



**PRESERVING OUR
SPIRITUAL HOME**

Capital Campaign Questions and Answers

1. Why conduct a capital Campaign now?

Answer:

Our Parish facilities have aged beyond routine maintenance. Key systems need repair or replacement to keep our Parish home safe, functional, and welcoming. The Parish Capital Campaign will assure that we preserve our spiritual home for the next generation.

2. Why do we need \$2 million?

Answer:

A thorough review of Parish facilities identified urgent needs in mechanical and structural repairs, accessibility and safety upgrades, and energy efficiency. These investments in maintenance and repair will preserve our Parish's future. A full project list is available in the Campaign brochure and on the Parish website at www.oursaviourparish.org>Our Saviour Parish Capital Campaign.

3. Who decided what was needed?

Answer:

With prayer and collaboration, Our Saviour's Minute Men, committees of parishioners, priests and church staff, school administrators and staff, and professional consultants determined what made the list, their priorities, and estimated costs.

4. Who is overseeing the Capital Campaign?

Answer:

Our Campaign is led by Parish volunteers, with guidance from our Pastor, Father Joe Ring. Church Development from Kansas City, KS, is our professional partner to conduct the campaign.

5. Why can't these repairs be paid from the regular budget?

Answer:

Our Saviour Church's annual operating budget includes regular expenses like salaries, utilities, ministries, and general upkeep. Some projects can be done annually, like the new school roof last summer, electrical work in the rectory basement recently, and sealing and striping the parking lots this summer. But the scope of the projects in the Campaign, and their urgency, exceed the meager savings and annual budget.

6. Will debt be used to fund part of this Campaign?

Answer:

Campaign directors expect to complete the projects **without taking on long-term debt**. They may use short-term bridge financing to start work while pledges are fulfilled.

7. When will the Campaign begin and how long will it continue?

Answer:

The Campaign will begin with "Commitment Sunday" at weekend Masses November 15/16. Every Parishioner will get a packet with complete information about the Campaign, daily prayer guide, and pledge card. The pledge phase will continue for three months. Parishioners may pledge their gifts over a three-year period, which means the Campaign will continue through 2028.

8. How much should I give?

Answer:

Only you will know the answer to this question. The Campaign Committee has suggested 3 percent of yearly income but asks only that each Parish household prayerfully consider a sacrificial gift. Every gift matters and is appreciated.

9. What if I cannot give a large amount?

Answer:

Your prayers are gifts. And every gift, including your prayers, is important. The participation of every household will make the Campaign a success.

10. What are some other ways I might help the Campaign?

Answer:

Most importantly, pray for the Campaign's success. Volunteer to serve on a Campaign Committee. Serve as a Campaign Ambassador to inspire others. Contact any members of the Campaign Team listed in the Campaign Brochure. Your help will be important and sincerely appreciated.

11. Is my gift tax deductible?

Answer:

Yes. All donations to the Campaign are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Parishioners will receive regular statements and an end-of-year letter verifying their gifts.

12. How can I make my gift or pledge?

Answer:

Parishioners will be able to fill out a pledge card and return it at Masses during Commitment Weekend, Saturday, November 15 and Sunday November 16, or at the Parish office. Online giving will also be available for anyone who wishes to set up recurring payments for pledges. Parishioners who wish to contribute in other ways like gifts of stock, IRA distributions, or estate gifts may contact the Parish Office.

13. How long are the project maintenance and small capital improvements included in this Campaign expected to last?

Answer:

The Campaign committees included duration, as well as need and cost, in determining project priorities. The lifetime of each project will vary, but these are larger scale projects. Quality in their maintenance and repair will condition them for longer service.

14. What if the Campaign raises more or less than the goal?

Answer:

If more is raised, it will be used for other needed maintenance and improvements. The priority list used to determine the goal will help guide us through the project list. Priorities will be addressed from top to bottom, though factors such as grants, weather, school calendar, etc., may influence the timing. That will assure that if the Campaign goal is not reached, the most important projects will be addressed.

15. How much of the Campaign's proceeds will go to the Diocese?

Answer:

That is a good question. The diocese is conducting a Centennial Campaign, marking the transfer of the diocese from Alton to Springfield in 1925. Their campaign is to address capital repairs and maintenance at the cathedral and other diocesan properties. Instead of conducting a separate campaign, each parish is to support the Centennial Campaign. The formula is for each parish to pay 10% (tithe) on 1.5 of their annual regular Sunday collections. For Our Saviour's, the annual Sunday collection is approximately \$840,000. $\$840,000 \times 1.5 = \$1,260,000$. Our tithe would be \$126,000.

16. Why do we contribute part of our Campaign funds to the Diocese?

Answer:

As in every Diocese of the universal Church, the Diocese, under the leadership of its bishop, teaches, sanctifies, and governs in union with the Pope. The Diocese is like a mother to her Parishes, nurturing them with sacramental life, faithful teaching, and spiritual and pastoral guidance. Our gifts support the mission of our universal church.

17. Does this Campaign bear any relationship to suggestions for a Parish gathering place?

Answer:

No. A Parish Center (fellowship hall and offices) is in the Parish Long Range Plan, completed and presented to parishioners in May 2024. While a committee did meet for several months to consider drawings for fellowship hall and offices, it is not part of this campaign. It remains as part of the Parish Long Range Plan.

18. How can one donate early?

Answer:

Anyone may give early by visiting the Parish office at 453 E. State St. There also will be a place within the Giving tab of the Parish website to contribute early. If a person anticipates a gift of stock or other financial instrument, please call the Parish office at 217-245-6184 to arrange.

More questions?

If you have additional questions, you may send or drop them off to the parish office at 453 E. State St.