



*Lord, Renew  
Your Church*

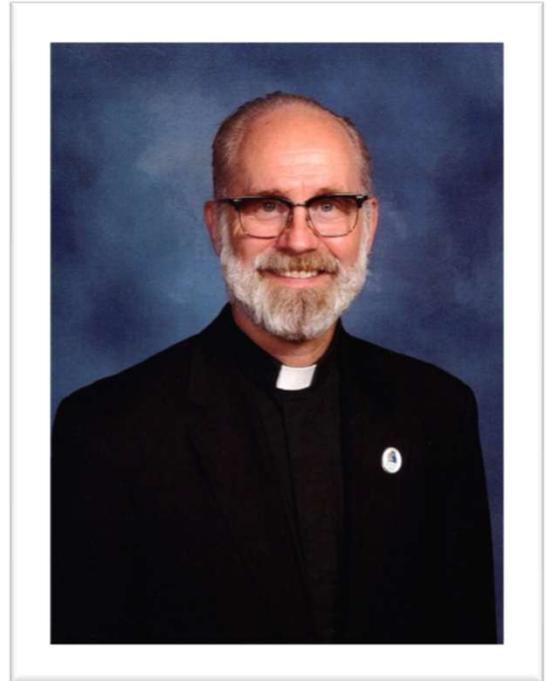


**MARY**  
*Mother of the Church*

## *DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST*

Mary, Mother of the Church 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* capital campaign supports local parish needs, education for children and young people, restoration for 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* capital 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* capital campaign will have on Mary, Mother of the Church. This campaign has my full support and, as Pastor, I hope you will embrace this opportunity.



Campaign Goal: \$1,885,000  
Parish Share: \$1,131,000

With Gratitude in Christ, under the Mantle of Mary,

*Fr. James Perkl*

Father James Perkl

## OUR PARISH ROOTS

Mary, Mother of the Church was established on September 7, 1965, by Archbishop Leo Binz. The Church is located on twenty-two acres of former farmland. The Parish began with 550 charter households. In 1966, 30 parishioners planted 900 evergreen trees along the southern border of the Mary Mother parish grounds. Throughout the first three years, Masses were held in the gymnasium of Cedar High School in Eagan and all other religious activities we conducted at the former rectory on North River Hills Drive. In 1967, a building and finance committee was formed, and an architect was commissioned for the construction of the church. The first Mass in the new church was celebrated March 9, 1969. Formal dedication followed on May 18. By the mid-1970s, the parish was serving 1,645 households. In the 1980s, the parish center was renovated to maximize the use of existing space, and an 18,000 square foot addition was undertaken. The project was completed in 1988. In 2018, Pope Francis established a new feast day, the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, celebrated the day following Pentecost.





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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 at Mary, Mother of the Church 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 initiatives of tomorrow. By participating, Mary, Mother of the Church will raise significant funds for our beloved parish community to address our local needs. We are asking for five-year pledges to achieve the parish campaign goal of \$1,885,000, in which Mary, Mother of the Church will retain \$1,131,000. Through prayer, planning, and conversation, we have identified initiatives that include welcoming entries, hubs of hospitality, enhanced atrium space, as well as attending to the necessity of our restrooms, kitchen, and reception areas.



### Extending Radical Hospitality

Radical hospitality is not just a concept for Sundays—at Mary Mother, it’s a way of life every day. With the funds raised from the Lord, Renew Your Church campaign, we will enhance accessibility by connecting the worship space to Mary Center. We will also improve the functionality of our restrooms. To better support the volunteers who serve our community with love, we will improve the ease and quality of service upstairs and down by refreshing our kitchen and creating a hospitality sink and workstation in the atrium. Improvements to the parish office reception area will ensure that every visitor—whether attending adoration, large group meetings, or private appointments—is warmly welcomed. These updates will honor the dignity of the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel, and the dignity of each person who enters our doors. Enhancements will include updated lighting and other thoughtful design elements.

