



BUILDING TOGETHER IN FAITH

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ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL



OUR PARISH HOME: A LEGACY OF FAITH

For generations, St. Joseph Parish has served as a beacon of faith, education, and community in Hanover. Today, we are witnessing a remarkable season of growth that is a clear sign of God's work among us. From our vibrant multicultural ministries to our flourishing school, our parish remains a center where parishioners and students alike can discover the love of God. As the parish grows in numbers, ministries, and programs, so grows the needs of our buildings.

St. Joseph Catholic School enrollment is the highest it has ever been (281) with families coming from 11 districts. To accommodate this growth, the school has had to convert existing spaces – including storage rooms and closets – into offices, an art classroom, and instructional support areas.

Aside from the school enrollment, the church has over 30 ministries, most of which involve evangelization, faith formation, worship and liturgy, or community outreach, vying for space on a daily and weekly basis. In addition, it is necessary to renovate the church with regards to HVAC, handicap accessible restrooms, and flooring.

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The *Building Together in Faith* Capital Campaign is a comprehensive effort to address critical space constraints and essential renovations. The campaign's vision, with an anticipated need of \$3.5 million, focuses on both expansion and renovation, recognizing it will take the entire parish family—school, church, and community—working together to raise the funds to make this vision a reality.

OUR GOAL FOR THIS EXPANSION AND RENOVATION IS TO BUILD FOR THE NEXT FIFTY YEARS, ENSURING WE DO NOT HAVE TO EXPAND FURTHER. WE ARE SECURING A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE FOR OUR PARISH HOME!



SCHOOL EXPANSION & PARISH SPACE

One of the two main components of the campaign is the “new school” wing, designed to serve both our students and our broader parish family.

Second-Floor Parish Center: A new second floor will be constructed above the school wing. This flexible space, exclusively for church ministries and programs, can be used as one large hall or divided into six sections for various ministry meetings.

Accessibility: The parish level will feature a separate entrance, an elevator, and dedicated handicap accessible restrooms.

New Classrooms: We will add eight new classrooms to accommodate our growing enrollment and provide dedicated spaces for faculty and support services.

Modern Facilities: The expansion includes a new bank of bathrooms specifically for the school wing.



CHURCH & CAMPUS RENOVATIONS

The second core component of the campaign is church renovations. As a unified parish family, we must also care for our sacred place of worship and the surrounding property.

Building Upgrades

- Renovate HVAC system for the church and narthex
- Install sound system with the capacity for musical instruments
- Install new flooring in the main church and sanctuary (high traffic resistant)
- Repair kneelers and pews
- Install automatic light timers and efficient lighting

Restroom & Storage Renovations

- Renovate current restrooms to be handicap accessible (back wall of the library)
- Create additional storage

Parking Lot & Campus Upgrades

- Renew parking lot
- Update parking lot lights
- Renovate curbs and grates as needed
- Stormwater management



ULTIMATELY, THIS CAMPAIGN IS ABOUT MISSION: ENSURING THAT THE PHYSICAL SPACES REMAIN EFFECTIVE TOOLS FOR EVANGELIZATION AND FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS OF STUDENTS AND PARISHIONERS TO DISCOVER THE LOVE OF GOD AND BUILD COMMUNITY.



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why is St. Joseph conducting a capital campaign?

The parish is launching the *Building Together in Faith* Capital Campaign to ensure our school and church buildings remain effective tools for evangelization and community for generations to come. The primary focus of this campaign is to address space constraints as well as key church renovations. These are unbudgeted items and a separate fundraising effort is needed.

Increasing school enrollment has created space limitations, and the area of Hanover and Penn Township are projected to continue to grow in the years ahead. It is evident based on our current schedule of activities and the organizations which continue to become more robust each year, that we are outgrowing our buildings. Now is the time to expand and renovate!

What is the source of funds for the project?

The majority of the necessary funds will be raised internally, primarily from our 2,300 registered households and the families of our 281 enrolled students. After our internal push, we will also pursue community support and grants appropriate for this type of project. To cover costs during the fundraising period, a loan may be secured from the Diocese of Harrisburg. Funds raised through the capital campaign are used solely for this project and are not subject to the diocesan tax assessed through the Diocesan Annual Campaign (DAC).

What is the timeline of the project?

The Diocese of Harrisburg requires that the parish have 50% of the total project funds—approximately \$1.75 million—secured before construction can officially begin. Therefore, the renovation and construction timelines are directly dependent upon the speed and success of our fundraising efforts. The goal is to reach this milestone as quickly as possible so that the essential renovations can commence.

Do I need to complete a commitment form?

Parish leadership will utilize commitment forms to gain a clearer picture of expected contributions and their timing. This information is essential for determining the timeline of the project, since 50% is due before construction can begin.

How does the project directly impact the church?

The *Building Together in Faith* project is a critical investment in St. Joseph's long-term growth and sustainability. The expansion benefits the church directly by constructing a new second floor above the school wing designated solely for parish use. Church renovations are a critical investment, addressing necessary infrastructure upgrades like new flooring, upgrading the HVAC and sound systems, renovating restrooms for handicap accessibility, and expanding the parking lot.

Will other types of donations be accepted?

In addition to giving from current income or bank accounts, you may support the capital campaign in other ways. Some additional gifting considerations are stocks, bonds, mutual funds, Qualified Charitable Contributions from IRAs (if over 70.5 years of age), appreciated real estate, company matching gifts, and more. If you are interested in giving in one of these ways, please contact Richie Musser at 484-364-0781 or rmusser@kirbysmith.com.

CONTINUE THE LEGACY

The *Building Together in Faith* Capital Campaign is incredibly important because it addresses the current needs of our growing church and school by expanding our school building and renovating our church. We invite you to join with the entirety of our parish family as we honor the legacy of those who came before us and lay a strong, sustainable foundation for future generations, ensuring St. Joseph remains a beacon of faith for years to come.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?



REFLECT ON YOUR CAMPAIGN COMMITMENT

Your contribution to the campaign will directly fuel the realization of the *Building Together in Faith* vision. We understand that making a commitment requires prayerful reflection. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration!



COMPLETE A COMMITMENT FORM

We ask that each household complete a commitment form. These forms will give leadership a comprehensive understanding of the collective intentions of our parish. Your return of this form will be deeply appreciated and will play a significant role in the campaign's success.



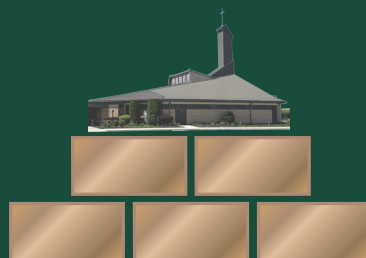
SUSTAIN OUR EFFORTS THROUGH PRAYER

We recognize the paramount importance of keeping our hearts and minds steadfastly focused on God's will throughout this entire process. Your spiritual support will be an invaluable source of strength and guidance as we work together to achieve our shared goals.



STAY CONNECTED AND INFORMED

We will continue to provide updates on the campaign via bulletins, announcements as well as online (www.stjosephparishhanover.org) and social media. We encourage you to stay connected to learn about the developments and milestones of our campaign.



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