



St. Joseph Catholic Church Capital Campaign Frequently Asked Questions

As St. Joseph begins a three-year capital campaign to raise funds for necessary parish improvements and debt reduction, parish leaders felt it was important to address a few of the most commonly asked questions. We are fully committed to transparent communications throughout this initiative, and we will share additional information over the coming weeks.

What is the purpose of the campaign?

As detailed in our previous FAQ inserts, the *To Cultivate and To Care For* campaign is designed to renew the infrastructure of the parish and the school, and pay down a substantial portion of our debt. Further campaign improvements include:

- Redesigning the entire parking lot
- Demolition and asbestos removal of the old hall
- Updating the church electrical and lighting systems
- Replacing the outdated and failing sound system equipment in the church.
- Updating to the air conditioning, electrical, and plumbing for the school/religious education building

Is St. Joseph capable of raising \$1.5 million?

Prior to launching our campaign, we participated in an in-depth planning study that projected we could indeed raise enough funds to cover our planned projects. Thanks to your ongoing commitment and stewardship, our weekly offertory covers our current expenses. With your support of *To Cultivate and To Care For* campaign, we will meet the needs of our growing parish for years to come.

When will we see these improvements?

We strive for timely completion of these improvements as funds become available. As an example, updating the church sound system should be completed before Christmas. One of our top priorities is redesigning the parking lot, including new lighting, as soon as possible. The moment we have the funds in hand to move forward, we will, and hope to have the parking lot completed within the first year of the campaign. Also, while not visible, improvements to wiring, plumbing, and debt reduction have a long term impact on our parish.

I'm not sure how my pledge was used during our last campaign, will this effort be different?

We are committed to being as transparent as possible in our communications regarding the campaign. We are providing

bulletin and mail updates, along with documents such as this one to keep everyone informed on progress and spending.

I already give every Sunday, will my gift to the campaign replace my weekly giving?

Thank you very much for your weekly gift to St. Joseph as it helps us cover our normal, ongoing expenses. Our hope is that your weekly giving will continue at its current level, but that you will also consider a sacrificial gift to this unique fundraising effort. The needs being addressed by our campaign are the result of years of placing them on the back burner. As such, the cost for these projects now exceeds what we are able to provide from our weekly contributions.

When will I be asked for a pledge to the campaign?

You should have received a case statement and a request for support in the mail this past week. We have recruited and trained volunteers to follow up with many of our parishioners with regards to the campaign. Parish volunteers will soon be reaching out to answer your questions and ask for your support of this important endeavor.

Please pray for guidance from the Holy Spirit as you reflect on your potential gift to the campaign. Finally, please keep Fr. Chris, Fr. Tom, and the rest of the campaign leadership in your prayers. We are working hard to make this a success, as we seek to benefit current and future St. Joseph parishioners.

I want to contribute to the campaign, but I am not sure I can give what was asked.

In order to reach our initial \$1.5 million goal, we need participation from every parish family. Please know that all parishioners have been challenged to consider a meaningful gift to this campaign. We hope you will prayerfully consider the request amount you received in the mail. However, any gift, no matter the size, will make a difference in our campaign. Beyond the financial help to St. Joseph, any gift given from the heart greatly pleases God (Luke 21:1-4).