked to support the campaign.

Is my gift confidential?

Yes, the gift packet you receive will be personal to you and your family and will not be shared with any other member of the parish community. There will be no parishioner-to-parishioner solicitation; your gift is entirely between you and the Lord.

How much should I give?

Each household will be asked for a gift in a gift range, not a specific amount. You will be asked to give this your prayerful consideration and make a **Decision of Faith** based on the spiritual principles that we should give out of **Gratitude** for the gifts God has given us, out of **Joy** rather than obligation, and finally out of **Love**, as Christ showed His Selfless Love for all of us.

How will I be reminded about my payments?

The parish will send regular pledge payment reminders based on the frequency you request. (Monthly, Quarterly, etc.) In addition, payment envelopes will be placed in the budget envelopes packets.

How long is the pledge period, and when will I receive my first pledge reminder?

Pledges can be made over a 3 to 5-year period, and parishioners may choose the beginning month and choose whether to receive monthly, quarterly, or annual reminders. Pledge reminders will begin to be mailed in January 2019.

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