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# ST. JOSEPH UNIVERSITY PARISH

Grounded in faith. Growing our mission.



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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN STATEMENT



## PARISH MISSION

We are a Franciscan Catholic family nourished by the Eucharist who proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ, share the faith, and are called to serve God through our ministry to the poor, the local colleges, and the people of the Wabash Valley.

### *St. Joseph Family,*

Whether you have been a member of St. Joseph University Parish (SJUP) for a short time or for longer than you can remember, it is easy to see that we are more than a group of people who gather once a week for Mass. We are a family.

Consistently we are told that people come here and stay here because they feel so welcomed by our faith community. Our church was built on a strong foundation of meeting the spiritual and physical needs of the community. SJUP is the only Catholic church in Terre Haute that is open all day, seven days a week, for anyone to come and spend time with Jesus. It is now our time to leave a legacy for those who come after us and continue this long Franciscan heritage of welcoming all who come through our doors.

Throughout our history, parishioners have always been extremely generous stewards, giving of their time, talents, and treasure. As we begin this capital campaign we are confident that the proposed projects will be met with the same level of commitment and generosity. This campaign allows each one of us to make an investment in the future of SJUP and to show our appreciation for the blessings that God has so graciously bestowed upon us.

Prayerfully consider how you and your family can support this necessary and exciting chapter in the story of our parish. If we all sacrifice, great or small, together we will achieve great things. As we embark on this capital campaign we remember that we are *Grounded in faith* and *Growing our mission*.

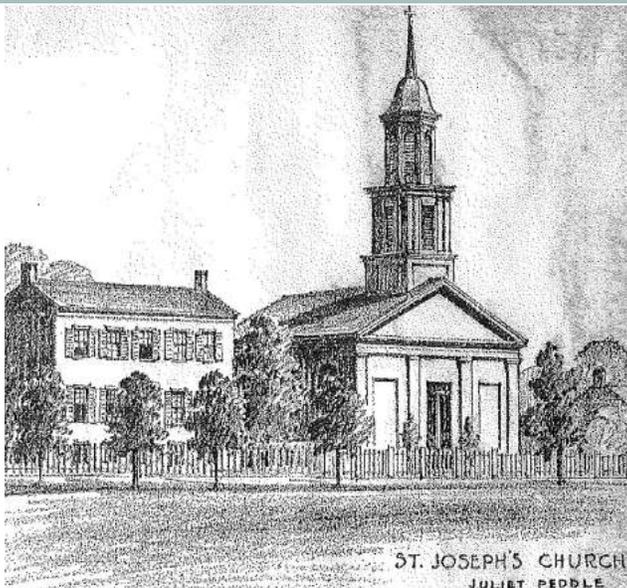
*In Christ's Love,*

*Your Capital Campaign Committee*

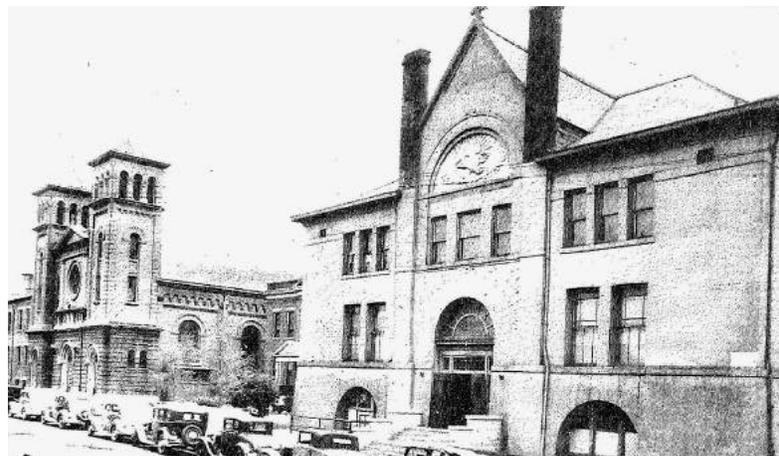


# GROUNDING IN FAITH

Throughout the history of our parish one thing is clear: we have always been a family - tenacious and strong in faith. St. Joseph welcomes people from all walks of life to worship, be comforted, find help, or simply sit in silence.



By 1909 the original church was in dire need of repairs and needed to expand to accommodate its growing family. In 1910 construction began and was completed with a dedication in 1912 to become the St. Joseph that we know today.



The first Catholic mass held in Vigo County included 20 people (1835). It wasn't until 1837 that Bishop Simon Brute, Bishop of Vincennes, bought a lot on South Fifth Street and the foundation for St. Joseph was laid. This modest church was completed in 1838, dedicated in 1840, and served as a home parish for many German and Irish families brought to the area to expand the railroad.

