

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

During today's mass, I am going to provide you with an update on the progress of our capital campaign – *Generations: Rooted in Tradition*. As you have seen around the St. Joseph Campus, we have been able to work on a number of the projects supported by the campaign due to the phenomenal generosity of 245 parishioner households... Thank you!

We are so close to our pledge goal of \$1.5M. About \$180,000 to go! Even more impressive, Saint Joseph has already collected nearly a third of the money pledged - nearly \$440,000.

To review, the church roof and Jones Hall security cameras were completed in fiscal year 2024 (prior to June 30). Currently the limited use, limited access elevator (LULA); the bathroom meeting Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) code; and the outside ramp/steps repair are all being done at the church to enhance accessibility for all visitors. The hope is to be done for Christmas. Say a little prayer, please! At the 1909 3rd Street building, masonry and mortar repair is being done to stop water infiltration to ensure we no longer have dampness on the lower level when there is melting snow or rain.

Ensuring the buildings are in good condition for future ministerial endeavors is vital to our parish mission. We have opportunities to support:

- Pro-Life through the creation of a home for vulnerable pregnant mothers
- Faith Formation through the creation of a catechetical center that brings together people from multiple parishes to provide the best in Catholic programming and sacramental preparation for children and adults in Summit County
- Education to those children with learning and behavioral challenges through providing a safe space in an embracing community

This is a list of hopeful POSSIBILITIES. Are these the ministerial opportunities YOU want for the St. Joseph Parish community? If so, and you have not yet made a pledge or donation to *Generations: Rooted in Tradition*, I encourage you to do so. Your commitment will not only assist in renovations for these types of ministries, but more importantly, communicate to myself, the St. Joseph finance and parish councils, and the St. Joseph staff that you agree with the direction we are headed. Your pledge represents your support for our future path.



You can pledge or donate by using the pledge cards in the pews and putting in the offertory basket or sending to the rectory. Or pledge/donate online by visiting our website at saintjoe.org.

Your financial commitment to renovating our dated parish buildings enables our facilities to be used for future ministry and outreach, which will aid in community growth rooted in a strong tradition for generations to come.

God's Blessings, Fr. Jared Orndorff, pastor