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BUILT ON FAITH. A FUTURE OF PROMISE

A CENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN *for* **CHRIST THE KING PARISH**

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Dear Parish Family,

We have so much to be grateful for at Christ the King. I am thankful for your warm welcome when I arrived, and I enjoyed my first year at CTK. During my first year, I have witnessed your discipleship and encounters with Jesus Christ on this campus in many ways. The purpose of this letter is to lay out the Why, What, and How of our Christ the King Centennial Campaign.

Starting with the Why, I never dreamed of doing a capital campaign in my second year here at Christ the King. We are conducting this campaign based on critical needs and a diocesan requirement. The decision to conduct a capital campaign was weighed heavily, but after two separate facility assessments conducted in the summers of 2025 and 2026, the imminent need for school windows and lintels is too great and critical to wait. Our school windows and lintels only have two to three years of life left.

This campaign is also part of the Centennial Campaign for our Diocese that every parish is required to complete. In my humble opinion, the Centennial Campaign is a great approach since 90% of the funds will stay on campus instead of doing a diocesan-wide campaign.

Outlined below are the five separate projects that explain the What of our campaign. I wanted to make this ask for the campaign with you openly and transparently before we begin our annual school fundraising efforts. I also wanted to make you aware of the needs facing our campus and the opportunities before us as we prepare for the future. There are other projects needed on campus, but we are confident that we can complete those projects through our regular offertory and annual fundraising.

Our first project is the replacement of the school's original windows. Our parish school, built in the late 1950s and 1960s, has been a main pillar of youth formation for our parish. These windows and lintels are original to the building and are in critical need of replacement to preserve the integrity of the facility.

Our second project will be the gym roof. Our school gym, built in the 1990s, is the most recent addition to our school. After years of wear and tear, our gym roof is in need of replacement. The other school roofs are in good condition.

Our third project will be the Parish Center roof. Our great Parish Center was built roughly around 2000 and has been a great gift to our parish in so many ways, including housing parish offices, formation and fellowship events, etc.

Our fourth project will be a tithe of 10% to the Diocesan Campaign. The tithe will fund exterior brick restoration at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, maintenance at the Catholic Pastoral Center, home to Catholic Charities, and campus improvements at the Villa Maria Retreat Center.

Finally, our fifth project will be building up two endowments: Parish and School. These endowments will only be funded if we exceed our campaign goal of \$2.2 million. Our dream goal is to get \$500,000 for each endowment and complete our campaign with \$3.2 million.

For these reasons above, after thorough discernment and consultation, we are embarking on a capital campaign to raise \$2.2 million. The enclosed brochure shares our plans to raise the funds necessary to continue to build our future here at Christ the King Parish. Whether you are new to Christ the King Parish or have been here from the beginning, I invite you to prayerfully consider how you can contribute your financial gifts to this exciting endeavor of our parish and join with me in praying for the success of our campaign.

The Suggested Gift Chart details pledges ranging from \$2,500 to \$200,000, payable over three years. This wide range of gift opportunities makes it possible for virtually every family to take part in the program.

Time will be set aside during all Masses on the weekend of October 3–4 for our Christ the King Parish family to make their pledges. Please bring your completed card or be prepared to complete a pledge card at Mass.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous support for our parish as we seek to continue the great work here at Christ the King.

In Christ's Mercy,

Fr. Mark Tracy

Our Parish History

For over 63 years our Parish has been praying, serving and evangelizing in Springfield. From our small beginnings as a convent and school under Blessed Sacrament Parish, we grew into our own Parish and School formed in 1963 by Bishop O'Connor. Over the years, our Parish and School have grown into the beautiful campus that we have today due to the generosity of so many faithful parishioners. We are deeply grateful for the sacrifice, love, and generosity of so many over the years and seek to honor their sacrifice in our Built on Faith. A Future of Promise Centennial Campaign.

Campaign Case

After arriving on campus last summer, I conducted a facility assessment and discovered a few spots on campus that require repair. After that assessment, I began to formulate a campus map of repair projects with finance and pastoral councils. Tackling these projects will allow us to continue the great work here at Christ the King Parish and School. After much discussion and discernment, we have decided to move forward with the following projects:

- School Windows and Lintels
- Gym Roof
- Parish Center Roof
- Diocesan Tithe for Diocesan Projects
- Parish and School Endowments

As we look to the future of our parish and school, these repairs will be vital for preserving our parish!



How Can You Help Christ the King Parish accomplish our Goals?

It is our time to repair, restore, and preserve our beautiful campus built over the years and to ensure that it remains for the future generations to come.

1

First, Pray.

Pray for God's providence and your opportunity to take part in the renewal of our beautiful campus.

2

Second, give a gift today.

We are asking that you consider how generous God has been to you and that you respond in proportion to your own financial ability.

3

Third, be a part of this exciting movement!

Be an advocate for Christ the King! We need you to help spread the word and invite others to participate.

THANK YOU!



Project Scope

School Windows and Lintels

Replace original school windows from the 1960s that are worn down after many years.

» **ESTIMATED Cost: \$1.2 Million**



Gym Roof

Replace current roof from 1990s.

» **ESTIMATED Cost: \$400,000**

Parish Center Roof

Replace current roof from year 2000 when the Parish Center was built.

» **ESTIMATED Cost: \$450,000**



Diocesan Tithe

The tithe will fund exterior brick restoration at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and maintenance at the Catholic Pastoral Center, home to Catholic Charities and campus improvements at the Villa Maria Retreat Center.

» **ESTIMATED Cost: \$180,000**



» **TOTAL Estimated Cost:
\$2.2 Million**

Parish and School Endowments

Parish Endowment will be used for parish life on formation and fellowship plus maintenance projects. School Endowment will be used for staff salary increases, staff professional development, and scholarships. Funds will be evenly distributed to each endowment if we go beyond our goal.

