



*Lord, Renew
Your Church*

THE CHURCH OF *St. Genevieve*

SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF
CENTERVILLE & HUGO

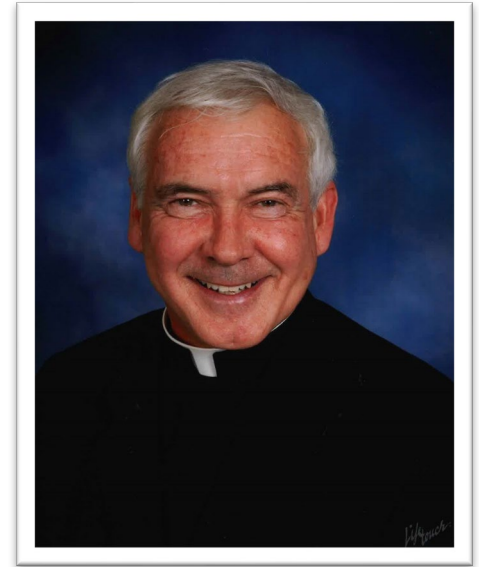
DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST

The Church of St. Genevieve of Centerville is participating in the *Lord, Renew Your Church* campaign along with every parish in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. This extraordinary effort will help fund the needs of our parish and greatly enhance shared Archdiocesan ministries to strengthen our local Church. The *Lord, Renew Your Church* campaign supports local parish needs, education for children and young people, restoration of the Cathedral of Saint Paul and the Basilica of Saint Mary, care for our active, retired, and future priests, and resources for those in need. This campaign will ensure our local Church is strong and vibrant for generations to come.

As an Archdiocese, we form a faith community of nearly 720,000 Catholics. Through the *Lord, Renew Your Church* campaign we have an exciting opportunity to live out our mission by helping even more people discover, follow, worship and share Jesus throughout our Archdiocese. Please take a moment to review the impact the *Lord, Renew Your Church* campaign will have on the Church of St. Genevieve. This campaign has my full support and, as your Pastor, I hope you will join me in embracing this opportunity.

In Christ,

Father Gregory Esty



Campaign Goal: \$795,000

Parish Share: \$477,000

OUR PARISH ROOTS

St. Genevieve in Centerville was established in 1854 to serve French-Canadian settlers in eastern Anoka County. A log church was built in 1855 and replaced by a larger building in 1859. Fr. Joseph Goiffon, one of Minnesota's early missionaries, served as pastor from 1861 to 1891 and oversaw completion of a third church in 1870. After a fire in 1900, the present St. Genevieve church was built in 1904. Meanwhile, residents of Oneka/Centerville Station, now known as Hugo, requested their own parish, leading to the founding of St. John the Baptist in 1901. After a later fire, the current St. John the Baptist church was built in Hugo under Fr. Lloyd Fortin in 1947. In 2012, the two parishes merged into one St. Genevieve parish, which continues to celebrate Mass and serve the community at both historic church sites and the newer parish community center.





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"Driven by our faith and a call to renew, this campaign is designed to give Catholics throughout the Archdiocese the capacity to meet the needs of our parishes and those of the Archdiocese more widely."

Most Reverend Bernard Hebda, Archbishop of Saint Paul & Minneapolis

OUR SHARE OF FUNDS

The parishioners of the Church of St. Genevieve embrace the call to participate in the *Lord, Renew Your Church* campaign. This historic campaign will enhance our Archdiocesan and local ministries today, as well as support and fund our own parish priorities. We are asking for five-year pledges and inviting considerations of planned estate gifts to achieve the parish campaign goal of \$795,000, in which our parish will receive 60% of all funds raised. Through much prayer, planning, and conversation, we have identified new initiatives that will strengthen our mission and vision for the Church of St. Gen's. These initiatives will include some cemetery infrastructure improvements, as well as general hospitality upgrades and building repairs.



Care for our Cemeteries

Our cemeteries are a place of prayer, remembrance, and hope for the St. Genevieve community. To continue honoring those buried there, we plan to update the software used to maintain cemetery records. Improved tools will help us preserve historical information, support families searching for loved ones, and manage plots more effectively. This investment ensures the cemeteries remain well-kept and respectful places for generations to come.

General Repairs

St. Genevieve is blessed with two parish sites. To care for our buildings, we plan to address needed repairs such as tuckpointing and exterior restoration at St. John's. These improvements protect our facilities from weather damage and preserve the character of our parish. By maintaining our buildings well, we ensure they remain safe, welcoming, and ready to support parish life.

Hospitality

Our parish strives to offer welcoming and safe environments for all who visit. To support this goal, we plan to update signage at the Parish Community Center and the cemeteries, explore an electronic sign for the Centerville campus, and improve security for all parish sites. We also hope to create more opportunities for families to gather, connect, and grow in faith, hope, and love. These updates will help everyone feel at home and connected to our parish community.

