



Lift High the Cross

...continuing the mission

Capital Campaign for a
Parish Life Center

St. Michael Catholic Church

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

With a grateful heart and deep trust in God's providence, I share with you an important moment in the life of our beloved St. Michael Catholic Church. After much prayer, discernment, and discussion with parish leadership, we are embarking on a significant step forward in our mission as a faith community: the construction of a new Parish Life Center.

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we acknowledge that everything we are and everything we have is a blessing entrusted to us by God. Today, we find ourselves called to respond generously to the growing needs of ministry, formation, and fellowship within our parish.

Currently, our Parish Activity Center can accommodate only about 80 people. With more than 50 active ministries, we face daily challenges scheduling meetings, events, and formation opportunities that so many parishioners wish to offer and attend. As our parish continues to grow, our limited space makes it difficult to provide all the ministry and fellowship opportunities we hope to offer.

St. Michael is the second largest parish in the Diocese of Charleston, yet the only parish in the Myrtle Beach Deanery without a Parish Life Center. This unique challenge also presents a tremendous opportunity. Our vibrant and active community needs space to gather, learn, celebrate, and carry out the good work that Christ has placed before us.

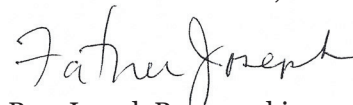
For this reason, we are launching our capital campaign, *"Lift High the Cross...continuing the mission,"* to raise \$4 Million to build our Parish Life Center. This facility will serve as a home for parish fellowship and ministry, a place where relationships can deepen and faith can flourish.

This project is about more than a building—it is about continuing the mission Christ has entrusted to us. It is about creating a space where parishioners of every age can encounter Christ, support one another, and grow in faith. It is about ensuring that future generations will find St. Michael to be a spiritual home as welcoming and vibrant as the one we enjoy today.

I invite each of you to join me in prayerfully considering a sacrificial gift to this campaign. Together, we can answer God's call to build up His Church here in our community. May we embrace this moment with trust, generosity, and hope, lifting the cross as we continue the mission God has begun in us.

Let us keep each other in prayer.

I remain,
In Jesus' Sacred Heart,



Rev. Joseph Romanoski
Pastor

We are a vibrant
Roman Catholic community,
demonstrating God's love
through the Holy Eucharist,
Gospel and Sacred Tradition.
Guided by the Holy Spirit,
we serve our brothers and sisters
by living the virtues of
Faith, Hope and Charity.





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Our Need

St. Michael Parish recognizes the importance of carrying out our spiritual mission in today's world. In addition to daily Mass, we offer small Christian community faith sharing groups to strengthen parishioners' relationships with one another and the Church.

Our parish offers over 50 additional outreach ministries including support groups, young adult groups, rosary makers, nursing home visitors as well as biblical and liturgical study groups.

There are also several ministries which aim to reach international populations including the Filipino and Hispanic communities.

Current Parish Activity Center

Our current Parish Activity Center will continue to provide space and support for our numerous parish ministries, groups, community outreach and educational programs, and those who support the mission of St. Michael Church in Murrells Inlet.

New Parish Life Center

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we acknowledge all that we are and have gifts from God. 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 the next chapter in our stewardship journey as a parish with the completion of the Parish Life Center.

As the only parish in the Myrtle Beach Deanery without a Parish Life Center but the second largest parish in the Diocese, St. Michael is presented with a clear need for additional space for their vibrant congregation and very active parish ministries. St. Michael Catholic Church seeks to raise an additional \$4 Million for this new building. This initiative will allow us to build our Parish Life Center and serve the needs of our ministries and community for future generations.

The creation of a Parish Life Center will enhance St. Michael's commitment to fellowship and allow us to start new ministries at our ever-growing parish.



