

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."

OUTLINE OF THIS Q&A

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I humbly ask that you please carefully and prayerfully read over and think on everything presented in this document. Please don't rush the meal, but digest it slowly. Let it be an opportunity to dwell in God's

DONE FOR THE LOVE OF GOD

Our primary goal in this life is not to build a building, it is to know, love, and serve the Lord with all our hearts. -- **Mark 12:30**

We must hold to this!

If we financially hit our campaign goal, but have not grown in our faith and charity, we have failed the Lord and His invitation.

If we fall short of our campaign goal, but have grown far closer to God through it, that is a success worth celebrating.

Like Peter before us, there will be a temptation to cast our gaze onto the storm and violent waves around us, rather than keeping Christ at the forefront. When Peter focused on the Lord, he walks on water, even during that violent storm. When he takes his eyes off God, he loses faith, is consumed by fear, and begins to drown. -- **Matthew 14:22-33**

A busy and chaotic time makes this an easy fall for us to replicate. Thus, let's make the time now to schedule and protecting time for daily prayer. May we treat our the faith not as one chore among many, but as vital for our souls. May our Eucharistic Lord truly be the source and summit of our life.

Where is God inviting us to grow our faith and keep Him center throughout this campaign?

Catechism of Catholic Church - Prayer

www.usccb.org/sites/default/files/flipbooks/catechism/614/index.html

Fr. Simon Esshaki - How to Build a Daily Prayer Life from Scratch

www.youtube.com/watch?v=1rjG2ezb8jg

St. Mary Grace S.V. - 7 Life-Changing Tips for Prayer

www.youtube.com/watch?v=5ruSnm0Yv9E

Fr. Gregory Pine - Simple Steps to Improve Your Prayer Life

www.youtube.com/watch?v=iRUIDfIOZ1Y

RESOURCES FOR HEALING

JESUS DESIRES US WHOLE AND WELL

GOD AS OUR FATHER

REST AND HEALING

We hear in Sacred Scripture the disciples asking Jesus to teach them to pray. Our Lord answers this humble petition in instructing the faithful to pray the Our Father prayer.

-- Luke 11; Matthew 6

This is to be the context and foundation for our entire faith and our relationship with the Lord: God is our Father. He is a perfect, loving, intimate Father.

Thus, our relationship with Him is meant to be familial AND reciprocal. I give Him my Heart, He gives me His.

Sometimes our problems arise because we're reducing our relationship to a transaction, or to a one-way interaction. I give to God, but I never gift Him the time and opportunity to be a Father who cares for His children.

Where is God inviting us to trust Him and go to Him as Our Father?

Fr. Mark-Mary Ames, CFR - What it Means For God to Be Father

www.youtube.com/watch?v=iPxLs9cPRmA

Fr. Columba Jordan CFT - Stop Fighting God (Let Him Lead)

www.youtube.com/watch?v=dduw7GZwVIA

Fr. Gavan Jennings - Why Sunday Mass Changes Everything

www.youtube.com/watch?v=SxdcDf6o63Q

Fr. Mike Schmitz - What Really Happens in Eucharistic Adoration

www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y6hXG43Fflw

Fr. Jacques Philippe - Time for God

www.amazon.com/Time-God-Jacques-Philippe/dp/1594170665

Fr. Mike Schmitz - Confession is a Place of Victory

www.youtube.com/watch?v=YiVjwlUO9Sc

In Mark 12, Our Lord affirms that the Second Commandment -intrinsically tied to the First - is to love our neighbor as ourself.

Not 'more than.' Not 'instead of.' **"As."**

If we are struggling to love the other - be it our neighbor, our enemy, or God Himself - it is often a real good indicator we are not properly and authentically loving ourself and letting ourselves be loved.

A good father wants their children to have substantial time for rest, leisure, friendship, and nourishment. How much more does our Heavenly Father want this for us?

A loving coach does not see their athlete running a race with a broken leg and then tell them to 'suck it up' and keep running. They implore their athlete to stop, get the help necessary for healing, and only after healing, do they pursue running the race once more.

How much more does our loving Lord call us to stop and be healed of our own wounds in our body, minds, hearts, and souls?

Ignoring these injuries and attempting to 'power through' them will only hinder us and worsen the breaks.

Where is Our Father asking us to stop, reflect, rest, and pursue true healing in the Lord?

Center for Healing KC

<https://centerforhealingkc.com/>

John Paul II Healing Center

virtual.jp2healingcenter.org/course/hwp

"Abiding Together" Podcast

www.abidingtogetherpodcast.com/

"Restore the Glory" Podcast

www.restoretheglorypodcast.com/

Sr. Mary Grace - You Need Rest, Here's How

www.youtube.com/watch?v=A-b6qCFqiZw

CURRENT STATE OF OUR BUILDINGS

COMMON QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

-- What is wrong with the church and rectory buildings?

