



Heart OF THE
PARISH



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Dear Friends,

Eleven years ago, when I came to St. Jude, I found a community that was vibrant but with buildings that were woefully inadequate. We had the structures of a small rural community (which we were several years ago) and yet the growing community of an urban parish. To give you a reference point of our growth, the parish had 550 families in 2007. With over 1,300 families currently, we have become one of the largest parishes in the diocese! To accommodate that growth, we started our first campaign in 2010 to establish a Catholic school in North Peoria. Then in 2014 we continued that vision by adding on to the school and building a new parish hall. Both of these campaigns had specific goals. In addition, they enhanced our ability to serve the poor through St. Vincent de Paul and provide needed space for Bible studies and small groups. Outside of the formal campaigns, we built a convent, renovated our rectory and upgraded our education wing with new windows throughout. Our parish and school have continued to grow. Now we are turning our focus to the heart of our parish campus, the church.

This fall we launched the *Heart of the Parish* Capital Campaign. The campaign seeks to provide new expanded spaces for worship, for gathering, and for study. Ultimately, I see this project as integral in shaping disciples for the next generation and beyond, engaging and forming our people in Christ. My vision is to have our parish open daily until 9 PM with regular Eucharistic Adoration. The recreated church would provide a beautiful place to set hearts on fire and strengthen us for mission. It also would draw those who are searching for Christ. I read a quote not that long ago from Fr. John Cihak that has stuck with me. He said this, "In contemporary America, most people are not moved by claims of truth or goodness. Relativism has made truth to be whatever you want, thereby turning the good into whatever makes you feel good. So how can you engage the average nonbeliever? How can you place him on the road that would lead him back to the Truth and the Good? Show him beauty." I pray the beauty of this new church leads us into deeper worship and draws many others to come to a desire for truth, for beauty, for the timeless – for God.

Again, I thank you for your support and ask you to prayerfully consider a sacrificial gift toward this very important project. I am confident that through our prayers, sacrifice, and faithfulness, God, who has begun this good work in us, will guide our efforts to a successful completion.

God bless you all!

Fr. Patrick Henehan

Pastor, St. Jude

Start by doing what is *necessary*,
then what is *possible*, and suddenly
you are doing the *impossible*.

St. Francis of Assisi



OUR CHALLENGE

St. Jude Parish, began as mission in 1879, is now one of the largest parishes in the Diocese of Peoria. For more than a century, our community has spread the gospel in Peoria and beyond by celebrating the sacraments, educating our children in the way of the Faith, serving the needs of the sick and the poor, and continuing the mission of the Church to build up the Body of Christ.

Our parish family has been blessed with multiple facilities in a prime location. Numerous liturgies and social events have taken place here including Baptisms, First Communions, Confirmations, weddings and funerals. The current church, which served us well for many years, is dated, undersized, and in regular need of repair. Renovating and expanding the church has been considered, but is not cost effective. Therefore, it was decided to build new.

BACKGROUND

Recognizing the limitations and inadequacy of the church building to meet the demands of our continually growing faith community, parish leadership began researching the options available to address these issues. During this three-year process, it became clear that the best way forward would be to construct a new church. This plan was developed with a view for both today and the anticipated needs of tomorrow.

MASTER PLAN

A new building will replace the existing church with an increase in the general seating from 450 to 650/700. Our redesigned sanctuary will better accommodate liturgical celebrations. The graceful architecture and sacred art will blend together, raising the sights of the faithful toward the heavenly realm, with stained glass windows added over time.

In classical European style, the re-imagined rotunda will feature a baptismal font at its center, emphasizing baptism as the entrance into the Church – the Body of Christ. It will also allow for gathering, with a new space for Bible studies and learning. As you exit the church through the rotunda, a scripture passage emblazoned above will serve as a visible reminder of being sent out as disciples into the world.

Meticulous planning, quality craftsmanship and artistry will be the hallmarks of this sacred space.

STRATEGIC ADVANTAGES

Several benefits result from constructing a new church. First and foremost, renovating the existing facilities would cost similar to what is currently needed to build a new church, with new roofs, and extra seating! Second, the building is a better long-term investment. The life cycle cost – life expectancy of the renovation project is 10–20 years versus 40–50 years, or more, for new construction. Third, it is less expensive to operate a newer building than an older expanded building. Fourth, starting with a fresh template affords us the opportunity to specifically design the new church to meet our current and future needs without the constraints of an existing floor plan. Last, but not least, this plan is a better fit with our long-range goal to be in the best position possible to continue our work of evangelizing, forming disciples and sending out the faithful to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ.


