

SACRED HEART CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

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REASONS FOR THE CAMPAIGN

One of God's first commands to Adam was to cultivate and care for the Garden (Gn 2: 15). In caring for his home, Adam lives his love for the One who gave Him that home and for all those who live there. We are being invited to do the same. In caring for our church, we care for our Lord who resides in the tabernacle, all who gather here in shared prayer and community, and all those we go out to serve in charity and faith. Through this campaign, we may faithfully live out our parish mission:

“One Family in Christ: Healed by His Heart - Joyfully Sharing His Heart.”

SUMMARY OF TIMELINE

The current church and rectory buildings have a plethora of problems that must be addressed collectively and imminently. We cannot put this off until 2028, or even mid-2027. Costs for material rise 3-5% a year, we would lose necessary construction time, and we risk these issues getting much worse.

This essentially makes **Spring 2027 our goal for construction**. For that to happen, we want to make sure we have the money needed to begin repairs or break ground before early Spring 2027. **That makes August 2026 our goal for formal fundraising to begin.**

INFRARED & MOISTURE SURVEY

A few weeks ago, infrared and moisture readings were taken of our building's structure. Our building's walls were constructed of double layer 5/8 drywall and metal studs, and the infrared gave particular attention to those interior and exterior walls.

-- infrared scans look for water intrusion and moisture retention within the structure, and then quantifies those readings. A reading of '0' means the part of the building is dry. The number increases indicating the more water present in an area.

-- **readings between 0 and 20 means that an area is within 'acceptable range.'** The amount of moisture present is acceptable and thus, not a cause for alarm.

-- **readings between 20 and 40 means that an area is 'saturated,'** and needs to be dried out to prevent mold growth or the deterioration of the structure.

-- **readings above 40 means that an area is 'so saturated that it cannot be dried out.'** The affected area has to be demoed and replaced for safety and stability of the structure

THE RESULTS OF OUR SURVEY

-- the ceiling is showing in range, which concludes that water intrusion is not coming from the roof.

-- our exterior walls have some water saturation, but nothing that would cause the issues we have seen inside the building. The exterior insulation finishing systems (EIFS) and windows do need work, but the exterior wall water infiltration is not our main culprit.

-- our upstairs East Interior Wall moisture reading was 3-4 times the threshold limit. In the basement, the East Interior Wall readings ranged from 2-3 times the threshold limit.

-- our South Interior Walls and multiple spots on our North Interior Walls are also saturated beyond readings of 40 and some as high as 80.

-- these results show that overall, the interior walls are the problem, not the roof, and the water is following gravity and going to the basement. This is why we see wet carpet in the sanctuary. The water is flowing down the wall and spreading across the carpet and floor underneath.

“A Family of Faith, Rooted in His Sacred Heart, Built for Generations”

WHAT DO THE RESULTS MEAN?

1. These water intrusion issues have been happening for a long time.

- the saturation levels, combined with past records of building construction, indicate that the water intrusion and saturations have been occurring for at least 12-14 years, if not longer.
- all investigation have still have not determined the source(s) of the water intrusion.

2. These saturation levels can only be 'fixed' through demolition and replacement.

- this is an industry standard response to this degree of moisture saturation.
- the OSB (oriented strand board) in our walls expands and deteriorates when wet. Our fascias and behind the scuffers are OSB. With the amount of moisture and the length of time this has been going on, the OSB is likely a total loss
- with this level of saturation, the metal studs in the walls are likely molded and rusted.
- demolishing the walls to dig them out and replace them would almost certainly reveal other issues that would need to be addressed.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR US?

1. We **DO NOT** have the option of fixing and renovating the current Church building.

- we already had \$2.2million of known repair costs to the church. These infrared results add a minimum estimate of \$3million more to the repair costs.
- this brings our estimated current repair cost total to \$5.2million, with the almost certainty that more problems will be found, need to be addressed, and thus will increase the cost.
- there is also no guarantee, due to the poor state of our facilities, that any fixes will be lasting. We could spend millions fixing the building, and then have to do so again within the decade.

2. Our only remaining options are either close shop, or build/purchase a new church.

- if we wish to keep a Catholic community in Warrensburg, we must shift our focus and start to raise funds for a new building.
- whether the new building is something we build or something we buy and renovate, we will have to raise the millions needed.