22 years later, faulty wiring led to a disastrous fire that destroyed the interior of the church. Remarkably, within 11 months, in the very heart of the Great Depression, the congregation rallied and our church was completely renovated. Features included stained glass windows, Stations of the Cross, the Wicks pipe organ, and the mural above the altar. This dedication is a prime example of the strength of our St. Joseph family.

In 1842, Father Simon Lalumiere became the first resident pastor. Under his direction, the church grew and prospered from 20 people to 35 families. The brick building to the south was purchased and remodeled to become St. Vincent Academy. In 1872, the Conventual Franciscan Friars arrived to take over educational and parish work.



4 years after the fire, in 1938, St. Joseph celebrated its Centennial - a true testament to the hard work and sacrifices made by our founding members.

To the left, a picture of those gathered for the 100th Anniversary Celebration.



# WHO WE ARE NOW

70% of our members feel called to participate in the community due to the open and welcoming spirit of SJUP. We are a parish who **SERVES**. Growth is needed to improve the reach and efficiency of our ministries.

We are a Franciscan Catholic family, a community that shares our faith, and are called to serve God through our ministry to the poor, the local colleges, and the people of the Wabash Valley.

We are teachers, students, nurses, farmers, doctors, attorneys, laborers, retirees, professors, and much more.

We are new members, young couples, visitors, and multi-generation families - all of us combine to make one welcoming community.



## Our ministries make a difference.

- Yearly we provide retreats that strengthen the faith of over 150 parishioners.
- Our medical mission trips to Honduras continue to serve those in most need.
- On average, our Samaritan Food Pantry serves 5,240 individuals each year - **42 tons** of food to members of our community.

Beginning with youth, we have active religious education ministries, vacation bible schools, and faith building field trips. Young adults of our parish can participate in mission trips, small group discussions, and Awakening Retreats. We offer the adults in our parish ACTS Retreats for both men and women, RCIA, the Honduras Mission Team, the Pro-Life Committee, and much more.



# OUR VISION

Our Saint Joseph University Parish community shares a vision to remain a welcoming and caring Franciscan family that grows in our Catholic faith, charity, and acceptance.



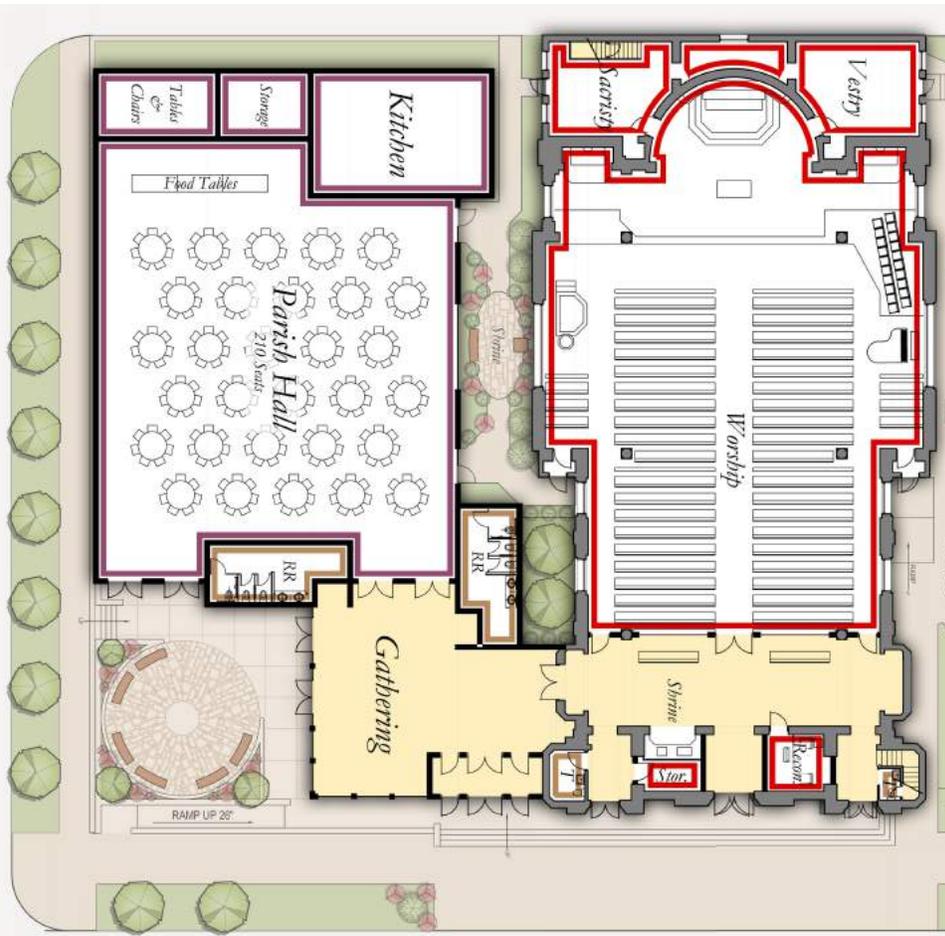
In our 180 year history, our parish has been very blessed and has always shared our blessings with others. Now, as we look forward to a future filled with growth, we are being given a new opportunity to support and strengthen our community. By expanding our spaces of worship and gathering, we will be able to more effectively fulfill the mission of SJUP.

