

# ✠ St. Mary's Parish's Heritage

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We are the recipients of a rich and lasting inheritance from those who have come here before us. Though the passage of time has seen much change at St. Mary's Parish and many different faces representing the Body of Christ, the present community is a reflection of those who have served us so well past and present.



## GOAL

“Celebrating Our Growth... Building Our Future”

Fundraising goal for the remodel is \$1,000,000.

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## ✠ Suggested Gift Plans

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### New Church Suggested Payment Plans

#### Cornerstone Founder Plan

Five Hundred Thousand Dollars  
Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars  
Two Hundred Thousand Dollars

#### Founder Plan

(5 Years)

Pledge	Annually	Quarterly	Monthly
\$100,000	\$18,000	\$4,500	\$1,500
\$75,000	\$13,500	\$3,375	\$1,125
\$50,000	\$9,000	\$2,250	\$750

#### Builder Plan

(5 Years)

Pledge	Annually	Quarterly	Monthly
\$40,000	\$7,200	\$1,800	\$600
\$30,000	\$5,400	\$1,350	\$450
\$25,000	\$4,500	\$1,125	\$375

#### Patron Plan

(5 Years)

Pledge	Annually	Quarterly	Monthly
\$20,000	\$3,600	\$900	\$300
\$18,000	\$3,240	\$810	\$270
\$15,000	\$2,700	\$675	\$225

#### Friend Plan

(5 Years)

Pledge	Annually	Quarterly	Monthly
\$12,000	\$2,400	\$600	\$200
\$9,000	\$1,800	\$450	\$150
\$6,000	\$1,200	\$300	\$100

All gifts, regardless of the amount, are very much appreciated. A 10% down payment is encouraged. Memorial opportunities are available for donors. They can be designated to remember a loved one or to honor a cherished family member.

Parishioners may pay their gift in full, or choose to make a partial payment followed by periodic installments. All gifts are tax deductible. Please make check payable to:  
St. Mary's Parish Building Fund.

## **Name Giving Opportunities**

Sanctuary	\$100,000
Sanctuary stained glass	\$75,000
Sacristy	\$75,000
New Heat Pumps	\$50,000
Altar	\$50,000
Elevator	\$50,000
Child Care room	\$35,000
Women's restroom	\$30,000
Men's Restroom	\$30,000
Choir Loft	\$30,000
Entry vestibule	\$30,000
Ambo/Pulpit	\$20,000
Sound System	\$20,000
Handicapped Ramps	\$20,000 each (2)
Stained Glass windows	\$15,000 each (6)
Storage Room	\$15,000
Landscaping	\$15,000
Reconciliation	\$10,000 each (2)
New Parking Spaces	\$5,000 each (48)
Light Fixtures	\$5,000 each (6)
Drinking Fountains	\$5,000 each (2)
Pews	\$5,000 each (24)

**The values above do not represent the actual cost of the items. The suggested donation amount for each naming opportunity is relative to the religious and functional value.**

# ☒ Opportunities For Giving

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- **Methods of Giving**

Donors may make commitments to "Celebrating Our Growth...Building Our Future" Campaign in the form of cash, pledges, property, securities, real estate, and planned gifts. Pledges can be fulfilled over a five-year period, in whatever increments are most appropriate to you.

- **Gifts From Current Income**

An individual can deduct a percentage of his/her adjusted gross income, depending upon his or her circumstances. The higher the donor's income, the greater the tax savings. Gifts of current income can be spread out over a number of years to take full advantage of tax deductions.

- **Gifts of Property**

Deducting the full market value of your gift on your tax return reduces your personal tax cost. The donor also avoids payment of capital gains tax on any appreciation in the value of the property.

- **Gifts in the Form of Stock, Securities or Real Estate**

A gift of stock, securities or real estate that has increased in value can be one of the most advantageous ways of giving. Gifts of this type allow the donor to make the following choices:

1. Make a significant gift without affecting his or her standard of living.
2. Avoid paying the sizable income tax on the appreciation of the stock, securities or real estate that would occur if the donor sold them.
3. Secure a Federal Income Tax deduction.

- **Gifts From Bequests**

A bequest to St. Mary's Parish will result in a greater amount passing to the donor's heirs because of the tax savings now, in addition to future inheritance tax savings.

- **Gifts of Life Insurance**

A donor may make the "Celebrating Our Growth...Building Our Future" Campaign the beneficiary of a life insurance policy. His or her premium payments then become deductible for income tax purposes. A new policy may be taken out in the name of St. Mary's Parish or an existing policy may be gifted to the Campaign.

- **Corporate Matching Gifts**

Contact your employer to see if there is a corporate matching gift program. If so, this could effectively double your own gift.

# St. Mary's Parish History

**1880** ~ The Catholic Church in Hood River began when pioneer Peter Mohr homesteaded in this area.

The first Mass was celebrated by Archbishop Gross of Portland in a small block house on the Mohr Ranch.

**1905** ~ The first church, a wooden structure, was built at 7th and Montello St. after the number of Catholics increased to about twenty.

**1906** ~ The first Mass at this site was celebrated in 1906.

**1912** ~ The first marriage ceremony was celebrated.

A temporary church was erected in Parkdale due to the hardship of travel to Hood River for some parishioners.

**1940s** ~ The parish continued to grow when Anna Franks donated ten acres of land on Belmont Road.

**1951** ~ A decision to build a new church on the donated land prompted church members to kick off a fund-raising drive with a sausage and sauerkraut dinner. That tradition continues today with the sale of Dutch sausage each year.

**1952** ~ The existing church was completed and dedicated as the Immaculate Conception Church.

**1959** ~ The Rectory and the CCD Building were completed.

**1961** ~ The south portion of the church property was leased without charge for construction of a Little League baseball park. That relationship between St. Mary's Catholic Church and Little League continues today.

**1980** ~ The church was remodeled and modernized to handle the 400 families it served with Fr. Richard Conway's direction.

**1990s** ~ St. Mary's continued to see rapid growth, doubling in size.

**1998** ~ Fr. Ron Maag become the pastor of St. Mary's.

**2011** ~ The church has continued to grow serving over 1,000 families today. Generous gifts from parishioners have been the tradition of St. Mary's Catholic heritage for its 131 year history.

**2017** ~ Father Tomy Chowaran became the pastor of St. Mary's.

## Our Mission Statement

We are one community - Holy, Catholic, Apostolic and Evangelizing, enriched by people of various cultures and ages. Dreaming the same dream, we challenge ourselves and invite others to move toward living it. Uniting in love and humility, sharing materially and spiritually God's blessing for God's honor and glory, and journeying together as true brothers and sisters toward the promised land and a face-to-face encounter with God.

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