The church has the following major repair needs:

1. Replace all the church windows & expanded work on the penny window
2. Install a DOAS (dedicated outdoor air system)
3. Repair and replace masonry work and work to the foundation and walls
4. Repair damage to the building's EIFS (exterior insulation and finish system)
5. Repair to sidewalks, grounds, parking lot, and site regrading
6. Demolition and rebuilding of walls compromised by water intrusion & saturation
7. Fireline replacement
8. Any other issues that are currently unknown but discovered during construction

The rectory has the following major repair needs:

1. The building's structure and foundation walls require extensive repair
2. The sewage line is severely degraded and needs to be replaced

The rectory has the following additional repair needs:

1. Site regrading; tree trimming/removal; sidewalk and driveway repair
2. A new ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) for the garage, multiple outlet repairs
3. Correction to deficient and deferred maintenance items to be code compliant

-- What is the costs to fix the church?

The **current minimum estimated** cost to fully repair the church is **\$5,200,000**.

*** There is no expert assurance that such extensive repairs will provide long-term resolution to these issues*

\$2,200,000 -- replace windows, install elevator, install DOAS, masonry and EIFS joint replacement, civil improvements, site regrading, roof loan payoff

\$3,000,000 -- additional repair & renovation costs

- a. Fire line replacement -- \$500,000
- b. Most recent water infiltration issues -- \$1,500,000
- c. Parking lot repairs -- \$500,000
- d. Additional soft costs/design costs -- \$400,000
- e. Penny window additional work -- \$100,000

-- What is the costs to fix the rectory?

The **current minimum estimated** cost to fully repair the rectory is **\$260,765**.

-- What would beautifications and additions to our current church complex cost?

The **current minimum estimated** cost to beautify and add to the church is **\$2,250,000**

Interior beautification -- \$950,000

(sanctuary, lighting throughout, ceilings/flooring replacements, reupholster pews)

Exterior beautification -- \$500,000

(landscaping, playground, basketball court, dumpsters, storage, screening)

Additions -- \$800,000

(expanded narthex, covered drop-off, bell tower)

THE PROFESSIONALS

COMMON QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

-- Why can't we just fundraise and work to fix our buildings? Why is that not an option?

The estimated value of the rectory is around the cost required to fix it. There is a serious question as to whether we want to spend that much on an aged building.

The current minimum estimated cost to "fix" the church is \$5,200,000. This cost will almost certainly rise as more issues are discovered during the process. This is almost the same cost to build a new building, and could exceed it.

Moreover, no one can assure us that such repairs will actually last.

Rather, the shared professional opinion is that our building's history and current state is such that we'll spend millions trying to fix it, only for the fixes to not last, and we have to do this all over again soon.

We are in a used car scenario. When the mechanic can't promise the fixes will last, and the cost to repair the used car is the same or more than buying new, we have to seriously consider buying

-- Who provided this diagnosis of our parish buildings?

The professionals assisting us with the facilities investigations and repair efforts are:

Diocese Facilities and Real Estate Management Office

kcsj catholic.org/office/finance-management-services/facilities-real-estate-construction/

The Finance and Management Services Service Area encompasses those offices that relate to the stewardship and oversight of the financial, human and physical resources of the diocese. The Facilities and Real Estate Management Office is an extension of these services, and most directly works on cases such as ours.

Dan Thorman -- Facilities and Real Estate Manager

[\(816\) 714-2368](tel:8167142368)

Andy Gilmore -- PE, Owner's Representative

[\(913\) 660-3778](tel:9136603778)

GastingerWalker & -- Architecture www.gastingerwalker.com/

"GastingerWalker & prioritizes building strong relationships as the cornerstone of successful design outcomes. Our team understands that human connections are vital in creating spaces that resonate with our clients and the people they serve. We are driven by our unwavering commitment to delivering innovative and cost-effective design solutions that align with our clients' objectives. Fueled by a distinctive entrepreneurial spirit, we embrace what makes each of us unique and use our diverse perspectives to generate ideas that reflect our deep understanding of our client's goals."

A.L. Huber -- Construction www.alhuber.com/

"We are a licensed, full-service contractor dedicated to complete client satisfaction during and after every project. Our future relies on today's relationships, and we look forward to many more decades." "As an Employee-Owned company, our team has a personal stake in every project we undertake. This shared ownership fosters a culture of accountability, collaboration, and pride in our work—ensuring that every structure we build reflects our commitment to quality and excellence."

OUR OPTIONS FOR THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

COMMON QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

-- What are our options moving forward, considering the current state of the church?

