



# *Rooted in Christ*

## RISING TOGETHER



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# OUR STORY



Risen Christ is a vibrant, Christ-centered Catholic community serving Southwest Boise and Kuna.

*Since our founding in 1992, we have consistently grown not only in numbers, but in **faith, spirit and mission.***

Guided by our core values – placing Christ at the center, responding compassionately to the needs around us, remaining open to growth and working diligently to fulfill our mission – we strive to be a welcoming, life-giving parish.

We stand on the strong foundation built by those who came before us and remain committed to building on that legacy, rising and growing together to meet the spiritual and practical needs of our parish family today and for generations to come.

## OUR STRATEGIC ANCHORS

- ✦ Practicing radical hospitality
- ✦ Helping people set roots at Risen Christ
- ✦ Engaging, life-giving leaders and ministries
- ✦ Growing as a unified, Catholic community in Christ

## WE ARE GROWING!



Between 2000 and 2024, Ada County's population grew by **85.3%**



Boise's population is expected to continue to increase substantially in the next 5 to 10 years.



**494 new households** registered at Risen Christ since May 2022 – *nearly triple the original count!*



**Infant baptisms** grew from just **4 in 2019** to **17 in 2024** – and already **15** in the first half of 2025.



**Becoming Catholic** soared from **1** participant in 2019 to **20** in 2024 – with **22** already enrolled for 2025.



**1,953** individuals were served from our **Mobile Pantry** from May 2024 to June 2025.



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*Dear Risen Christ Family,*

As we enter an exciting new chapter in the life of our parish, I invite you to join us in supporting a campaign to expand our church sanctuary, a sacred space where we encounter Christ, deepen our faith and grow together as a community.

Guided by the theme *Rooted in Christ, Rising Together*, this campaign is about more than adding seats. It's about making room for more hearts to be transformed, more families to feel at home and more lives to be anchored in Christ. As a growing, Christ-centered community, we are called to respond to the needs around us – and right now, that means creating more space to worship, gather and welcome.

This expansion will be a visible sign of our mission: a place of radical hospitality, vibrant faith and unified purpose. Your support will help build not just a larger sanctuary, but a stronger foundation upon which future generations can rise together.

Please prayerfully consider how you can help bring this vision to life. *Rooted in Christ, Rising Together*, we can grow in faith, love and service – together.

*Sincerely yours in Christ,*

Father Ben Uhlenkott

*Risen Christ  
Catholic Community*  
*A Parish of the Diocese of Boise*





## *ROOTED IN CHRIST, RISING TOGETHER*

Our capital campaign theme is *Rooted in Christ, Rising Together*, which speaks to who we are now and who we are becoming. We are firmly rooted in Christ and in the bonds of faith, love and community that have sustained our parish since its earliest days. These strong roots allow us now to rise – reaching out in welcome, reaching up in worship and reaching forward in growth.

## **A SACRED SPACE FOR ALL**

Our sanctuary is where we come together to worship, to celebrate and to grow in community. Overflow seating and limited parking are signs of a vibrant, growing parish and a clear call to act. As our faith family continues to grow, so too must our space for worship.

From the very beginning, our sanctuary was designed with hope for the future. The original architectural plans allowed for future expansion, anticipating the day our needs would outgrow the current space. ***That time is now.***

*Our plan for expansion is a response to Christ's call to welcome all, to make room for one another and to worship together as one faith community.*

Every component of this project – from seating capacity to restrooms and parking – has been thoughtfully designed to meet the needs of our growing parish while honoring our commitment to stewardship. This is not a wish list, but a carefully planned response to the growth we've already seen and the continued growth we are called to support.



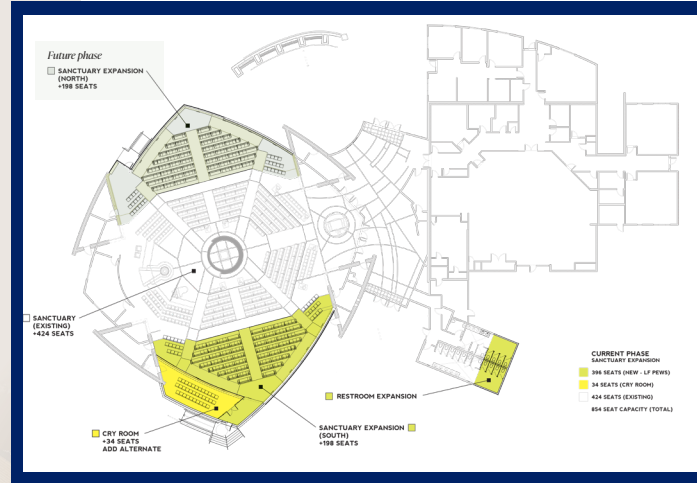
## KEY ENHANCEMENTS

**Sanctuary Expansion:** Addition of 198 seats and accessible entrance through expansion on the south side of the church

**New Cry Room:** A designated space with 34 additional seats for families with young children to participate in Mass comfortably

**More Restrooms:** Additional bathroom facilities to better serve our growing congregation\*

**Expanded Parking:** Increased parking capacity, including additional handicap-accessible spaces, to improve accessibility and convenience for parishioners and visitors\*



*\*Per building code requirements, an increase in building size or occupancy necessitates a corresponding expansion of restrooms and parking capacity.*

Dear God, I will  
help clean up our  
community.



