

From the Pastor's Desk

Embracing Change: Revitalizing Our Parish for Generations

Dear Parishioners,

We stand at a pivotal moment in the history of our beloved St. Joseph Parish. Our capital campaign, "Generations: Rooted in Tradition," marks a turning point as we envision a vibrant future for our parish, one that honors our heritage while meeting the evolving needs of our community.

At the heart of this campaign is the upgrade and protection of our aged buildings as we contemplate how they can continue to be used as authentically Catholic ministry spaces. We must think outside the box and recognize the new challenges facing us. Our campus holds immense potential, and it is crucial that we are energized and excited about the possibilities before us.

The buildings, ranging from 65 to 112 years old, require renovations to make them compatible with today's standards. Imagine an elevator in the church, air-conditioned



ministry spaces, enhanced electrical capabilities, new roofs, improved heating —amenities that today's society has come to expect. These upgrades will not only make our buildings more functional but also more attractive to ministries seeking a modern and welcoming environment.

Why is your financial support so crucial? It's about ensuring that our campus remains a hub of Catholic faith, service, and community for generations to come. By investing in these renovations, we create spaces where new ministries can thrive, and where individuals can find solace, support, and inspiration.

The question we must ask ourselves is:

If we do not provide this care and vision for Saint Joseph Parish, who will?

As stewards of our parish's legacy, it is our responsibility to safeguard and nurture it for the future.

Let us approach this campaign with determination and optimism, knowing that every donation, pledge, and act of support brings us closer to our shared goal. Together, we can make our vision a reality and continue to be a beacon of hope and love in our community.

Commitment Weekend for "Generations: Rooted in Tradition" will be June 15-16. Watch the mail for your personal invitation to participate. There will be more information provided at mass the weekends leading up to Commitment Weekend. You can also learn more by visiting saintjoe.org/cc24.

God's Blessings, Fr. Jared Orndorff, Pastor