1. ~~We attempt to fix the Church -- current minimum estimated cost at \$5,200,000.~~

The shared professional opinion is that these efforts will incur substantial costs, will not satisfactorily resolve our facilities issues, and there is no guarantee of a permanent fix. Therefore, fixing is no longer a feasible or prudent option we can pursue.

2. We attempt to build a new Church -- current maximum estimated cost at ≤ \$8-10 million

We seek to build a Butler building (<https://www.butlermfg.com/>) beautified to look like a church; e.g. St. Margaret in Lee's Summit (<https://www.stmos.org/>). We either build where we are or at a new location, pending geological surveys. This option also explores potentially buying and renovating a pre-existing property instead of a new building.

3. We do nothing and eventually close the church

The church eventually becomes too costly or unsafe to repair and use. We would work to help the community integrate into other Catholic communities (Sedalia, Holden, Higginsville, etc). This is not truly an option at this time. The diocese and Fr. Kleine remain committed to preserving the Catholic Church in Warrensburg and the surrounding area. **We want to stress that closing the parish is a Last Resort!**

-- Are we SURE that there is no other alternative?

GastingerWalker&, A.L. Huber, the Diocese, and the professional engineers and contractors that either work for the Diocese or are consulted by the Diocese are all seeing the same information and independently coming to the same conclusion.

It is prudent to listen when four separate doctors say, "you have cancer."

-- Can we pursue second opinions and other investigations?

Technically, it would be a fifth opinion. And technically, we can, but we won't, because it is not prudent to do so.

All four professional entities listed above have stated they already have enough information from months and months of investigation to hold this diagnosis of our building. Further investigation will not change the diagnosis, nor will it make the minimum estimated cost to fix of \$5,200,000 decrease. It will only spend time and money re-affirming what we have already re-affirmed. We have little time and not enough money to be spending either of them fruitlessly.

-- What do you mean we have "little time"?

Our buildings' conditions continue to deteriorate, as evidenced by our ongoing water intrusion, rot, and window issues. The patches we have in place can mitigate the degradation, but not fix it. Fixing it requires the aforementioned millions, with no guarantee it would last.

The longevity of our building is unknown, and continued delays only allow for costs to rise on labor and materials. Even something as small as a 5% increase on a million dollar cost becomes an additional \$50,000 expense, which is almost two months of our stewardship income.

-- Do we have any say in our contractors?

Yes. When we initiated the capital campaign last year, Fr. Kleine interviewed a plethora of contractors involved in construction, architecture, and fundraising. Under advisement of our Parish Finance Council and Parish Council, as well as advisement of the Diocese, Fr. Kleine selected the contractors we are currently working with. They'll be with us moving forward.

DECISION MAKING IN THE CAMPAIGN

COMMON QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

-- Who is in charge of the Capital Campaign

Fr. Andrew Kleine, as pastor of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, per Code of Canon Law:

Canon #515 -- “A parish is a certain community of Christ’s faithful stably established within a particular Church, whose pastoral care, under the authority of the diocesan Bishop, is entrusted to a parish priest as its proper pastor.”

Canon #519 -- “The parish priest is the proper pastor of the parish entrusted to him. He exercises the pastoral care of the community entrusted to him under the authority of the diocesan Bishop, whose ministry of Christ he is called to share, so that for this community he may carry out the offices of teaching, sanctifying and ruling...”

Canon # 532 -- “In all juridical matters, the parish priest acts in the person of the parish, in accordance with the law. He is to ensure that the parish goods are administered in accordance with can. 1281-1288.”

Code of Canon Law www.vatican.va/archive/cod-iuris-canonici/cic_index_en.html

-- Is anyone helping to make decisions?

Yes, Fr. Kleine has lots of help! In addition to the wisdom and experience of GastingerWalker&, A.L. Huber, and the Diocese, Fr. Kleine regularly consults with the Campaign Cabinet Team, as well as the Parish Council, Finance Council, Facilities Committee, and Parish Staff for advice.

-- Why didn't we decide all of this before we spent all the money on the basement?

We did not know what we know now when the basement repairs began fourteen months ago. We acted as best we could on the information we had at the time.

-- We should have started this earlier.

“Should have” and “if only” are going to be poisons we need to avoid ingesting, and vomit out if we do. We cannot change the decisions that were made by the Diocese, Precious Blood Order, Parish Community, or ourselves over these last thirty years. Dwelling on “should have” will infect our hearts with bitter resentment, and root us in wrath and despair, rather than in faith and love. As Gandalf says, “All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given to us.”

-- Will we be taking bids for supplies and subcontractors to build?

Thankfully, this largely falls under the care of GastingerWalker& and A.L. Huber.