» **Dream Goal: \$1 Million**

Capital Campaign Frequently Asked Questions

Q. When will the work begin?

A. Work will begin on the three projects depending on fund availability. If funds are available, the plan is school windows in the summer of 2027, the gym roof in the summer of 2028, and the parish center roof in the summer of 2029.

Q. What will happen if we exceed our campaign goal?

A. Gifts received beyond the campaign goal will be directed toward two endowments: parish and school. Each endowment will receive 50% of funds collected over our goal.

Q. Why is the Capital Campaign called the Centennial Campaign?

A. The Centennial Campaign is a five-year effort from 2023-2028 marking the 100th anniversary of the transfer of the Diocesan See city in 2023 and the 100th anniversary of the dedication of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in 2028. The Centennial Campaign is a unique project that engages all the parishes in the diocese in an effort to revitalize parish communities through mission support, resource renewal, campus refurbishment, and sustainable financial planning. Each parish in the diocese is required to participate in the campaign by 2028.

Q. Why is 10% of the funds going to the diocese?

A. A parish tithe of 10% of the campaign goal will support diocesan capital needs. This 10% parish tithe is being done instead of completing a diocesan-wide campaign, meaning 90% of funds from the Centennial Campaign stay with the parish. This tithe is capped: parishes that exceed their goal retain 100% of funds raised above it, with no additional tithe owed. Like parishes, the diocese must periodically invest in its own facilities. The tithe will fund exterior brick restoration at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, and maintenance at the Catholic Pastoral Center, home to Catholic Charities, and campus improvements at the Villa Maria Retreat Center.

Q. Why should I consider making a pledge?

A. A pledge allows you to prayerfully consider a more meaningful commitment and fulfill it over time in a manageable way. Many donors find that a multiyear pledge provides the flexibility to make a greater impact on the campaign while aligning with their family's priorities and commitment to the parish.

Q. Is my campaign commitment in addition to my regular Sunday offering?

A. Yes. Campaign gifts are intended to be above and beyond regular offertory support. The parish continues to rely on weekly giving to meet ongoing operating, ministry, and pastoral needs throughout the campaign period.

Q. Who will be invited to support the campaign?

A. Every parish family will be invited to participate according to their ability. Leadership and major gifts are especially important in setting the pace for the campaign and inspiring broad participation throughout the parish community.

Q. What happens if my circumstances change and I cannot fulfill my pledge?

A. Pledges are made in good faith and are accepted as such. If your circumstances change due to hardship, illness, or another unexpected situation, please contact the parish office so your pledge can be adjusted accordingly.

Q. Why is the parish including an endowment in this campaign?

A. In addition to addressing current needs, the parish is committed to ensuring its long-term financial stability. Building the endowment today helps provide a sustainable source of support for future ministry, maintenance, and mission needs while reducing the burden on future generations of parishioners.

Q. Will my gift be used for the current projects or the endowment?

A. Donors may designate their gift according to the campaign guidelines established by the parish. Campaign materials will explain how gifts are allocated among project priorities and the endowment goal.

More Questions?

Contact the Parish at **(217) 546-3527**
or by email: **campaign@ctkparish.com**

For a complete list of FAQs, please visit our website at ctkparish.com/centennial-campaign

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Centennial Campaign

Three-Year Gift Table				
TOTAL PLEDGE	36 MONTHLY PAYMENTS	12 QUARTERLY PAYMENTS	6 SEMI-ANNUAL PAYMENTS	3 ANNUAL PAYMENTS
\$200,000	\$5,556	\$16,667	\$33,333	\$66,667
\$100,000	\$2,777	\$8,333	\$16,667	\$33,333
\$75,000	\$2,083	\$6,250	\$12,500	\$25,000
\$50,000	\$1,389	\$4,167	\$8,333	\$16,667
\$25,000	\$694	\$2,083	\$4,167	\$8,333
\$10,000	\$278	\$833	\$1,667	\$3,333
\$7,500	\$208	\$625	\$1,250	\$2,500
\$5,000	\$139	\$417	\$833	\$1,667
\$3,600	\$100	\$300	\$600	\$1,200
\$2,500	\$69	\$208	\$417	\$833

Ways to Give

Stocks & Bonds*

There are added advantages to giving stocks, bonds, and securities.

Wills & Bequests

Providing for Christ the King Parish and School in your will can have significant federal and estate tax advantages. For additional information, please contact the parish office at (217) 546-3527.

Tax-Deductible Gifts

All gifts are tax deductible as provided by law. Receipts will be provided upon request.

**Talk with your financial advisor for more information on making these types of charitable donations.*

IRA Gifts*

People over 70 ½ years old may also be eligible to make a charitable gift from your IRA assets with no tax complications.

Matching Gifts

Many firms have matching gift programs to provide incentive for their employees to make charitable donations. Please ask your Human Resources department for a matching gift form. Both current and retired employees may be eligible.

Pledge Installments

You will receive reminder notices in accordance with the payment method you select. Please make your checks payable to: Christ the King Parish & *Built on Faith. A Future of Promise* Centennial Campaign.



Fulfilling Your Pledge



Sign up to fulfill your pledge using our Online Giving at ctkparish.com/giving. You can set your recurring pledge payment using your bank account or credit card.



Use your campaign envelope and bring it to mass or mail it to the parish office.



Explore using tax advantaged charitable gifts such as IRA distributions, Gifts of Stock or remembering the parish in your will. Contact the parish office at (217) 546-3527.



Scan this QR code with your phone to be taken directly to our campaign page on our website.



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