

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

As the pastor of St. Joseph Parish, I extend heartfelt wishes to all mothers, grandmothers, and caregivers within our congregation and beyond. Mother's Day is a time to honor the nurturing love, strength, and sacrifices that mothers and caregivers embody. Your dedication and selflessness contribute immensely to the well-being and growth of our families and our faith community.

May this Mother's Day be filled with joy, gratitude, and blessings as we celebrate the profound impact of maternal love and care. Let us cherish and appreciate the mothers, grandmothers, and caregivers in our lives, recognizing their invaluable role in shaping and nurturing the next generation. Happy Mother's Day to all who embody the spirit of love and compassion!

God's Blessings, Fr. Jared Orndorff, Pastor

Generations: Rooted in Faith Article Four - Igniting Action & Embracing Our Future Together

We stand at the threshold of an exciting journey—an opportunity to shape our future and strengthen our shared values. Our upcoming capital campaign is more than a call for financial support; it's a chance for each of us to play a vital role in building a legacy of faith, service, and community.

As we embark on this endeavor, it's essential to understand the various financial vehicles available to support our campaign. These options not only provide flexibility but also empower us to contribute according to our means and preferences.

Pledges: Pledges allow us to commit to giving a specific amount over a set period. This approach enables us to plan our contributions effectively and contribute more substantially over time. The Generations: Rooted in Tradition campaign will have more details about this form of giving.

Donor Advised Funds (DAF): Contributions via DAFs help donors maximize tax benefits. Donors can contribute immediately, build a philanthropic strategy, and recommend grants when ready. These accounts are important because they allow your charitable assets to grow over time, making more charitable dollars available to your favorite nonprofits.

Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD): A QCD can be made from your Individual Retirement Account (IRA). As of 2024, if you are age 70+, you can contribute \$105,000 annually without it being considered taxable income. A QCD will count toward meeting your required minimum distribution without increasing your taxable income.

Stocks and Securities: Donating appreciated stocks or securities can offer tax advantages while providing substantial support to the Generations: Rooted in Tradition campaign. It's a strategic way to maximize the impact of your financial contributions.

Legacy Giving: Including our campaign in estate plans through bequests or other legacy gifts ensures that our support continues to benefit future generations, leaving a lasting impact on our community.

Matching Gifts: Many companies offer matching gift programs, doubling or even tripling the impact of our donations. Encouraging employers to match our contributions amplifies our collective efforts.

Other acceptable forms of giving include:

- ✚ Bequests
- ✚ Beneficiary Designation
- ✚ Payable on Death /Transfer on Death Designation
- ✚ Permanent Named Fund
- ✚ Charitable Gift Annuity

Beyond the financial aspect, our campaign is a catalyst for unity, vision, and purpose. It's a call to action for each of us to reflect on the role our faith plays in shaping our community and our world. Together, we can ignite a spirit of generosity, compassion, and solidarity that transcends boundaries and transforms lives. Let's embrace this opportunity with enthusiasm and commitment, knowing that our contributions, whether through financial support, time, or talent, are essential to realizing our shared vision.