Their selections will be reviewed by Fr. Kleine, parish leadership, and diocesan advisors. Fr. Kleine will grant final approval.

-- Will we be able to use local plumbers and electricians and such?

So long as said individuals are insured, accredited, approved by the Diocese, and willing to work under GastingerWalker& and A.L. Huber’s umbrella, that is something we can look into. We want to not only make sure that we have qualified help, but that we have every legal and financial protection possible: insurance, liability protection, and warranties. Any “red tape” around who can do what and how things are done is to ensure our parish keep these protections.

-- Why were the town hall meetings during the holiday weekend, we couldn't come then?

We held the meetings as soon as the diagnosis was learned, to maximize the time our community had to process our emotions and experiences and plan our steps forward. More town halls will be held throughout this campaign process.

EXAMINING OUR REMAINING OPTION

COMMON QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

-- Practically speaking, what would it mean to build a new church complex?

We would continue to use the church building for worship and community as long as we could. It is very likely that we would need to find an alternative venue for our liturgical celebrations during times of construction. For example, the community of St. Margaret of Scotland held Sunday Mass in a nearby Catholic high school during construction of their church.

We may have other expenses, like leasing existing facilities temporarily until funds can be raised for construction. This would be a short term solution in the event the current facilities become unusable.

A geological survey would be done to determine whether we can build on our current location or if we need to build elsewhere.

We would look to complete a thorough inventory of our parish goods to determine what to keep, store, and transfer over to the new building, and what, in accord with canon law, to dispose, sell, or give away.

Vital parish functions - such as the celebration of Mass, catechetical instruction through PSR, and paying our heating and electric bill - would continue. We would spend the time, treasure, and talents necessary to maintain their continuation.

Other non-vital parish operations - their costs and works - may be temporarily suspended in preparation for the move or to mitigate expense.

We would look to help our parish community grow in faith and fellowship throughout.

Upon completion and opening, the bishop would be invited for a rededication of the Church, to bless the building and community, and to celebrate Mass.

-- Practically speaking, what would it mean to buy a pre-existing building instead?

Largely the same as if we were building a new church, only instead of construction of a new-building, it would be construction, repairs, and renovation of a pre-existing building.

-- How long would a building process take once begun?

If the parish complex is built in one go, construction will take at least 12-14 months, if not longer.

If construction is done in phases, this will take several years to accomplish, at least.

BUILDING A NEW PARISH COMPLEX

COMMON QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

-- What is the cost to build a new parish complex?

The current maximum estimated cost to build a new Butler building church is ≤ \$8-10 million

-- Why is that estimate so high?

This current maximum estimated cost of ≤ \$8-10 million presumes:

1. Contingencies for escalation and the possibility of unforeseen conditions
2. The new building is constructed at our present location
3. The new building shares the exact same square-footage & specifications of our current building; a full parish complex with worship space + offices + hall, etc.
4. The new building is built completely new, with no carry over of any current inventory
5. The new building has been made to look like a beautiful worship space
6. The new building is built all in one go, rather than in segments and phases

-- How do we lower that estimated cost?

We can reduce the estimated cost to build a new church by:

1. Preserving and transferring over inventory from our current church to the new one (e.g. pews, stain-glass, the altar, etc.)
2. Amending square-footage and blue print to be more efficient and/or smaller (e.g. remove unneeded or unused space)
3. Making decisions promptly and efficiently, since costs will rise as time passes

-- What about building the new building in phases rather than all at once?

Constructing the new complex in phases, rather than all at once, would significantly reduce our initial construction costs for phase one, since we would be building part of the whole, rather than the whole. However, building in phases elongates the time it takes to build the other phases, meaning that their costs would certainly rise with inflation. In the long run, this tactic costs much more than building all at once.

Building in phases is a possibility we may have to pursue depending on how fundraising goes, but it carries the risk of the cost of the second and third phases outpacing our ability to fundraise.

-- Why a Butler building for the new church?

A Butler building (www.butlermfg.com/) is a pre-engineered metal building whose design allows not only for longevity, but simpler repair, replacement, and expansion of the building. It is cheaper and more efficient to build, maintain, and repair than a brick and mortar building. It would be beautified to look like a Catholic Church. St. Margaret in Lee's Summit is our proof of concept that this can be done and done well (www.stmos.org/).

-- Do we have to build the new church at our current location?

No. We are looking at our current location first because we already own the land, and thus, it's another expense we don't have to pay. A geological survey will be done in the next month to help determine if the land is feasible for construction, or if we need to build elsewhere.

-- What does the geological survey entail?

"A geological or geotechnical survey assesses a building site's subsurface conditions, soil bearing capacity, and groundwater levels. It is a mandatory, actionable first step for safe, code-compliant foundation design, preventing structural failures and expensive cost overruns."