COSTS TO BUILD ANEW

(high estimate/match current size)

Build where we are or where lot is	\$9,190,000
- reduced costs from efficient redesign	Unknown

We are currently working with the Diocese, GastingerWalker&, and A.L. Huber on not just the feasibility study and design process of a new building, but also ways in which to reduce the costs.

- crafting a more efficient design for the church, lowering the square footage of the church, or even building the sections incrementally, could help lower the cost significantly.
- a Butler building typically lasts between 50 to 100 years church. Since they're durable heavy steel and modular parts, future repairs/replacements are far more simple to do.

MOVING FORWARD

JULY: Use this time to finalize contracts, begin feasibility study and formalize designs to build a new church or relocate and renovate a building into a church. *Use this time to also help each other in processing our emotions and experiences*, as well as streamline our fundraising and campaign efforts.

AUGUST: Formal fundraising efforts begin with GRACE Philanthropy.

AUGUST to JANUARY '27: Continue to fundraise, work on designs for the church, reduce costs to build/purchase, gather information, and promote fundraising.

FEBRUARY '27: To 'break ground' on any major project, we need 1/2 its cost deposited in the bank, and 3/4 of its cost in cash/pledged. At this point, we'll know if we've raised enough to determine whether we can move/build.

A CALL FOR PRAYERFUL AND COLLABORATIVE DISCERNMENT

WE HAVE LOTS OF HELP!

Diocese Finance and Management Services
[kcsjatholic.org/office/finance-management-services/](https://www.kcsjatholic.org/office/finance-management-services/)

GastingerWalker & -- Architecture
<https://www.gastingerwalker.com/>

A.L. Huber -- Construction
<https://www.alhuber.com/>

GRACE Philanthropy -- Fundraising
<https://gracephilanthropyservices.com/>

PARISH CABINET TEAM

Our Parish Cabinet Team will graciously:
-- attend monthly cabinet meetings; provide honest and candid counsel to Fr. Kleine; assist in the successful execution of the campaign plan; serve as communication and representation for the parish community; aid Fr. Kleine in his efforts for the campaign's success.

-- if you have any questions for the cabinet, please contact the Cabinet Captain Sara Allen at saralynnallen09@gmail.com

PARISH PRAYER TEAM

Our Parish Prayer Team will graciously:
-- commit to daily prayer for our campaign's success; offer additional prayers for specific campaign activities; meet monthly for prayer & fellowship.

Membership is open to anyone and can be done individually, in small groups, or a whole team.

-- if you have questions about the Prayer Team, or would like to join, please contact the Prayer Captain Angela Hunter at angelak.hunter@yahoo.com

“No trial has come to you but what is human. God is faithful and will not let you be tried beyond your strength; but with the trial He will also provide a way out, so that you may be able to bear it.” - **1 Corinthians 10:13**

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

+ **GROW IN FAITH, HOPE, and LOVE:**
All of this is meaningless if we don't use it as an opportunity to glorify God, to grow in our faith and love of Him, and to grow in our love for our neighbor and self.
“If I give away everything I own, and if I hand my body over so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.” -1 Corinthians 13:3

+ **PRAYER, FASTING, & PENANCE:**

Prayer helps us lift our hearts to the Lord in familial love and trust.

Fasting helps us let go of what keeps us from knowing Him and following His Will.

Penance helps us to humbly follow God's Will in all things, rather than our own.

If God can work miracles for Mother Angelica & EWTN, He can do so for us!

www.youtube.com/shorts/oP6p-IVXpjg

+ **REACH OUT!:** Who are alumni from our parish; locals in our Warrensburg community; alumni of UCM college; or other individuals you know who may be willing to help?

+ **SUPPORT EACH OTHER:** Be open to receiving support from others and being support for others. Let's grieve together, vent together, pray together and work together!

+ **SUPPORT THE CAMPAIGN:** How is God calling us to use our time, treasure, and talents?
<https://www.shcatholic.com/how-to-donate>

+ **BREAK POTS AND ROB GRAVES:** In the Zelda games, there are always gems and rubies in random pottery and graves. Might be worth a look.

“In this you rejoice, although now for a little while you may have to suffer through various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold that is perishable even though tested by fire, may prove to be for praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.” - **1 Peter 1:6-7**