



April 18, 2026

Capital Campaign Closing Report

Dear Parishioners,

I am grateful to share that our capital campaign—*Remember, Rebuild, Renew 175*—has now concluded. While some pledges are still being fulfilled, and projects being considered, the campaign itself has come to a close.

We give thanks to God, the giver of every good gift, and to the Holy Spirit for guiding this work. Through your generosity, we have strengthened both our infrastructure and our capacity for mission.

Although pledges totaled just over \$1.7 million toward a \$2.7 million goal, \$2.14 million has been received. As a result, we were able to complete many long-needed projects—without incurring any debt. Apart from two projects, most of the contract work was completed by contractors from Kankakee County, and some projects were completed by parish staff and generous volunteers.

How the Campaign Began

This effort grew from:

- A 2020 Diocesan Facilities Audit
- A 2021 discovery of structural cracking in the church requiring urgent repairs

Faced with the choice between short-term fixes or a broader vision, we chose the latter—positioning our parish for long-term sustainability.

Key Accomplishments

2022 (Pre-launch & Early Work):

- Tuckpointing of church and grotto
- Restoration of statues in the grotto
- Washing of rectory and church roof and sealant applied
- Painting of exterior of Viator Hall and steeple
- Door restoration and replacement for safety
- Lighting, fencing, and grounds improvements

The campaign formally launched in September 2022.

2023 (Major Projects):

- Church window restoration
- Sidewalk repairs, tree removal, and landscaping
- New monument and wayfinding signage
- Interior flooring and office updates
- Parking lot repairs and sealing for school and parish center
- School and gym roof replacement

2024–2026 (Continued Improvements):

- Full replacement of front parking lot
 - Thanks to Olivet Nazarene University for a \$60,000 grant toward this project
- Parish center sound and projection system
- Rectory exterior renovation
- School boiler replacement

Safety Upgrades:

- Stairwell railings
- Fire alarm system updates
- New key and keycard entry systems

Still Ahead

- Rectory kitchen

Projects not completed -

- Gym ceiling (project being investigated)
- Original school flooring (project not planned at this time)
- School windows (project not planned at this time)
- Classroom doors – (being addressed by Bishop McNamara through a safety grant)
- Additional carpeting projects – (need being assessed)
- HVAC in church and parish center/school addition (need being assessed)

Looking Forward

We are stewards of 8.4 acres of grounds and five buildings, ranging from 23 to 168 years old. This campaign has demonstrated that proactive planning reduces costs, avoids debt, and frees us more fully for mission.

While the campaign has formally concluded, our stewardship as a parish family continues, and new needs will inevitably emerge. We are deeply grateful to all who have fulfilled—or are continuing to fulfill—their pledges, making possible all that has been accomplished.

As we look ahead, I invite all parishioners to support our parish Building Fund. This fund allows us to care responsibly for the gifts God has entrusted to us and to address ongoing needs as they arise.

In this way, we ensure that our parish remains a place where the Gospel is proclaimed, the Sacraments are celebrated, and future generations can encounter Christ.

Thank you for your generosity. Thank you for your faith. And thank you for helping to build not only a stronger parish, but a living witness to Christ in our community.

Adored and Loved be Jesus,

Rev. Jason Nesbit, C.S.V.

Pastor