<https://gis-modnr.opendata.arcgis.com/pages/dnr-missouri-geological-survey>

DESIGNING A NEW CHURCH

COMMON QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

-- Do we get to have input and say on the design of the new parish complex?

Yes. One of the Parish Cabinet Team's main functions is to receive your input and advise Fr. Kleine with what is received in designing the new building. The contact for the Cabinet Team is on the back of this document, and you are welcome to reach out to them!

Thank you for your continued prayers, support, and input!

-- What input is needed for the design process?

We'll need to provide GastingerWalker& and A. L. Huber information to assist them in designing the blue prints for the new building. The goal is to have a holistic design, but also multiple segmented designs, in case we have to piecemeal our approach.

1. What does a completed church in its entirety look like?
2. What does that church look like broken up into different phases? How many phases?

We'll be looking at defining:

1. What is necessary for the new parish complex - it must be included in the initial construction
2. What is important - it's significant to have, but can be added in later phases if needed
3. What is wanted - it's desired, but extra, and can live without it, especially to save costs

For example:

If we determined we wanted an adoration chapel, we'd convey something like...

We want an adoration chapel and determine it's important to have, but not necessary.

We want the chapel to seat 30 people; have AC/Heat; have a bathroom; have windows; to be x-many square feet in design, etc.

-- Amending square-footage and blue print to be more efficient and/or smaller

Our current square-footage is around 22,000sq ft.

If we can reduce that square-footage, it will in turn, reduce the cost to build a new building. The initial plan is to look at reducing the square footage to around 14,000 - 16,000 square feet. Thus, we'll be looking for things that can be made more efficient, or even cut, from the design, to help reduce its size.

For example:

1. We could have a small nave of the church that offers loft seating, so the seating capacity is the same, but the square footage is smaller than what we currently have.
2. We could combine spaces, like the Holy Family Room and the event gathering space
3. We could remove unneeded spaces, like extra offices or closets

-- When would we be able to see the rough blue-prints of the designs?

We need to provide GastingerWalker& and A.L. Huber with their information first before they can provide us with rough drafts of the designs. At present, they are operating on constructing a new building that has the same design as our current building.

Schematics > design to build > construction documents.

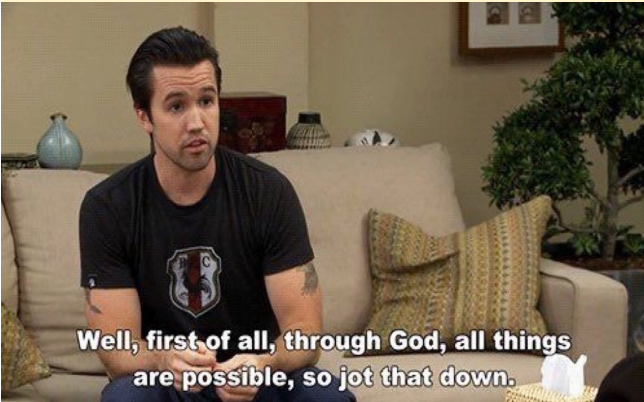
-- Would the new building have an elevator?

No. We would make the new building be all one level, so that all people - regardless of mobility status and needs - would have access to every part of the building. God willing, the only stairs in the building would be those leading up to the altar in the sanctuary.

FUNDRAISING

COMMON QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

-- HOW ARE WE GOING TO DO THIS? We will never be able to raise the money needed! That is so much money.



We will be formally fundraising beginning August 2026 and concluding at the end January 2027. We will encourage all people within and without the parish to prayerfully discern what they can give in terms of their time, treasure, talent and prayers.

GRACE Philanthropy will be helping our parish and Fr. Kleine in the fundraising efforts. Fr. Kleine will spearhead the majority of the personal solicitation of prospective donors and large parish meetings.

We will also reach out to other prospective donors within our community and beyond, such as any alumni of our preschool, our parish, our community, the college, and the military base. Parish community efforts may also be pursued.

-- Can we donate now? If so, how? How do we know where money goes?

You are welcome to donate to the campaign at any time! Donations may be done through our Parish Website, the Sunday collection, or delivering them to the parish office. Please ensure all donations are properly noted as 'capital campaign.' www.shcatholic.com/capital-campaign

GRACE Philanthropy will also help us set up pledges and long-term giving. They aim for each household to receive the same packet of information and donation letter.

-- How do we know where money goes?

In every bulletin, our weekly stewardship is tracked. Every month in the bulletin an update is provided regarding our three savings accounts: General Savings (operations); Ensuring the Future (major facilities repairs); Building the Future (capital campaign). We will continue to do this.

