



GROWING OUR FAITH
SHAPING GENERATIONS

A CAMPAIGN FOR OUR LADY OF VICTORY PARISH
AND JOHN F. KENNEDY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

“The people we have come to know over the years love this parish and its strong history. They are truly sincere and caring. Our efforts today will maintain our great traditions and help the parish continue to grow and flourish. We hope to give back just a little of what we have received.”

Bill and Francie Lovewell
Advanced Gifts Chairs



Dear Members and Friends of Our Lady of Victory Parish,

At Mass on Pentecost we prayed Psalm 104 with its refrain, “Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.” When the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles, they received power and courage to continue the ministry of Christ. Ever since, the Holy Spirit has provided the rich variety of spiritual gifts to build and animate the Body of Christ on earth.

The Holy Spirit was at work when our parish was founded and throughout its remarkable history. The dedication and sacrifices of our charter members provided first our school and then the church. The priests’ residence soon followed, and then about 20 years ago, parishioners were inspired to build a parish center and expand the school. Our parish buildings provide a spiritual home for faith formation and education, the celebration of the Sacraments, and charitable works.

Led by the Spirit, parish leaders in recent times identified certain church and school needs to be addressed, and you were invited to participate in a feasibility study.

Responses from parishioners enabled the leaders to concentrate on the most important needs and let go of a few loftier goals.

With my endorsement, and after many months of collaboration, we determined the need for a major capital campaign named *Growing our Faith...Shaping Generations*. We need to raise \$2.4 million to fund the projects for church and school described herein. To achieve our goal requires large commitments of time, talent, prayer and treasure. We need, and I expect, participation by all parish members. Prompted by the Spirit, may you find joy in your giving and be blessed by our most generous God.

Thank you for joining your parish leaders and me in this campaign to grow in faith and love. Please pray for success!

Sincerely yours in the Spirit of Christ,

Msgr. James Parizek

Enhance & Renew

The *Growing Our Faith...Shaping Generations* campaign seeks to enhance and renew our parish campus. Through a process of discernment that began three years ago and examined the needs of all of the demographics in our vibrant parish, the campaign is tied very closely to our parish mission statement:

Our Lady of Victory is a parish community, guided by the Holy Spirit, striving to grow in union and love with God and with each other. Grateful for God's blessings, we are stewards of God's love through sharing our gifts and talents. Our mission is to build a faith community by living the Gospel of Christ through prayer and sacraments, education and faith formation, and social action and service to others.

This \$2.4 million campaign meets the challenge of providing for all generations of our community by:

- Completing several large scale maintenance items that continue the process of renewing the infrastructure of our campus
- Enhancing the community and sacramental areas in church with a gathering space
- Expanding our education and faith formation spaces to meet the needs of today's families and current educational standards

Each of us has been blessed by those who came before us. We have the responsibility to give back from what God has given us to care for our needs now and in the future.



CAMPUS IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

The *Growing Our Faith...Shaping Generations* campaign seeks to improve the infrastructure of our spiritual home. Capital improvements that preserve the existing beauty, integrity and function of our campus are a strong priority.

In recent years, we have remodeled and modernized two primary restrooms at school, replaced the cooling tower and boiler at church, completed the installation of energy efficient windows in the school, renovated one restroom at church for handicap-friendly access, remodeled the rectory kitchen, replaced windows and entry doors at the rectory, and substantially improved the media center. Funding for these projects totaling over \$350,000 came from parish reserves and annual budgets, Ladies' Council and other donations plus successful community grant applications.

As part of our proactive maintenance approach, a total roof replacement has been scheduled for the school gym during the summer of 2008. Funding will come from existing parish reserves. Other major improvement items planned as part of the campaign include:

Church Roof

This roof is in fair condition. Spot repairs have kept large improvements at bay and extended the roof life. The gutters and downspouts are in poor shape, and their condition requires that we plan for a complete roof replacement in the next few years.



Architect rendering – subject to change

Parking Lot

Existing asphalt shows major stress to the point where patching and pothole repairs are no longer feasible. Our contractor recommends a 2" asphalt overlay to cover the old pavement. To insure stability and reduce future maintenance measures, a polypropylene fabric insert will be added before applying the overlay.

Lighting

Fluorescent lighting in the school will be replaced with energy efficient fixtures that reduce utility costs and provide a more conducive learning environment.

Ceiling Tiles

To create a pleasant, welcoming atmosphere that is inviting for students and families, ceiling tiles will be added to the exposed areas, and discolored, worn materials will be replaced.

EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION

Outstanding educational and faith formation programs have characterized Our Lady of Victory since its inception. New and renovated spaces are necessary to fulfill the needs of today's families and meet current educational standards and practices.

Classroom space is needed to accommodate two sections of each grade level in K-8.

- JFK enrollment has increased by over 50 students in the last four years and is projected to continue to grow.
- Educational standards for class sizes in our area today are no more than 20-25 pupils, not the 30-35 students of years ago.
- Dedicated areas and special equipment are needed for art, music, and science which are taught by specialized teachers today.
- Faith Formation programming has expanded to families and adults of all ages, and youth ministry includes junior high age youth.
- A long-term dependency on mobile classrooms and the holding of classes in shared classrooms and the parish center should be reduced.

