

## Our Prayerful Invitation

As you prayerfully consider supporting the Campaign for St Michael Catholic Church. We hope you will reflect on what your sacrificial gift means not only to you, but to others now and in the future. To achieve our goals, St. Michael's will rely heavily upon the generosity of our parishioners. We eagerly accept the challenges ahead while we grow as a parish but know that we will meet and exceed our goals in our mission and in this campaign through the commitment of our parish families. Please join us as we take this next step by spreading our wings and helping to make this life center a reality as we work together to build on the good word that God has begun here at St. Michael Catholic Church.



Heavenly Father, source of all good things, in every generation  
You gather a people to yourself and endow them with the means  
to spread Your Gospel.

Though Your Son, Jesus Christ, You have formed the parishes  
and missions of South Carolina into one body working to build  
Your Kingdom across our seven deaneries of Aiken, Beaufort,  
Charleston, Columbia, Greenville, Myrtle Beach, and Rock Hill.

Through Your Holy Spirit, give us generous and sacrificial hearts  
as our diocese enters its third century. Transform us into good  
stewards of the blessings You bestow upon each one of us.

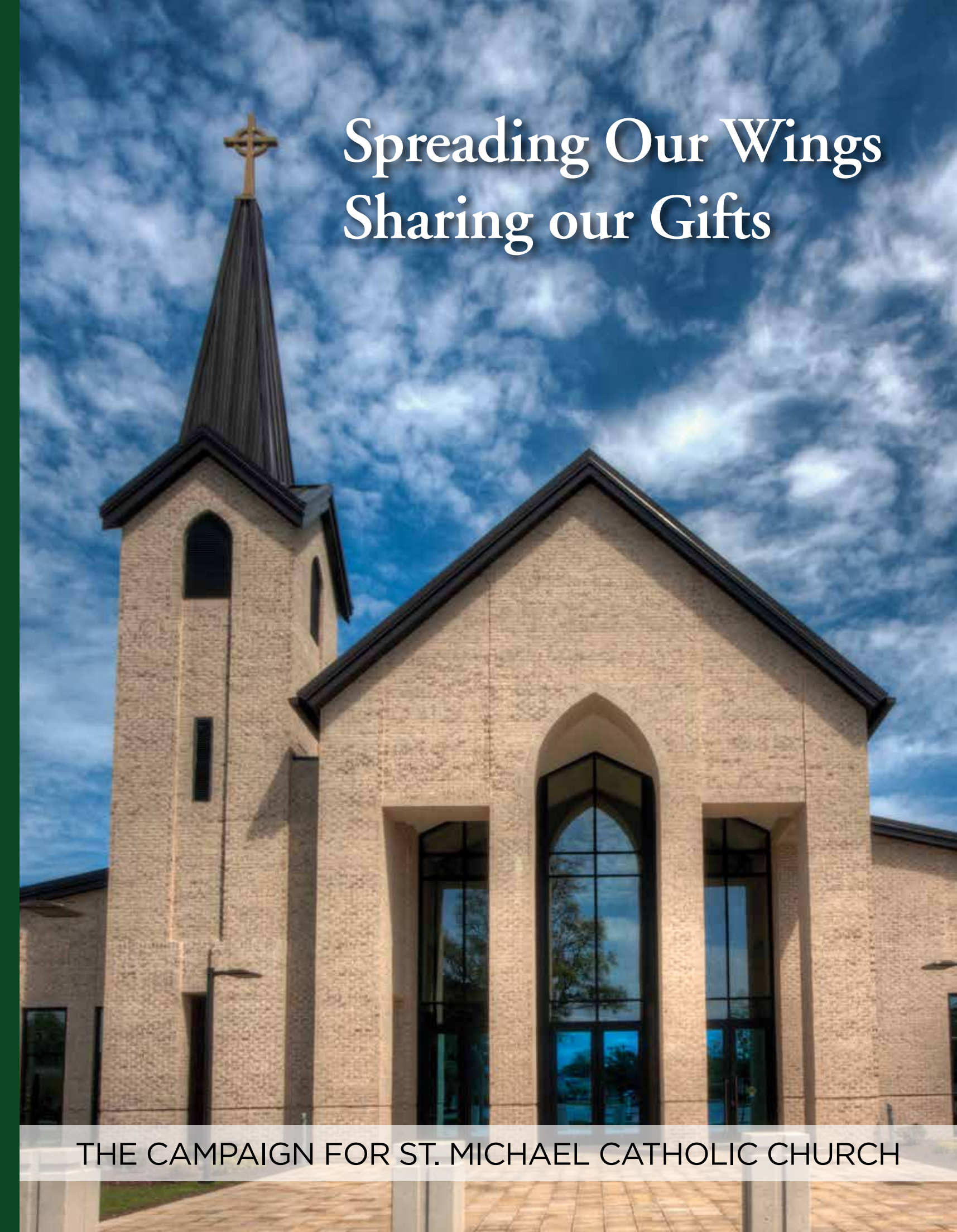
As one family in faith, we pray that our gifts strengthen our  
parishes and missions, form Catholics to Believe in the Gospel  
and guide us to live Your Gospel through social outreach.