Additionally, every check and credit card designated and processed for the campaign is individually recorded. Fr. Kleine will be able to know who donated what and when.

-- What parish accounts do we have now, and how much is in them?

Checking Account -- covers monthly operations and other expenses

Balance at end of June 2026 - \$43,385.02

General Savings -- safety net to cover the general parish operational expenses. Prudence dictates we want three months operating coverage on hand as a minimum, which is about \$120,000.

Balance at end of June 2026 - \$113,163.37

Ensuring the Future Fund -- funds for covering maintenance, upkeep, depreciation, and repairs of the parish facilities & property. Break glass in case of emergency funds for major repairs.

Balance at end of June 2026 - \$110,164.75

Building the Future Fund -- funds for the capital campaign costs and projects. Aims to help us better track our campaign fundraising and costs, and ensure we have sufficient funds for our parish operations, facilities, and community.

Balance at end of June 2026 - \$239,512.50 (*\$99,548.80 of this is designated for the elevator)

CAMPAIGN TIMELINE W/ GRACE

COMMON QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

-- Who is GRACE Philanthropy?

GRACE Philanthropy is one of the fundraising firms that Fr. Kleine interviewed months ago, and ultimately selected, to help us in our fundraising efforts for our parish capital campaign. We've been working with them for months. gracephilanthropyservices.com

-- What is the primary fundraising process with GRACE?

We want every parishioner, interested party, and potential donor to receive the same information, have time to have their questions answered and prayerfully discern their support. With the support of GRACE and the Parish Cabinet Team, Fr. Kleine will meet with all parties via in-person interviews, small group meetings, in-home receptions, and parish wide presentations, discussions, and events.

You are welcome to share this information with others as well.

-- Why start now? Why are we starting fundraising in August when we don't know all the details, such as building design, building location, etc.?

We will continue to work in the months of July, August, and September on both determining the designs of the new building and the location to build. What we do know for sure, is that whatever we determine, we will need millions of dollars to proceed, regardless. Since that large figure is a certainty, starting in August gives us more time to fundraise.

We cannot put this capital campaign off until 2028, or even mid-2027. Costs for material rise 3-5% a year, we'd lose necessary construction time, and we risk these issues getting much worse. That essentially makes early Spring 2027 our goal for starting construction.

That means we'll formally start fundraising in August 2026. Starting in August gives us two additional months to gather more information without compromising our ability to begin construction for building in the early Spring 2027.

-- What is the fundraising schedule with GRACE?

AUG. 3: Leadership Meetings Continue; Case Development; Parish Announcement

AUG. 17: Leadership Meetings Continue; Final Review of Case; Family Packet Design & Printing; In-Home Host Recruitment begins

SEPT. 8: More Leadership Meetings; Cabinet Meeting; In-Home Reception Training

SEPT. 28: Leadership Meetings Continue; Ministry Presentations Begin; Leadership Gifts closing begins; In-Home Receptions Mid-Level; Gift Processing training

OCT. 12: In-Home Receptions Mid-Level; Closing of Open Gifts; Campaign Report #1

OCT. 26: In-Home Receptions; After Mass Weekends 10/31, 11/1, 11/7, 11/8; Closing of Open Gifts; Campaign Report #2

NOV. 9: Final Push on Open Leadership Gifts; Close In-Home Open Gifts; Final In-Home Receptions; Witness Weekend 11/21 & 11/22

NOV. 30: Campaign Report #3; In-Communications Push; Final Distribution of Packets; Mail remaining packets; Participation Weekend & Witness Speakers at all Masses 12/5 & 12/6

JAN. 4: Follow-Up Weekend; Follow-Up Letter

FEB. 6/7: Determination Weekend - have we raised enough to funds build/buy

DETERMINATION POINT OF CAMPAIGN

COMMON QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

-- What happens when February 2027 starts?

We will see how far we've come in our fundraising and that will serve as a determination as to whether or not we can build a new parish complex in one go, build a new complex in phases, buy a pre-existing complex to repair and renovate, or whether we have to consider other options.

-- How much money do we need to raise?

Before we can "break ground" on any major project, we must first have 1/2 the cost of the project in the bank, and 3/4 of the cost of the project in a combination of both pledges and money in the bank.

For example:

If we were going to build a new church complex all in one go and the new church building costs \$6 million to build, before we can break ground we would need \$3 million in the bank and \$4.5 million as a combination of pledges and cash in the bank.

If we were going to build a new church complex all in phases, and the new church building costs \$6 million to build holistically but each phases costs \$2 million to build, before we can break ground on the first phase we would need \$1 million in the bank and \$1.5 million as a combination of pledges and cash in the bank. The same process would occur with each subsequent phase.