Early childhood space is needed for a growing pre-school and to meet the needs of our working families.

- Pre-school enrollment is on a trend to double from 48 students three years ago to 96 students within five years.
- More than half of today's families with young children have two working parents or a single parent. "Wrap around" services that can be a full day extension of pre-school are necessary. One drop off and pick up location at a common time provide parents with the comfort of knowing that their children are well cared for all day long.
- By 2008-09, all of the Catholic schools in our area, including Assumption High School, will be offering child care services.

“We have benefited from the sacrifices that parishioners made in the past. It is our responsibility to do the same and provide for future generations.”

Randy and Kathy Peterson
General Co-Chairs



Office space and a secure entryway are needed to provide safety, security, efficiency, and privacy.

- Relocating offices with a secure entryway will provide controlled access.
- Consolidated youth ministry, faith formation, and multiple school offices will provide better service to students, families, and staff.

New and Renovated Space

- Four classrooms (two new and two from remodeled areas of the building)
- Early childhood rooms for pre-school and childcare services
- Relocated administrative offices and remodeled other small areas
- Remodeled lower level restrooms to achieve ADA compliance

SPACE FOR GATHERING OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Designs for the gathering space in the *Growing Our Faith...Shaping Generations* campaign take inspiration from Ephesians 2:21-22:

“Through Him the whole structure is fitted together and takes shape as a holy temple in the Lord, in Him you are being built into His temple, to become a dwelling place for God in the Spirit.”

Our parish founders constructed space for prayer and the celebration of the sacraments nearly five decades ago. Our Lady of Victory, after three years of intense research, discussion and sharing, looks forward to dedicating additional space for future generations. In conjunction with other parish re-construction projects, the proposed gathering space advances these goals, in line with our mission statement:

Foster a “Welcoming and Caring Community”

- Improved access provided by an elevator and interior staircase will welcome parishioners in from the outside, and provide a place where they can visit before and after celebrations.
- The first view will be one of our Patroness, the beautiful stained-glass window to the west. The current location of the window will be glass, allowing a view of the sanctuary for those gathered there.

Build community through “Prayer & Sacraments”

- With the space divided from the main church, those wishing to visit before and after the celebrations may do so, while others may pray quietly at the same time in the church.
- Locating a permanent baptismal font near the entrance follows guidelines for current church environment documents, and emphasizes the role of Baptism in creating and sustaining true community life.

“As charter members, we feel it is our responsibility to maintain what we have built as well as provide for future generations.”

Tom and Darlene Nolan
Honorary Chairs

Develop community through “Faith Formation & Education”

- This critical space will serve as a procession and reception area for the celebration of sacraments, the heart of our parish life. Here school and faith formation family learning events can take place, with space for displays.
- Two multi-function rooms will be available and widely used by all facets of our community: Initiation (RCIA) group learning, parish nurse visits, small group meetings, bride and groom dressing rooms, a family room for funeral visitations, space for children’s Liturgy of the Word, and marriage preparation conferences.
- Hospitality will be possible with a small kitchenette.

The Project Scope

This project includes the gathering space, two multipurpose rooms, ADA compliant rest rooms, an elevator from the parking lot to the main level of church, a permanent baptismal font, and a small kitchenette. The parking lot will undergo resurfacing when new construction is completed. Changes will also be made to increase the number of parking spaces for persons with disabilities.





“I urge all parishioners to make the sacrifices required to help our parish give honor and glory to God, and to help our adults and students grow in faith. We’ve met our challenges in the past and, with God’s help, we will do it again!”

Father William Meyer
Honorary Chair

Charitable Giving

As you decide how much to pledge, please remember payments are tax deductible, as provided by law. Because laws are always changing and each household is unique, Our Lady of Victory Parish encourages you to consult with your family and financial advisor(s) to determine which method is most beneficial to you.

Our Lady of Victory Parish is a qualified 501c(3) tax-exempt organization. We gratefully accept gifts in various forms, including those described:

Cash

The most common method to make a charitable gift is to contribute cash. We accept credit cards and automated bank withdrawals.

Securities

Making a gift of appreciated stock is one of the most advantageous forms of giving with an opportunity to avoid taxation of capital gains.

Real Estate

Gifts of appreciated real estate are similar to gifts of appreciated stock. If you have owned the real estate for 12 months or more, you will avoid capital gains taxes and may deduct the fair market value of the real estate.

Life Insurance

You may donate to the *Growing Our Faith...Shaping Generations* Campaign by making Our Lady of Victory Parish the beneficiary, or partial beneficiary, of your insurance policy.

With gratitude to God who gives us every blessing, please consider a three-year commitment that is truly significant for you.

3-Year Pledge Amount	Annual Gift Amount	Quarterly Gift Amount	Monthly Gift Amount
\$100,000	\$33,333	\$8,333	\$2,778
\$75,000	\$25,000	\$6,250	\$2,083
\$50,000	\$16,667	\$4,167	\$1,389
\$30,000	\$10,000	\$2,500	\$833
\$15,000	\$5,000	\$1,250	\$416
\$9,000	\$3,000	\$750	\$250
\$3,000	\$1,000	\$250	\$83
\$1,500	\$500	\$125	\$41

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