SUMMARY

To achieve our objectives, St. Jude parish leadership has initiated the **Heart of the Parish** Campaign. The overall estimated financial need to accomplish all of these projects is \$10.5 million. The parish already has a total of \$7.6 million in pledges and savings for this project. Our goal for the campaign is to raise an additional \$2.9 million, which allows us to complete the construction of the new building. All monies received above the needed amount will be designated toward the purchase of art and/or stained glass windows.



BAPTISTRY AND GATHERING AREA

We are called to discipleship. In addition to providing an area for fellowship, our new baptistry will serve as a gateway between the sacred space of our new church and the outside world to which we are called to minister.

A large, modern church interior with a central baptismal font, white columns, and arched windows. The space is bright and open, with a polished floor reflecting the light. The font is a prominent white, tiered structure in the foreground. The background features several tall, white columns and arched windows with brickwork visible through them. The ceiling is high and features recessed lighting. The overall atmosphere is clean and contemporary.

Go, therefore, and *make disciples* of all nations, *baptizing them* in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19



Lord, I love the *refuge* of your house,
the site of the *dwelling-place*
of your glory.

Sirach 35:7-10



INTERIOR ELEVATION
VIEW TOWARDS THE ALTAR





HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

Throughout the *Heart of the Parish* Capital Campaign, Father Henehan, the Campaign Leadership, and volunteer workers will reach out to fellow parishioners to communicate our vision. These efforts are aimed at giving all members of the parish family an opportunity to participate.

Every family is asked to consider all the information contained in this brochure and then make a prayerful decision about how to support the campaign. Those who do not respond will be personally contacted by fellow parishioners who will volunteer their time over several weeks during the campaign. The volunteers will be giving their time to undertake the vital task of making contact and increasing the awareness of the campaign.

During the campaign, we are asking everyone who calls St. Jude Parish home to do the following:

1. **Pray for the success of the campaign.**
2. **Be an ambassador for St. Jude by sharing key information and enthusiastically encouraging others to get involved.**
3. **Make a sacrificial pledge.**

Whether you participate by attending a campaign reception, responding at Mass or via mail, or by graciously receiving a visit from a fellow parishioner, it is your active involvement that will make this campaign a success.

What shall I *return to the Lord*,
for all He has given to me?



HOW TO PLEDGE YOUR SUPPORT

St. Jude Parish seeks to raise a minimum of \$2.9 million from the *Heart of the Parish* Capital Campaign. Every member of our parish community is integral to our success in reaching this goal and, therefore, each family is asked to consider making a pledge to the campaign to the best of their ability.

Each family is asked to prayerfully consider a pledge of \$6,000 or more, payable over three years (or longer, if needed). A pledge of \$6,000, after a 10% down payment of \$600, is \$150 per month for three years. ***This breaks down to only \$36 per week!***

WE NEED YOUR SPECIAL GENEROSITY

All are asked to prayerfully consider how their generosity can reflect their gratitude for the gifts that God has given them. Understanding that a three-year pledge of \$6,000 may be a challenge for some of our parish, it is vital to the success of our campaign that those who are able to make larger pledges do so.

Individuals and families who are financially capable of pledging \$10,000, \$15,000, \$25,000, \$50,000 or more, are asked to step forward and become financial leaders of our campaign. Please review the Suggested Pledge Plans available below and choose a plan that is right for you and your family.

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THE 3 FACETS OF PARISH GIVING

It is very important over the course of the campaign that our parish family understand the “3 Facets of Parish Giving.” Continued parish support of the offertory and Annual Diocesan Appeal is critical to the success of the *Heart of the Parish* Campaign.

Offertory. Your weekly contributions to the general collection support the day-to-day operating expenses of the parish, including faith formation, worship, maintaining our facilities, and personnel.

Annual Diocesan Appeal (ADA). Each year, St. Jude Parish helps to provide the funding for a variety of ministries, programs, and services to thousands of families throughout our diocese through the Annual Diocesan Appeal (ADA) of the Diocese of Peoria.

Heart of the Parish Campaign. Your pledge payments to this campaign should be in addition to your offertory and ADA contributions. Your campaign pledge is a restricted gift – to be used solely for the designated projects in this brochure.

We are asking for a sacrifice, and we know that sacrifice leads to blessings. Most importantly, we need to remember that our Lord will not be outdone in generosity. Thank you in advance for your prayerful and financial support of the *Heart of the Parish* Campaign.