Our high end maximum estimated cost of a new building, built all in one go, is $\leq$ \$8-10 million. This makes \$6 million a 'safe' starting point figure to have as our goal by 2027 January's end. A more concrete figure will be determined once the church design is done, the geological survey is complete, and we've determined whether we're building all in one go or in phases.

-- What happens to all the donations if we don't meet our goal by Feb. 2027?

Every designated donation of cash, check, and credit card processed for the campaign is individually marked and recorded. We know who gave these donations, when they gave them, the contact info for the donors, and how much the donations were. We will keep this record keeping process throughout the duration of the campaign.

By February 2027, should we fall short of our goal and we are not able to move forward with construction despite our best efforts, we would be in a position to contact each individual donor, and inquire whether they would like their funds returned or given to a different designated project or expense.

The goal is to ensure that should we fall short, donors will not just lose all the money they've donated, but have the opportunity to either re-designate their donations or have them returned.

Between May 3, 2026 and July 20, 2026, we've had eight separate donations totaling \$12,675 that have been given with the designation of being for the Capital Campaign.

-- What about the money in the Elevator Fund? What happens to all of it?

We are currently contacting every individual donor that has contributed to the elevator fund. We are formally asking them to declare in writing via email or letter whether they would like to keep the current designation, re-designate the funds to the capital campaign, re-designate the funds to separate purpose, or have their money returned to them.

When this process has concluded, we will update the parish.

DIOCESAN INVOLVEMENT

COMMON QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

-- Will we need to send a percentage of our fundraising to the Diocese as before?

Every parish supports the Diocese through the Annual Catholic Appeal and the Cathedraticum. Each of these parish contributions are explained below.

-- First, a bit of a catechetical context and canonical foundation on parish contributions.

There are Precepts of the Church that the faithful are obliged to follow as both an expression of faith in and obedience to God, as well as their lived unity in the One Holy Catholic Apostolic Church. These precepts “*are set in the context of a moral life bound to and nourished by liturgical life. The obligatory character of these positive laws decreed by the pastoral authorities is meant to guarantee to the faithful the very necessary minimum in the spirit of prayer and moral effort, in the growth in love of God and neighbor.*” -- Catechism of the Catholic Church #2041
Catholic Catechism www.usccb.org/sites/default/files/flipbooks/catechism/494/

The Five Precepts are (CCC #2042-2043):

- 1) Attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation and rest from servile labor
- 2) Go to confession at least once a year
- 3) Receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter Season
- 4) Observe days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church
- 5) You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church, each according to his abilities

These precepts are for all individuals baptized in the faith to follow, and provide the minimum foundation upon which to craft, build, and grow their spiritual life.

(**quick aside, Fr. Gregory Pine O.P. has great advice on these precepts in his short video “Should I Pray a Daily Rosary” www.youtube.com/watch?v=T1FwMI_wsnc)

Canon #222 -- “*The Christian faithful are obliged to assist with the needs of the Church so that the Church has what is necessary for divine worship, for the works of the apostolate and of charity, and for the decent support of ministers. They are also obliged to promote social justice and, mindful of the precept of the Lord, to assist the poor from their own resources.*”

Code of Canon Law www.vatican.va/archive/cod-iuris-canonici/cic_index_en.html

For example, the fifth precept is commonly referenced in regards to tithing, the gift of my time, treasure, and talents through which I love God and neighbor, provide for the material needs of the Church, and support the fulfillment of Her ministries.

I could fulfill that precept individually by tithing 10% of my paycheck each month, and I can choose to split that up giving 5% to the parish, 4% to charities, and 1% to the Diocese.

This precept binds not just the individual faithful, but the communities of faithful as well.

Canon #223 -- “*In exercising their rights, the Christian faithful, both as individuals and gathered together in associations, must take into account the common good of the Church, the rights of others, and their own duties toward others. In view of the common good, ecclesiastical authority can direct the exercise of rights which are proper to the Christian faithful.*”

Thus, each parish is also morally responsible for their communal fulfillment of the fifth precept. We do this primarily through the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) and the Cathedraticum.

ACA & CATHEDRATICUM EXPLAINED

COMMON QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

-- Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA)

The first way we do this as a parish is through the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA), which occurs annually every October, where we as a parish strive to hit our parish contribution and participation goal. The ACA funds over 30 essential ministries and helps the diocese support local parishes, schools, and community outreach service.

Bishop Johnston's Message for last year's ACA vimeo.com/1122982213?fl=pl&fe=ti

-- Cathedraticum

The other most common parish fulfillment of the fifth precept is the cathedraticum. Derived from the Latin 'cathedra' (seat or chair), the cathedraticum is an ancient tradition of a regular contribution given to the diocesan bishop by groups of faithful, such as a parish.