We ask all of this through our one Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.



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# Spreading Our Wings Sharing our Gifts



THE CAMPAIGN FOR ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH



Dear my Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our Church has served the people of Murrells Inlet, providing a sacramental home for our families. From the start, our vision was to open a church to accommodate the vibrant Garden City community.

The determination of our parishioners and incredible growth we have experienced over recent years has led to both new opportunities and challenges. With the church building's mortgage completely paid, now is the time to fulfill our original plans by establishing a new Parish Life Center. With your resolve and ongoing support, we can realize our vision and ensure the growth of our parish both physically and spiritually.

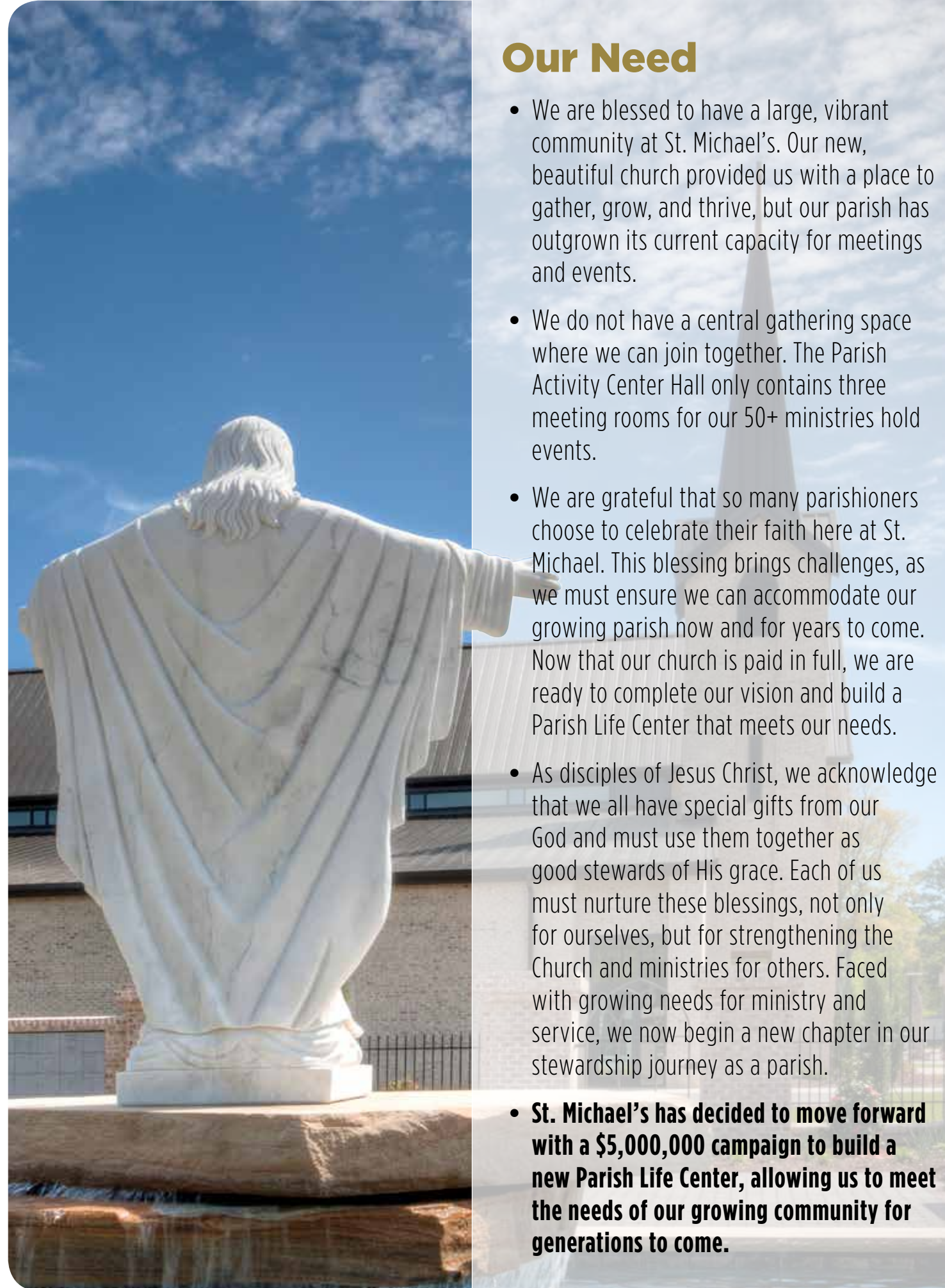
Grace and Peace,

*Edward W. Fitzgerald*  
Very Rev. Edward W. Fitzgerald, JCL, VF



### History and Mission

- In 1975, St. Michael was founded as a mission church under St. Andrew Parish with 40 families.
- In nearly 45 years, our parish has grown to over 3,500 families
- The people of St. Michael Catholic Church have been dedicated to living the theological virtues of faith, hope, and charity in their daily lives and through their parish activities.