We are excited and very humbled by the opportunities that lay ahead for our parish to grow its faith community. Through the dedication of the Long-Range Planning Committee and under the guidance of the Parish Finance Committee, Parish Pastoral Council, and Friar Mark, a needs study was completed by parishioners to determine the future needs of the Parish. The resulting plan calls for the renovation of our campus (Phase One) with the construction of a new gathering space, parish hall, and restrooms.

While the financial goals of this project are challenging, they are attainable. Success of the campaign will only be accomplished with everyone's support. Generous gifts of all sizes, along with your continued prayers, are crucial to the success of our campaign.

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God is a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work." - 2 Corinthians 9

# GROWING OUR MISSION



The ***Grounded In Faith. Growing Our Mission.*** campaign prioritizes the needs determined by you through multiple surveys, the physical needs of the church and its ministries, and our desire to grow as a parish.

The campaign allows for all SJUP members to be a part of the expansion process and all of the exciting opportunities that will come as a result.

Newer and bigger facilities will increase the number of people who benefit from our ministries and provide us with the opportunity for even more chances to serve.

Site-work, Building, and Renovation Project: 2.1 Million

Project Fees and Permits: \$190,201

Project Contingencies: \$1.1 Million

United Catholic Appeal Contribution: \$42,694\*

**Total Capital Needed (Phase I): 3.4 Million**

**Savings Currently Available: \$500,000**

\*In lieu of a United Catholic Appeal Campaign, SJUP has opted to include its 2018/19 UCA commitment of \$42,964 into its capital campaign to avoid asking parishioners to donate to both campaigns. We ask that the Archdiocese re-direct the contributions of parishioners who have already donated.

All funds raised by this campaign will go directly to Phase One projects. Should a surplus exist, excess funds will be held over for Phase Two and for maintenance of the new expansion.

# Gathering Space

**Narthex Updates: \$17,000**

**Music Ministry Modifications: \$10,000**

This large and welcoming gathering space will open up a multitude of possibilities. It will include large family-friendly restrooms along with handicap accessible entrances and provide a connection between the church and the parish hall.



# Parish Hall

**Site Demolition: \$19,000**

**New Building Construction: \$1,908,000**

**Kitchen Space: \$96,000**

Possibly the most exciting of our Phase One projects, the parish hall will provide SJUP a much needed space for parish social events, ministries, educational programs, small groups, and a variety of meetings. The addition will serve our parish in numerous ways as we strive to remain a welcoming family that grows in our Catholic faith and

# Courtyard and Plaza

**Plantings: \$16,000**

**Steps and Ramp Access: \$22,000**

**Sidewalk Connections: \$18,000**

**Paving: \$35,000**

**Easter Fire Feature and Encircling Low**

**Brick Wall: \$54,000**

The courtyard and plaza areas will provide peaceful green-spaces for worship and prayer. They will serve as welcoming places for all who come to SJUP. In addition, an Easter Fire Feature will be constructed. This handicap accessible feature will allow for all parishioners to join together outside during the special events of the Easter season.



We graciously ask for all who call St. Joseph University Parish home to:

Pray for the success of our campaign.

Take time to learn about our expansion and renovations.

Be a voice for SJUP by involving yourself in the campaign process and sharing our exciting news

Make a prayerful decision about how to support this effort

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#### **CAMPAIGN LEADERSHIP**

Friar Mark Weaver  
*Pastor*

Friar Savio Manavalan  
*Associate Pastor*

#### **CAMPAIGN CABINET**

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Mark Monahan  
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## **St. Joseph University Parish Capital Campaign Prayer**

Bless us, Lord, as we seek to build our parish both physically and spiritually into a welcoming, worshiping place.

Help us to raise the funds we need to create a space that invites seekers to pray and hungry hearts to find the love of God through your people.

May it be a space that is worthy of your name, one that furthers our mission, and builds your kingdom.

Bless the generosity of those who share in this vision.

Guide us, unite us, grow us in our mission and ground us in our faith.

We pray this in the powerful name of Jesus.  
Amen.