SUGGESTED PLEDGE PLAN

Total Gift	10% Down Payment	3 Annual Payments	6 Semi-Annual Payments	12 Quarterly Payments	36 Monthly Payments	Weekly Sacrifice
\$500,000	\$50,000	\$150,000	\$75,000	\$37,500	\$12,500	\$3,000
\$250,000	\$25,000	\$75,000	\$37,500	\$18,750	\$6,250	\$1,500
\$100,000	\$10,000	\$30,000	\$15,000	\$7,500	\$2,500	\$600
\$50,000	\$5,000	\$15,000	\$7,500	\$3,750	\$1,250	\$300
\$40,000	\$4,000	\$12,000	\$6,000	\$3,000	\$1,000	\$240
\$30,000	\$3,000	\$9,000	\$4,500	\$2,250	\$750	\$180
\$25,000	\$2,500	\$7,500	\$3,750	\$1,875	\$625	\$150
\$20,000	\$2,000	\$6,000	\$3,000	\$1,500	\$500	\$120
\$15,000	\$1,500	\$4,500	\$2,250	\$1,125	\$375	\$90
\$10,000	\$1,000	\$3,000	\$1,500	\$750	\$250	\$60
\$8,000	\$800	\$2,400	\$1,200	\$600	\$200	\$48
\$6,000	\$600	\$1,800	\$900	\$450	\$150	\$36

The gift plans in this brochure are provided as a suggested guideline when considering your pledge.

Please review the gift plans carefully and select one that fits your family's financial situation. Pledges are not legally binding, but rather the expression of your intent.



EXTERIOR ELEVATION
VIEW FROM WILHELM

METHODS OF PLEDGING

PLEDGES VIA CASH OR CHECK

Simply complete your pledge card by selecting the amount of your pledge and down payment. Be sure to select your method of payment, i.e., monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually. Please make checks payable to **St. Jude Catholic Church** with the notation “capital campaign” in the memo line. You will be sent payment reminders and a special payment envelope in accordance with the payment plan you indicate on the pledge card.

ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFERS, CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD

If you would like to have your pledge payments automatically charged to your bank account, credit or debit card, please fill out the corresponding section on the back of the pledge card. You may instead choose to make your pledge online by visiting the parish website: www.stjudechurchpeoria.org. It is important to return the completed pledge card to the parish office by dropping it off, placing it in the weekly collection, or by mailing it with a stamp.

GIFTS OF STOCK

Donors can use their own broker/agent or the parish’s agent to transfer gifts of stock. If the stock has been held for one year or longer, you do not have to pay capital gains tax on the stock, and are allowed a tax deduction for the full value of the stock, provided that the stock is transferred to the parish before being liquidated. The stock is not required to have appreciated in value since you purchased it. If you are interested in a stock donation, please contact the Campaign Office or make a notation on the pledge card so we may provide you with the necessary information.*

GIFTS OF PROPERTY, LIFE INSURANCE, ANNUITIES, WILLS OR BEQUESTS

There are different ways to support St. Jude Parish both today, and in the years to come via planned giving. Families or individuals can make gifts of real estate, personal property, automobiles, life insurance, estate bequests, annuities or charitable remainder trusts. For substantial gifts of property other than marketable securities, the IRS requires an appraisal. Please contact the Campaign Office for more information.*

IRA CONTRIBUTIONS

An IRA owner, age 70½ or over, can directly transfer tax-free up to \$100,000 per year to an eligible charity. This option can be used for distributions from IRAs, regardless of whether the owners itemize their deductions. Distributions from employer-sponsored retirement plans, including SIMPLE IRAs and simplified employee pension (SEP) plans, are not eligible.*

To qualify, the funds must be transferred directly by the IRA trustee to the eligible charity. Distributed amounts may be excluded from the IRA owner’s income — resulting in lower taxable income for the IRA owner.*

TAX ADVANTAGES OF CHARITABLE GIVING

It may be particularly advantageous for some families to contribute stocks, appreciated securities, annuities, real property or other valuables. In many cases, the tax savings may be more than your original investment in the gift. Because each situation is unique, we urge you to discuss such donations with a financial advisor.

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***Please confirm current tax law with your tax advisor or the IRS.**



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CAMPAIGN PRAYER

Heavenly Father,

We thank you for all of your blessings
and for your unfailing love
that makes us your
sons and daughters.

Your providence has guided our steps
each and every day.

Through the hands of St. Joseph,
we offer our church project to you.

May it bring glory and honor
to your name,
and inspire the conversion of souls
for generations to come.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and open our hearts to generously
respond to your call, so that,
like St. Jude, we might set
the world on fire with
your love and truth.

We ask this through the intercession
of Saint Jude and in the name of
Jesus Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

