

Living and Giving with Faith

Capital Stewardship Campaign

Questions and Answers

Q. How much do we need to raise?

A. It is our goal to raise \$550,000 through a 3-year capital stewardship campaign.

Q. Is the steeple currently a safety risk?

A. It is seriously deteriorated but not dangerously so. Being proactive to address the problem ensures it won't become a safety hazard.

Q. Why are we installing air-conditioning?

A. There are a number of reasons. First, when the church was built in 1968, air-conditioning was more of a luxury. Today, almost all buildings have air-conditioning. We need to provide comfort for parishioners and non-parishioners who come to our church for weddings, funerals and holiday celebrations. Some parishioners, especially the elderly, can't handle the heat in the summer and choose to go to another church. Another reason is that the current steeple is used as ventilation to draw air up and circulate the air throughout the church. The new steeple design incorporates a skylight so ventilation through the steeple will not be possible. We have the means to install the air-conditioning with no additional construction. The units will sit on top of the three flat roofs where you enter the church and behind the altar. The units also have the capability to produce heat if needed.

Q. How much will I be asked to give?

A. You will not be told to give a specific amount. Everyone is asked to first reflect on their individual blessings and then pray about a **sacrificial** commitment to be paid over three years. Your commitment should be **over and above** your current giving to the church.

Q. What does "sacrificial" mean?

A. Sacrificial giving is a personal act of giving generously of yourself or your resources as a response to God's immeasurable generosity to you. Sacrificial giving sometimes means a change in your lifestyle in order to give generously.

Q. How do I decide what I should commit to our capital stewardship campaign?

A. Prayer and reflection! One of the campaign themes is "Not Equal Gifts, but Equal Sacrifice." Everyone is blessed differently. Everyone cannot give the same amount. But, if your gift is **truly sacrificial...**then the gifts are equal in the sight of God. **"...but each of you with as much as you can give, in proportion to the blessings which the Lord your God, has bestowed on you."**

Deuteronomy 16:17

Q. What is the timeline of implementation?

A. The diocese requires us to have 75% of campaign commitments in hand, in cash, before construction can begin.

Q. Why are we conducting a capital stewardship campaign?

A. Our operating budget, which comes from weekly offertory, cannot afford to absorb the additional amount needed. This campaign will raise the needed funds which should be *over-and-above* what parishioners currently give to the parish.

Q. What if I'm uncertain about my financial future?

A. No one knows the future. But, EVERYONE should prayerfully consider a 3-year sacrificial commitment. Should your circumstances change, you may alter your commitment by notifying the parish office. Pray to know God's direction and trust God as you are lead.

Q. When will I have an opportunity to make my 3-year commitment?

A. You must first prayerfully reflect on your blessings and what a sacrificial pledge would mean in your life. Parishioners will be asked to confidentially register their three-year commitments starting on commitment weekend which will be December 7/8.

Q. Will I have an opportunity to make pledge payments as I desire?

A. Yes. Each parishioner can designate how they wish to fulfill their commitment: weekly, monthly, quarterly, annually, etc. Special giving envelopes will be provided for payments.

Gift Chart
“NOT EQUAL GIFTS BUT EQUAL SACRIFICE”
\$550,000 GOAL

Three-year commitment *over and above* current giving

Pledges Needed	Optional 10% Initial Payment	Remaining Balance	Possible Payment Options over 3-years		
			Weekly(156)	Monthly(36)	Annually(3)
Tier 1					
\$20,000	\$2,000	\$18,000	\$115	\$500	\$6,000
\$10,000	\$1,000	\$9,000	\$58	\$250	\$3,000
\$7,000	\$700	\$6,300	\$40	\$175	\$2,100
\$6,000	\$600	\$5,400	\$35	\$150	\$1,800
Tier 2					
\$5,000	\$500	\$4,500	\$29	\$125	\$1,500
\$4,000	\$400	\$3,600	\$23	\$100	\$1,200
\$3,000	\$300	\$2,700	\$17	\$75	\$900
\$2,000	\$200	\$1,800	\$12	\$50	\$600
Tier 3					
\$1,500	\$150	\$1,350	\$9	\$38	\$450
\$1,000	\$100	\$900	\$6	\$25	\$300
\$750	\$75	\$675	\$4	\$19	\$225
\$500 or less	\$50 or less	\$450 or less	\$3 or less	\$13 or less	\$150 or less

This chart illustrates the types of commitments needed for our parish to reach its financial goal. Each of us should give according to our individual blessings.

How have I been blessed? What am I willing to do or do without? What can I postpone or alter? Where on this chart is true sacrifice for me?