



## St. Joseph Catholic Church Capital Campaign Frequently Asked Questions School Improvements

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.

[Is the school growing? What plans are in place for continued growth?](#)

Yes! We had a 15% growth in enrollment this year alone. And we have plans to continue that in the coming years. Right now we are making adjustments to expand our pre-kindergarten offering, extracurricular opportunities and potentially junior high in the next five years.

[I saw it mentioned that we need to bring our school building up to code? What does that mean?](#)

Currently the school is listed as “Legal, non-compliant”. That might sound scary, but simply put, the school is in code for 1974, when the building was built, but if we were to build it today there are many things that would have to be updated. Mainly, these things have to do with accessibility, such as updating the bathrooms and water fountains so everyone can access them. But there are also city and state requirements about light and water usage that we would need to address. There are also updates needed to create more classroom space in the building.

[When was the last time we made improvements to our school?](#)

That is a good question. Since Mrs. Grooms has come on board there are a number of things that have been addressed. Mostly, these updates have been cosmetic. Painting walls, stripping wax floors, and the like. But the school also invested money in retrofitting the entire school with LED light bulbs to better serve students and conserve resources. The last major project done to the school included the addition of classroom walls and a new roof.

[What are the needs of our school that make these improvements necessary?](#)

This is really a two-part answer. As the school positions to grow and continue to impact students and families in the community, these updates become more and more pressing. Updating the bathrooms, for instance, allows us to serve all students regardless of the possible physical limitations the student may have. Also, the school has once again become a home for many of our religious education classrooms and for the best use of the school space, these updates are needed to serve that growing population.