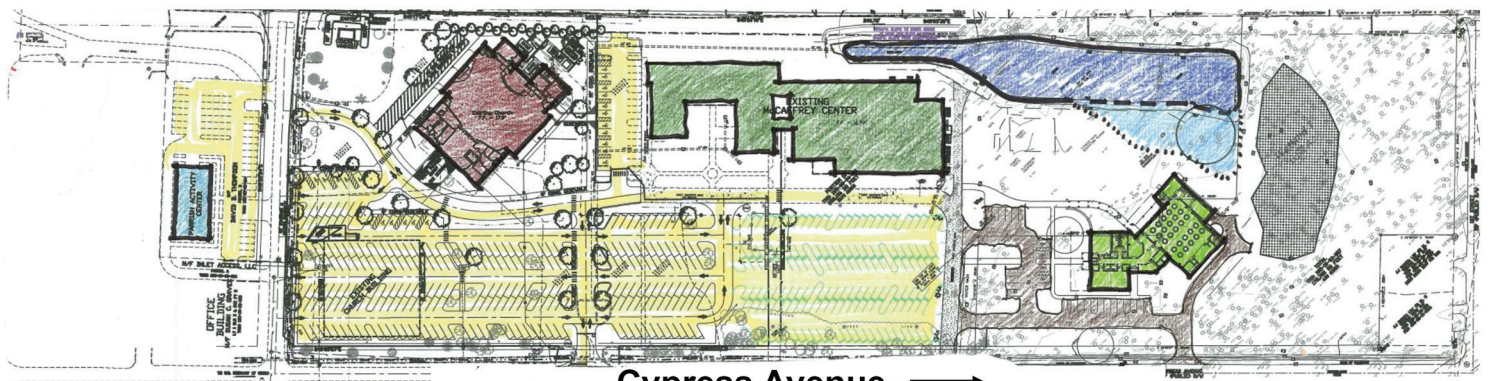










“Whoever sows sparingly will reap sparingly and whoever sows bountifully will reap bountifully. Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”
 - 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

Our Plan

Our plans for the Parish Life Center include additional meeting space to include:

- A banquet hall with the capacity to hold 250+ individuals (this space can be divided for additional meeting spaces).
- A warming kitchen with builder’s quality countertops, cabinets, and fixtures, framed and ready to receive a commercial kitchen. A commercial kitchen costs \$400,000-\$500,000 and is not part of our current projected costs. If we surpass our goal, we can look into finishing the commercial kitchen.
- Three meeting rooms with movable walls, including a kitchenette.
- Additional storage and maintenance space.
- Additional parking.

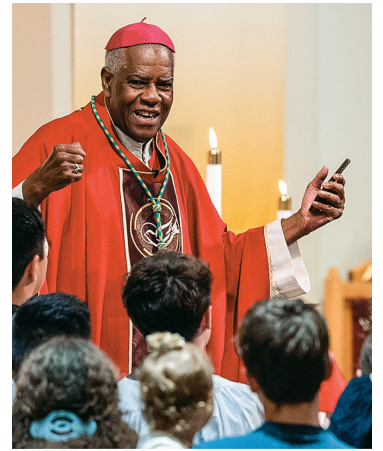


 Parish Activity Center	5,000 S.F.	 Existing Parking	431 Spaces
 Church	22,000 S.F.	 Proposed Parking	26 Spaces.
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 Proposed Parish Life Center	14,600 S.F.	 Detention Pond Expansion4 Acre



Thank you!

We are deeply grateful to our parishioners for their extraordinary support and generosity. Because of your faithful stewardship, we have already secured nearly one-third of the funding needed to make our Parish Life Center a reality. This remarkable progress reflects your commitment to St. Michael and its mission. Through this campaign, we aim to raise the remaining funds to break ground in the Fall of 2026 and bring this vision to life for our parish family and future generations.



How You Can Get Involved

During the *Lift High the Cross...continuing the mission* Capital Campaign, Father Joseph, the Campaign Leadership Team, and volunteers will contact fellow parishioners to share our vision, giving every family a chance to participate.

Throughout the campaign, we invite everyone at St. Michael to:

- Pray for the campaign's success.
- Serve as ambassadors by sharing key information and encouraging others to participate.
- Get involved personally in the campaign.
- Make a sacrificial financial pledge to help build the Parish Life Center.



How To Pledge Your Support

The total cost of the Parish Life Center is still being determined, but we recognize that construction and material costs continue to rise. Current estimates suggest the project's total expenses will be approximately \$6 Million. Through our last campaign we have already raised approximately \$2 Million thanks to the generosity of our parishioners. Through the *Lift High the Cross...continuing the mission* Capital Campaign, we plan to raise an additional \$4 Million with your sacrificial pledges and contributions.

We hope that, with your generosity, we will secure a construction loan and begin building in Fall 2026. The Parish Life Center is expected to be completed and dedicated around Summer 2027. Every member of our parish is integral to our success in reaching this goal, and, therefore, each family is asked to consider making a pledge to the campaign.

Each family is asked to consider a pledge of \$6,000, payable over four years. With a \$600 down payment, the monthly payment is \$112.50; without a down payment, it is \$125. Many of us pay more each month for internet or cell phone service. Every member is encouraged to support the Church's mission through this campaign.

