

HOLY FAMILY FAQ CAMPAIGN QUESTIONS

Why do we need a capital campaign?

We need this capital campaign to secure funds needed to be good stewards of the beautiful parish campus God has entrusted to us and make the necessary repairs/upgrades to our 25-year-old church and 70-year-old school building.

How will we fund these goals?

Our parish is financially healthy, we're debt-free and have approximately 6 months in reserve funds. Our parish is blessed with financial stability, even despite a slightly lower offertory, each year we are balancing our budget with estate gifts or gifts from outside the parish. This campaign offers us the chance to come together for something truly impactful. We will ask all parishioners to prayerfully consider a sacrificial commitment to support our parish and school.

Are we seeking funding outside the parish?

Yes. The Steier Group is actively pursuing grant opportunities. Grants take time and are not guaranteed, but any received will be a blessing and boost to our efforts.

Will I receive more information about giving?

Yes. In late August or early September, you'll receive a packet with the campaign case statement, your personalized giving request, and instructions on how to make a pledge.

Can I pledge over time?

Yes. The campaign spans three years, and you may fulfill your gift weekly, monthly, semi-annually, or annually. We encourage you to set-up online giving with the parish, for your ease.



Will everyone be asked to give?

Yes. Reaching our goals will require broad participation amongst the school and parish. Everyone will be asked to consider a sacrificial gift.

Will the Bishop's Appeal coincide with the campaign?

Yes. For 2025, our parish's obligation to the Bishop's Appeal (\$62,629) will be included in our campaign goal. You will not receive a separate letter from Bishop Rhoades this year. Our standard Bishop's Appeal will resume in 2026.

Will the Diocese of Fort Wayne–South Bend provide support?

Bishop Rhoades and the Diocese support our vision and have granted permission to move forward. However, the Diocese will not provide financial assistance as it is focused on its own fundraising efforts.

PARISH QUESTIONS

What's wrong with the church HVAC?

Our HVAC system is aging. The units are original to the 25-year-old building and nearing the end of their life. Professionals have assessed them, and we're developing a plan to ensure reliable heating and cooling. We need to be prepared to repair or replace this equipment when the time comes.


Is a preventative maintenance plan being developed?

Yes. The Finance Council aims to use this campaign to assess our facility needs, address the most urgent ones, and create a long-term maintenance strategy.

SCHOOL QUESTIONS

What is the projected enrollment?

Enrollment for 2025–26 is projected at 335 students, the highest in 10 years. School capacity is 448.



Why is there a sudden need for bathrooms? Why not keep older students on the lower level?

Rising enrollment has made it necessary to group students by age for both developmental and educational reasons. As a result, our youngest learners are now located on the lower level of the school.

Currently, these students must be escorted upstairs to use the bathroom, due to safety protocols that require hallway doors to remain locked during the day.

While these measures are critical for security, they also create frequent disruptions and pull classroom aides away from providing learning support.

Adding restrooms to the lower level would not only improve safety and efficiency but also allow our staff to stay focused on what matters most, supporting our youngest students in their early years of formation and learning.

Does the parish fund the school?

Not primarily. The school is largely funded through tuition, fundraising efforts, and other sources such as grants. However, the parish does provide supplemental financial support. In recent years, this contribution has declined to about 10% of the school's total funding, down from a previous range of 25–30%.

Does the Indiana School Choice Scholarship cover all tuition?

No. The school is largely funded through the the Indiana School Choice Scholarship. The scholarship covers about 90% of tuition; families cover the remainder.

What percentage of students are Catholic?

Currently, 67% of students are Catholic. While the majority of our students are Catholic, we are blessed with the opportunity to share the beauty of our faith with non-Catholic students, planting seeds that may one day lead them to full communion with the Church.

When was the school last updated?

It hasn't been. The finishes and fixtures remain unchanged since the school was first built. If we want to give our children the learning environment they deserve, we must now take seriously the responsibility to care for and update this aging building.