

# Capital Campaign FAQs



## Capital Improvement & Deferred Maintenance

**Question: “I thought we raised money a few years ago to improve our parking lot, why are we doing it again?”**

**Answer:** We are so thankful for those who gave to the effort to improve our parking lot! We collected about half of the amount of what was originally proposed, and what was proposed was a simple resurfacing of the parking lot. This campaign will allow us to redesign a new parking lot with substantial improvements to our lighting and aesthetically pleasing green spaces. In addition, this redesign will address safety and security concerns for both the church and the school, especially with the new lighting. We will also proceed with the demolition of the parish hall, which will add roughly 25 new parking spaces.

**Question: “What will be done with the land where the parish hall sits?”**

**Answer:** After consulting with a group of about ten diverse parishioners, we concluded that adding new parking spaces there would make the most sense. We will strive to preserve all the trees that surround the hall, and we may consider some type of small memorial commemorating the sight of the original **church. As much as we’d like** to preserve something from the building, the difficulty of retaining the original bricks, along with the asbestos problem, limits our options.

**Question: “I don’t understand the need for a new sound system, why are we doing this?”**

**Answer:** The sound system currently in use in the church is old and outdated, and is, quite frankly, on its last legs. Currently, we are using a patchwork of three different sound systems (one of which is borrowed to get us through until we have a new system) just to provide basic sound in the church. Even if we attempted to repair the old system, it would not adequately project sound for the entire congregation to hear the Word of God proclaimed. No matter where someone is seated in the church, he or she should be able to hear everything spoken with the utmost clarity. We also want to integrate the choir sound system with the main system so those who are in the family chapel and the breezeway are able to hear the choir and be full participants in the Mass.

**Question: “The lighting in the Church seems fine to me, what is the reason for updating?”**

**Answer:** If you notice, in the nave (body) of the church, the lighting is stronger in some areas and not as strong in others. Many of the current sockets are burnt out due to excessive heat and age and you can no longer unscrew a bulb safely. We will also switch to more energy-efficient LED bulbs. In addition, we are going to have better focused lighting on the Mary and Joseph statues along with additional lighting fixtures focused on key areas such as the ambo (pulpit), **altar, presider’s chair and the space in front of the altar.** Having this focused **lighting will hopefully direct people’s attention during the celebration of Mass.**

**Question: “What kind of improvements are being made to the rectory? Are they really necessary?”**

**Answer:** The improvements to the rectory are mostly complete. However, we still have the original kitchen which has not been updated in 30 years. We would also like to replace some of the glass on the facade of the rectory with brick for a more residential look and feel. These updates will make our rectory more energy-efficient, safer, and also allow us to accommodate visiting seminarians.