Methods of Pledging

PLEDGES VIA CASH, CHECK OR CREDIT CARD

Simply complete your pledge card by noting your total pledge amount and your down payment. Be sure to specify your preferred payment schedule: monthly, quarterly, or annually. Please make checks payable to *St. Michael Church* and on the memo line, please add *Parish Life Center*. You will be sent payment reminders and a special payment envelope in accordance with the payment plan you choose. You may return the pledge card in the weekly collection, bring it to the parish office, or return it by mail.

ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFERS

Please complete your pledge card by checking the appropriate box to indicate that you wish to make your payments via electronic fund transfer from your bank account, debit or credit card. When choosing the electronic method of payment, you will need to set up the automatic payments on the parish website: saintmichaelsc.net/donate.

GIFTS OF STOCK

You can use your own broker/agent or contact our Campaign Director in the campaign office for the proper form. If you've held the stock for at least one year, you won't owe capital gains tax, and you can deduct the full value of the stock on your taxes, as long as the stock is transferred to the Catholic Community Foundation of South Carolina before being liquidated. The stock doesn't need to have increased in value since you bought it. If you're interested in donating stock, contact the Campaign Office or note it on your pledge card so we can give you the necessary details.

WE REQUEST YOUR SPECIAL GENEROSITY

Everyone is encouraged to thoughtfully reflect on how their generosity can express gratitude for the gifts they have received from God. We acknowledge that a \$6,000 pledge may pose a challenge for some households in our parish. Therefore, it's crucial for the success of our campaign that those who can offer larger pledges do so.

Individuals who can pledge \$10,000, \$25,000, \$50,000, or more are invited to take on a major role in our campaign. Please review the Suggested Gift Plans and choose a plan that is right for you.

Total Gift	10% Down Payment	4 Annual Payments	16 Quarterly Payments	48 Monthly Payments
\$250,000	\$25,000	\$56,250	\$14,062	\$4,688
\$150,000	\$15,000	\$33,750	\$8,438	\$2,813
\$100,000	\$10,000	\$22,500	\$5,625	\$1,875
\$75,000	\$7,500	\$16,875	\$4,219	\$1,406
\$50,000	\$5,000	\$11,250	\$2,813	\$938
\$40,000	\$4,000	\$9,000	\$2,250	\$750
\$30,000	\$3,000	\$6,750	\$1,688	\$563
\$25,000	\$2,500	\$5,625	\$1,406	\$469
\$20,000	\$2,000	\$4,500	\$1,125	\$375
\$15,000	\$1,500	\$3,375	\$844	\$281
\$10,000	\$1,000	\$2,250	\$563	\$188
\$7,500	\$750	\$1,688	\$422	\$141
\$6,000	\$600	\$1,350	\$338	\$113

IRA CONTRIBUTIONS

An IRA owner age 70½ or older can directly transfer up to \$111,000 per year to an eligible charity tax-free. This is known as a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). This option applies to distributions from IRAs, regardless of whether the owner itemizes deductions. To qualify, the funds must be transferred directly by the IRA trustee to the eligible charity. Distributions may be excluded from the IRA owner's income, reducing taxable income and helping mitigate the tax consequences of Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs). Please confirm current tax law with your tax advisor or the IRS.

PLANNED GIVING

Supporting St. Michael through planned giving offers various options, including gifts of real estate, personal property, automobiles, life insurance, estate bequests, annuities, or charitable remainder trusts, both now and in the future. For significant property gifts other than marketable securities, the IRS mandates an appraisal. Contact the Campaign Office for further details.

PLEDGING INFORMATION

- Please make checks payable to **St. Michael Church** and on the memo line, please add **Parish Life Center**. Payments will be set up over four years. If desired, a longer or shorter period may be arranged. Payments can be arranged on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis.
- Gift plans are based on a 10% down payment. However, a down payment is not necessary to begin your pledge.
- To make your pledge via credit, debit, or automatic draft, please visit saintmichaelsc.net/donate or scan the QR code.



**Please confirm current tax law with your tax advisor or the IRS.*

Heavenly Father,

through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
all things are possible,
we seek your blessing,
along with a sense of unity,
a spirit of cooperation, and a generous heart
as we undertake our campaign
***“Lift High the Cross...
continuing the mission.”***

It is through our participation and sacrifice,
that all things come together
for the good of those who love you.

Guide and bless us with your presence
now and through the years to come,
knowing that what we undertake
will benefit our entire community.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
~Amen.



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