

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

Our "Generations: Rooted in Tradition" capital campaign is a testament to our community's stewardship. Embarking on this \$1.5 million journey to enhance and preserve the parish campus, has been more than just a fundraiser. It has been a collective commitment to the future of the parish. The campaign's success is not merely measured by the amount of money pledged but, more importantly, by the participation of each parishioner symbolizing their support and belief in the Saint Joseph Parish mission.



"Generations: Rooted in Tradition" is 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. As stewards of our parish's legacy, it is our responsibility to safeguard and nurture it for the future.

"Generations: Rooted in Tradition" invites everyone to be a part of Saint Joseph Parish's ongoing story. The planned projects are a blend of necessity and foresight—adding an elevator and ADA compliant restroom for accessibility, creating a welcoming space with new flooring, ensuring protection with a new roof, and enhancing comfort with padded pews. The

upgrades extend beyond aesthetics, with practical improvements like an upgraded electrical system, new windows, and essential waterproofing, ensuring the parish remains a cornerstone of the community for years to come.

Every pledge card that has been returned is a voice joining the chorus, every online donation at saintjoe.org/cc is a step toward living the Saint Joseph Parish mission:

A Roman Catholic community centered on the Eucharist and dedicated to spreading the Gospel of Jesus as well as fostering discipleship through word, sacrament, and service.

It's a call to action for all who hold St. Joseph Parish dear. It lays the groundwork for generations to come, rooted in the rich tradition that has been the parish's foundation. This campaign is a celebration of faith, community, and the enduring legacy.

Households numbering 217 (out of 650) have pledged more than \$1.3 million to date. Our financial goal is within reach, a shining beacon of shared values and aspirations. Thank you again to all those who have pledged or donated.

The weekend of November 16 -17, at all masses, I will be providing an update on the progress of the church renovations made possible by the "Generations: Rooted in Tradition" campaign. I will also be discussing how we plan to live out our mission as we move forward.

I am truly blessed to have such wonderful parishioners, and I appreciate the financial support and prayers you have provided Saint Joseph Parish over the years. As we come together as one parish community in faith, I am confident we will accomplish our stewardship goals.

God's Blessings, Fr. Jared Orndorff, pastor