



St. Ambrose Parish Capital Campaign



Commitment Weekend November 7–8

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From Father Steve

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

For nearly **80 years**, **St. Ambrose has been a spiritual home** where generations have gathered to worship, celebrate the sacraments, grow in faith, and share life together.

Because of the faith and generosity of those who came before us, we have inherited a beautiful legacy. Now it is our turn. Through the **Restore • Renew • Rejoice** Capital Campaign, we are called to care for our church, school, and parish campus, preparing for generations to come.

This campaign is about more than building repairs. It is about preserving the sacred spaces where we encounter Christ, educate our children, celebrate life's most important moments, and grow together as a parish family.

I ask each household to **prayerfully consider how God may be calling you to participate.** Every prayer, sacrifice, and gift will help strengthen the future of St. Ambrose.

With gratitude,

Fr Steve



Through The Years



1877

Construction begins
on St. Michael
Church in Beltsville.



1947

St. Ambrose Parish
is established.



1948

The first
St. Ambrose Church
and School open.



1959

St. Ambrose School
expands with
additional classrooms.

Honoring Our Past. **Building Our Future.**

Our Campaign Goal:
\$2.5 Million

Together we are investing in the continued care and future of St. Ambrose Parish.



VITAL FACILITY
REPAIRS AND
IMPROVEMENTS



SAFETY AND
SECURITY
ENHANCEMENTS



UPDATES TO OUR
CHURCH, SCHOOL,
AND SHARED SPACES



LONG-TERM
PRESERVATION OF
OUR PARISH HOME

A Legacy Of Faith

The roots of our parish community reach back to 1877 when St. Michael Church was built in Beltrees through the faith and determination of local Catholic families.

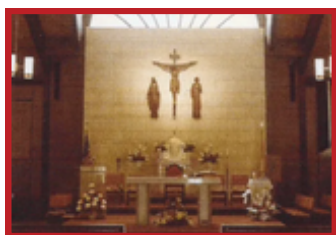
The St. Ambrose story began on August 1, 1947, when a new parish family gathered for Mass at the Catholic Children's Home, while plans began for a permanent church and school.



Through the determination and generosity of parishioners, St. Ambrose Parish continued to grow, expanding the school, constructing our present church, creating the community center and gymnasium, and faithfully caring for the spaces entrusted to them. In 2005, St. Michael Church became part of St. Ambrose Parish, bringing together two rich histories of faith.

Today, we are blessed by their vision and sacrifice. Our **Restore • Renew • Rejoice** Capital Campaign is our opportunity to continue their legacy, care for the parish we have inherited, and prepare St. Ambrose for generations to come.

Generations of Faith



1979

First Mass is celebrated in the current St. Ambrose Church.



1996

The community center and gymnasium are dedicated.



2005

St. Michael Church is joined with St. Ambrose Parish.



TODAY

One parish community continues a shared legacy of faith.

Our Plan. Our Priorities.

Our goal is to raise \$2.5 Million over the next three years to immediately address major facilities and operations concerns, safety & security challenges, and technology upgrades.



✓ **ALREADY COMPLETED**

CHURCH ROOF & STEEPLE FACILITIES / OPERATIONS

COST: \$673,083

Helps ensure everyone can safely and comfortably participate in parish life.



IN PROGRESS!

SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS CHURCH & SCHOOL SAFETY & SECURITY

ESTIMATED COST: \$60,000

New secure doors and expanded cameras to better protect our church, school, and everyone who gathers here.



IN PROGRESS!

PARKING LOT PAVING & DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS FACILITIES / OPERATIONS

ESTIMATED COST: \$330,700

Protects our grounds and facilities from water damage and costly future repairs.



CHURCH HVAC

FACILITIES / OPERATIONS

ESTIMATED COST: \$275,000

Creates a more comfortable, efficient, and dependable worship environment in every season. Project scheduled for early 2027.



DIGITAL MARQUEE TECHNOLOGY

ESTIMATED COST: \$50,000

Helps us share parish life, events, and messages of faith with the wider community.



PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS

SAFETY & SECURITY

ESTIMATED COST: \$150,000

Creates a safer, more welcoming place for children to play, grow, and build community.

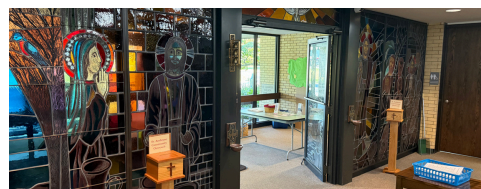
Investing In Our Future.

These projects enhance our worship, expand accessibility, and strengthen our ability to share the Gospel now and for generations to come.

CHURCH ENTRANCE ENLARGEMENT

FACILITIES / OPERATIONS **ESTIMATED COST: \$300,000**

Creates a more welcoming, accessible gathering space for worship, fellowship, and community.



TREE REMOVAL

FACILITIES / OPERATIONS **ESTIMATED COST: \$10,000**

Protects people, buildings, and grounds by removing hazardous or weakened trees.