— Message from children's offertory basket



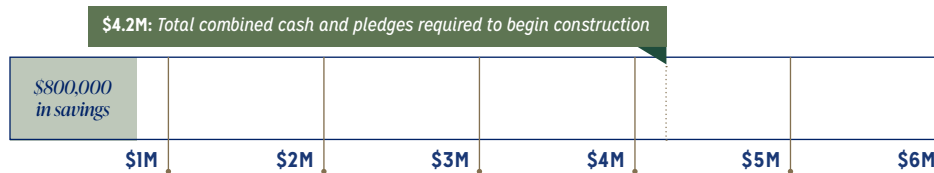
# OUR CAMPAIGN GOALS

This project is a powerful living expression of our commitment to grow in faith and to serve future generations. With these improvements, we will continue to ensure that our church remains a sacred, inclusive and life-giving space for all who enter.

After extensive planning, consultation with architects and careful evaluation of every option, the total projected cost of this next phase in our expansion plan is \$6 million.

*This figure is not aspirational. It reflects only the most essential elements needed to meet our community's immediate needs.*

Thanks to good stewardship and prudent planning, we already have **\$800,000 in savings** to apply toward this project. Per diocesan policy, we can begin construction as soon as we have **70% of the cost pledged**.



## CONTINUING THE VISION

While this campaign focuses on expanding the south side of the sanctuary to meet our most immediate needs, the expansion of the north side, along with additional classrooms, an updated kitchen and more social space, remains an important part of our long-term master plan.

As our community continues to grow and as resources allow, we will revisit the north side expansion in the future, ensuring that our facilities continue to support the vibrant faith life and hospitality that define our parish.

*Our goal is rooted in discernment and stewardship – a balance between visionary planning and financial responsibility. We believe we have set a goal that is both attainable and essential, one that we believe can be reached over the next three years through the prayerful generosity of our parish family.*



## WAYS TO GIVE

There are many ways to support Risen Christ while meeting your personal financial goals. Selecting the best gift plan depends on your personal financial situation and goals. **Gifts made by cash or check are the most common and provide Risen Christ with the most flexibility as we expand our church.** We will gratefully accept gifts in various forms, including:

*Cash or Check • Securities • Real Estate • Planned Gifts • IRA Distributions • Corporate Matching Gifts*

As tax laws are always changing and each individual's situation is unique, donors are encouraged to consult with financial advisors to determine their most beneficial contribution method.

*This chart serves as a guide as you prayerfully consider your level of support over a **three-year period**. We encourage you to consider a 10% to 20% initial payment to begin your commitment. This will help us begin construction sooner.*

| Total Gift | Initial 10% Investment | Balance   | Monthly | Quarterly | Annual   |
|------------|------------------------|-----------|---------|-----------|----------|
| \$250,000  | \$25,000               | \$225,000 | \$6,250 | \$2,083   | \$75,000 |
| \$100,000  | \$10,000               | \$90,000  | \$2,500 | \$7,500   | \$30,000 |
| \$75,000   | \$7,500                | \$67,500  | \$1,875 | \$5,625   | \$22,500 |
| \$50,000   | \$5,000                | \$45,000  | \$1,250 | \$3,750   | \$15,000 |
| \$30,000   | \$3,000                | \$27,000  | \$750   | \$2,250   | \$9,000  |
| \$15,000   | \$1,500                | \$13,500  | \$375   | \$1,125   | \$4,500  |
| \$10,000   | \$1,000                | \$9,000   | \$250   | \$750     | \$3,000  |
| \$6,000    | \$600                  | \$5,400   | \$150   | \$450     | \$1,800  |
| \$3,600    | \$360                  | \$3,240   | \$90    | \$270     | \$1,080  |
| \$1,800    | \$180                  | \$1,620   | \$45    | \$135     | \$540    |

**Thank you for your sacrificial gift!**

In his letter to the Corinthians,

St. Paul reminds us,

***“Each one must give as he  
has decided in his heart, not  
reluctantly or under compulsion,  
for God loves a cheerful giver.”***

(2 COR 9:7)

Your gift is a beautiful expression of your love for Christ and your commitment to this faith community, a living part of the Body of Christ. We are deeply grateful for your support.

**Note:** The incremental payment examples are based on an initial 10% investment, followed by the preferred payment plan for three years.



## *Rooted in Christ, Rising Together* Capital Campaign Leadership

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## CAMPAIGN PRAYER

Dear Lord,

With grateful hearts for the gifts you have already bestowed upon us, we humbly ask for your blessing upon our capital campaign;

*Rooted in Christ, Rising Together.*

May we rise together, as a Catholic family, committed to being good stewards of your gifts. May we be deeply rooted in Christ, following the Lord's will in all we do.

Inspire us as we expand our church - a place rooted in radical hospitality, filled with Christ-centered members, and guided by life-giving leaders.

Guide our efforts, bless our sacrifices, and bring this sacred endeavor to fruition, through the Risen Christ our Lord.

***Amen.***