Canon #1263 -- "...[the bishop] has the right to impose a moderate tax for the needs of the diocese upon public juridic persons subject to his governance; this tax is to be proportionate to their income. He is permitted only to impose an extraordinary and moderate exaction upon other physical and juridic persons in case of grave necessity and under the same conditions, without prejudice to particular laws and customs which attribute greater rights to him."

In our Diocese, the cathedraticum is done monthly, rather than in one annual contribution, and is determined by applying the assessment rate (9.25%) to our total parish operating income.

The formula for how this diocesan assessment is calculated is as such:

The Diocese looks at the Parish's operating income, including other deposits, for the previous fiscal year. For Sacred Heart, our operating income for 2024/2025 was \$521,974. The Diocese then multiplies that income total by the 'Diocesan Assessment Rate', which is 0.0925. ($521,974 \times 0.0925 = 48,283$)

This results in an annual calculated assessment of \$48,283.

This total is then divided up evenly for each of the twelve months. ($48,283 / 12 = 4024$)

Thus, each month, we contribute \$4,024 to the Diocese as our cathedraticum.

As noted above, the 'Total Parish Operating Income' does include all operating income, which means it does include capital campaigns.

However, the cathedraticum has a capping feature of 25%. This means that a parish's calculated cathedraticum liability could not increase or decrease by more than 25% from the previous year, regardless of how much income may increase. Since campaigns run across years, this is a major benefit.

For example, say we were to raise \$6,000,000 in our capital campaign. Without the liability capping feature, 0.0925 of \$6,000,000 is an annual cathedraticum contribution of \$555,000, and thus a monthly contribution of \$46,250.

However, since the liability capping is built in, the highest our cathedraticum can raise is 25% of the previous year's total. The previous year's total is \$48,283 a year at \$4,024 a month. A 25% increase of that is \$60,353.75 a year, which comes out to a monthly cathedraticum contribution of \$5029.48.

Thus, no matter how much we raise in the campaign, we're looking at most a \$1,006 monthly increase to our cathedraticum next fiscal year, and no more, due to the liability capping.

This assessment is looked at and calculated every year.

GRANTS, LOANS, & LEGAL

COMMON QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

-- Will the diocese be granting us any money for this?

In terms of straight cash, no.

In terms of the priest whose seminary training they paid for, and the diocesan professional experts in facilities and finance that have been working over time for us, as well as the support of the bishop, his staff, and all their prayers: a very big 'YES!'

Part of the reason we contribute to the Diocese is a means of expressing our unity in caring for the common good of the whole Church.

The other is an acknowledgement that we have received and are receiving a substantial increase of help from the Diocese during the campaign period.

-- Can we pursue grants and loans?

Yes, we are looking at several options with the Bishop approval and authorization.

Diocesan Loans often correlate to the timing of the campaign pledges (as we receive pledge payments, we pay down the loan). The Diocese offers a 10 year option. Loans are interest only while the building is under construction and then convert to interest plus principal.

For example, a \$10M building would need \$5M in cash and total of \$7.5M pledged (\$5M cash plus \$2.5M in pledges) to start construction. This follows the current interest rate, using a 10-year term that is reviewed quarterly.

If a loan is begun with the minimum to break ground, and we borrowed \$5M:

- payments over 10 years would be ~\$55K per month if we paid back each month without applying additional principal payments. We can reduce principal as pledges come in making the payments less.

If a loan is begun with the minimum to break ground, and we borrowed \$3M:

- payments over 10 years would be ~\$33K per month if we paid back each month without applying additional principal payments. We can reduce principal as pledges come in making the payments less.

-- Is there any possible way to get restitution for the poor quality workmanship and materials from 30 years ago?

No. Sacred Heart Church's records have not been the best kept these last thirty years. Even setting aside the statute of limitations, the combination of poor records and the passage of time makes it incredibly difficult to prove malfeasance or assign fault. There's no guarantee of a favorable outcome and the cost would be great to pursue it.

***this info & more is on our website: www.shcatholic.com/capital-campaign
Keep up-to-date through our parish website and constant contact emails.**

DEUS VULT!

A CALL FOR COLLABORATIVE DISCERNMENT

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.

The Cabinet Team Roster includes:

- President Sara Allen & Shawn Allen
- If you have any questions for the cabinet, contact her at saralynallen09@gmail.com
- Andrew & Megan Modlin
- Ed & Marie Robison
- Frances & Charles Degen
- Fred & Carmen Binder
- Lesa & Kirby Carroll
- Lynda Quistorff
- Matt & Hiliary Howdeshell
- Patrick & Terri Bradley
- Terrill Berkland
- Tim & Candi Mertes

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? www.shcatholic.com/capital-campaign

+ **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