### Our Need

- We are blessed to have a large, vibrant community at St. Michael's. Our new, beautiful church provided us with a place to gather, grow, and thrive, but our parish has outgrown its current capacity for meetings and events.
- We do not have a central gathering space where we can join together. The Parish Activity Center Hall only contains three meeting rooms for our 50+ ministries hold events.
- We are grateful that so many parishioners choose to celebrate their faith here at St. Michael. This blessing brings challenges, as we must ensure we can accommodate our growing parish now and for years to come. Now that our church is paid in full, we are ready to complete our vision and build a Parish Life Center that meets our needs.
- As disciples of Jesus Christ, we acknowledge that we all have special gifts from our God and must use them together as good stewards of His grace. Each of us must nurture these blessings, not only for ourselves, but for strengthening the Church and ministries for others. Faced with growing needs for ministry and service, we now begin a new chapter in our stewardship journey as a parish.
- **St. Michael's has decided to move forward with a \$5,000,000 campaign to build a new Parish Life Center, allowing us to meet the needs of our growing community for generations to come.**

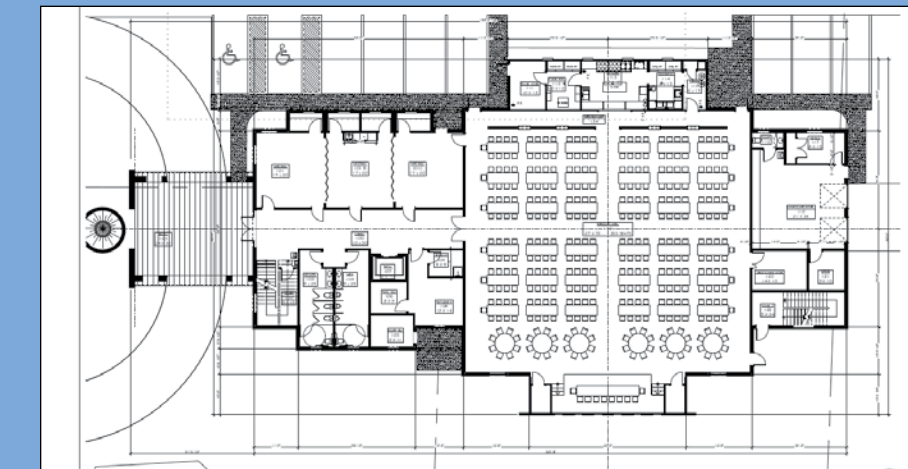
### Our Parish Life Center - \$4,120,000

Our new two-story Parish Life Center will serve as a place for parishioners to build fellowship and strengthen relationships both with Christ and one another.