REPLENISH PARISH SAVINGS

RESERVE FUNDS **ESTIMATED FUNDS: \$325,000**

Restores financial stability and prepares our parish to respond responsibly to future needs.



DIOCESAN CONTRIBUTION

CAMPAIGN OPERATIONS **ASSESSMENT: \$146,160**

Every parish in the Diocese is participating in this mission work to support deferred maintenance at Diocesan properties.



CAMPAIGN ADMINISTRATION COSTS

CAMPAIGN OPERATIONS **ESTIMATED COST: \$130,000**

Consultant costs and campaign expenses from the feasibility study through three years of follow-up coaching.



CONTINGENCY COSTS

CAMPAIGN OPERATIONS **ESTIMATED COST: \$50,057**

For unknown financial circumstances. Examples include bids that surpass the estimate and efforts that exceed the planned costs.



“I also told them about the gracious hand of my God on me and what the king had said to me. They replied, **‘Let us rise up and build.’** So they began this good work.”

~ Nehemiah 2:18



Your Decision To Give.

“How much should I give to the Capital Campaign?”

Each parish family is asked to prayerfully consider making a commitment of 3% of their annual income for each of the next three years or a one-time gift of 3% of their assets.

This is in addition to regular offertory giving.

The guide below shows a 3% commitment and how it could be fulfilled in annual, monthly, or weekly payments.

However you determine the amount of your pledge, remember **all gifts—no matter the size—are welcomed and needed**, and all gifts are confidential.

3% GIVING CHART				
YEARLY INCOME	3% OF INCOME FOR 3 YEARS	3 ANNUAL PAYMENTS	36 MONTHLY PAYMENTS	156 WEEKLY PAYMENTS
\$25,000	\$2,250	\$750	\$63	\$14
\$50,000	\$4,500	\$1,500	\$125	\$29
\$75,000	\$6,750	\$2,250	\$188	\$43
\$100,000	\$9,000	\$3,000	\$250	\$58
\$150,000	\$13,500	\$4,500	\$375	\$87
\$200,000	\$18,000	\$6,000	\$500	\$115

Giving Non-Cash Assets

Marketable securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds, real estate)

A gift to St. Ambrose of appreciated securities held for more than one year may provide significant benefits to you as a contributor, such as entitling you to a charitable income tax deduction for the full fair market value and eliminating capital gains tax.

Giving From Retirement Accounts

For a potentially impactful tax benefit, consider making your gift to the Capital Campaign through a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from certain retirement accounts. You can allocate all or part of your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) up to \$111,000 this year. This will reduce your taxable income and fulfill your RMD, and you will pay no tax on the transaction.

You should always consult with your financial advisor and/or accountant before initiating a charitable gift arrangement.



RECALL all the blessings God has given you, not only for your personal use, but to build the Kingdom of God on earth.

PRAY to discern what sacrificial gift God is asking you to give in this Capital Campaign.

REMEMBER that every gift, regardless of the size, will be an important contribution to the Capital Campaign.

DISCUSS your participation and sacrifice with all members of your family and what it will mean to you over the next three years.

Campaign Prayer

Loving Father, as living stones of faith at St. Ambrose Parish, nourished by the Eucharist, we journey together to Restore, Renew, and Rejoice. Fill our hearts with generosity, gratitude, and concern for all people, especially those in need.

Strengthened by the Holy Spirit, make us faithful stewards of Your gifts as we build for current and future generations. May our parish family bring You glory through our ever-growing love for Your Son and for one another.

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

If you have any questions or need specific instructions on how to make a gift, please contact Michelle Pulaski in the Business Office at 618-466-2921 x 3.

Our Parish. Our People. **Our Faith.**

Dear St. Ambrose Family,

When we think about St. Ambrose, we think about much more than our buildings. We think about the people who fill them with faith, service, prayer, friendship, and love.

Every ministry, every Mass, every child learning about their faith, and every parishioner serving one another is evidence of the vibrant parish we are blessed to call home. **Restore • Renew • Rejoice** is our opportunity to care for the spaces that make our cherished parish life possible, while preparing us to serve generations to come.

Thank you for prayerfully considering how you can be part of the future of St. Ambrose.

In Christ,

Lisa Hayes

Lisa Hayes
Campaign Chair



"From the very beginning, we felt the camaraderie of the Parish."
— The Eckhouse Family



"St. Ambrose has been exceptional in their support of our marriage, getting all four children through grade school, their baptisms, first communions, and confirmations." — The Lavick Family

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"St Ambrose Parish has been, and will always be, the special place that our family can share in God's love." — The Joehl Family



Many parishioners have shared the gifts of time and talent for the benefit of the **Restore • Renew • Rejoice** Capital Campaign. Thank you to the numerous volunteers who have served as stewards of this endeavor through volunteer teams, advisory roles, and planning committees.

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