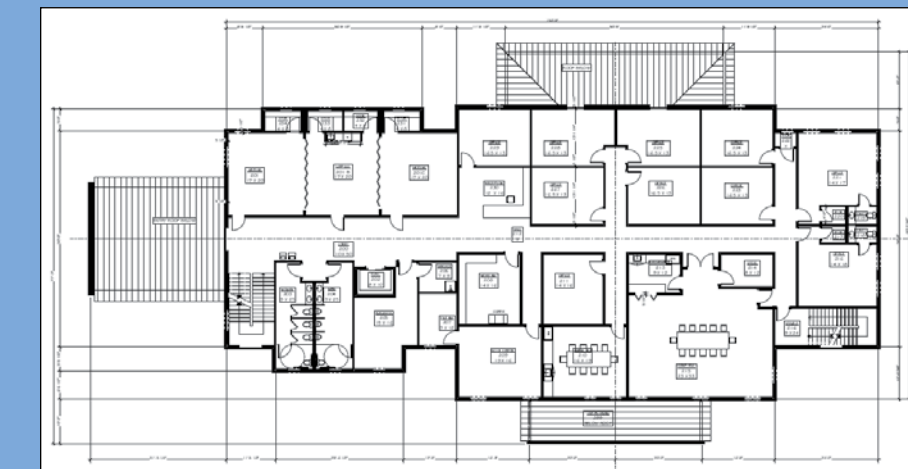
#### The new Parish Life Center will include:

- A banquet hall with the capacity to hold 355 parishioners.
- A fully-equipped commercial kitchen adjacent to the banquet hall for special events.
- More offices, meetings rooms, and a conference room.
- A workroom for ministries complete with a copier and supplies.

#### The new Parish Life Center allows St. Michael's to:

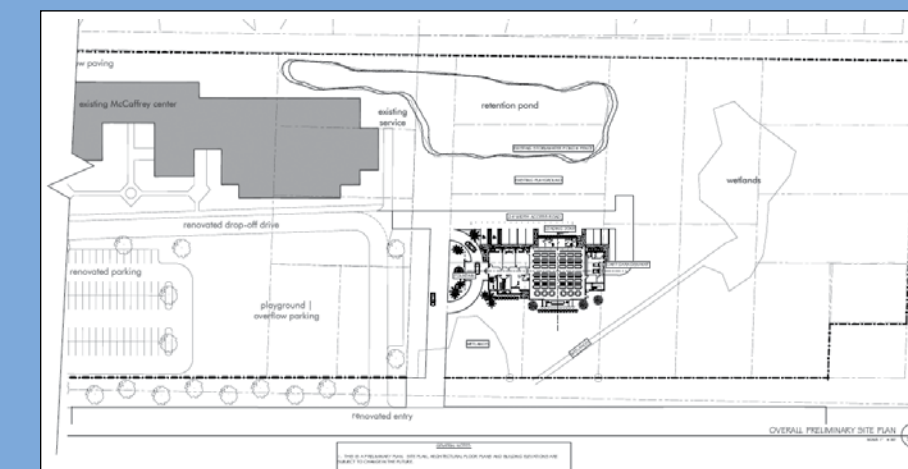


- Use the school gym for regional sports events and school functions on the weekends.
- Give the Parish Activity Center to the St. Vincent de Paul Society for full-time outreach.
- Provide St. Michael's Catholic School with the Parish Office Building, giving them enough space for another classroom.



### Bicentennial Campaign - \$880,000

- The Diocese of Charleston has initiated a \$60,000,000 campaign to address the pressing charitable and spiritual needs of its parishes including expanding several state-wide programs and ministries such as those helping the poor and homeless, endowing Youth and Hispanic Ministries, and investing in seminarian and Catholic education.
- As one of the ten largest parishes in the Diocese, St. Michael's will provide its proportionate share of the diocesan effort or \$880,000 to these priorities.



**OUR OVERALL CAMPAIGN GOAL.....\$5,000,000**