



Dear Fellow Parishioners,

In the last four weeks, our parish's financial situation has been shared with you in words, graphs, and charts. The goal of sharing this information is to be transparent regarding the financial situation of our parish with a call to action. The ministries and services that have been asked for and that are instrumental in meeting the needs of our community are not covered by the Offertory Collections. To be blunt, the shortfall in offertory giving is being subsidized with more withdrawals from the investment gains held by the parish.

In January 2023, we are excited to start the preparation work for the Capital Campaign to build the Parish Center. But today, we have an *immediate need*. We need **ALL** parishioners to respond to this call to action. Please take a closer look at the 5% tithe chart below. If you are not giving at all, your parish community needs you to share in this responsibility. If you give \$1-\$2, consider increasing this to \$10 a week. If **every family** increases their regular offertory by \$20 more a month (just an additional \$5 a week), our annual offertory income will increase by \$144,000! **This is a shared responsibility.**

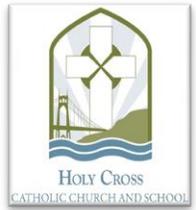
Remember, your offertory donation supports the greater needs of the community as well as your own needs. For example, the homebound parishioner receiving Holy Communion, young children receiving religious education and sacramental preparation, activities for the youth group, faith support groups, and so much more! Holy Cross families: "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." (1 Peter 4:10) Please support your parish.

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Sample Chart showing yearly income to just a 5% donation:

<u>Annual Income - 5% per week</u>			<u>Annual Income - 5% per week</u>		
\$20,000	-	\$20	\$75,000	-	\$72
\$30,000	-	\$29	\$85,000	-	\$82
\$35,000	-	\$34	\$95,000	-	\$92
\$45,000	-	\$43	\$105,000	-	\$101
\$55,000	-	\$53	\$115,000	-	\$111
\$65,000	-	\$66	\$125,000	-	\$120

**God cannot be outdone in generosity.
Prayerfully consider what your tithe will be.**



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) #5

The overall projected cost of the proposed Parish Center appears to make the price per square foot seem excessively high. Why? The overall projected cost is an all-inclusive cost that includes everything that needs to be done before construction begins through the grand opening. Overlooked costs include the demolition of the old convent and Food Pantry, hazmat measures for asbestos and lead removal, filling in the basement and salvaging reusable and recyclable materials. The proposed cost also includes the cost of traffic and environmental studies, permits, architects, etc.

Does the old convent building need to be torn down? Can the basement of the old convent be used for storage? The new Parish Center will be built where the old convent is now located. The convent needs so many expensive code upgrades and improvements. The required seismic upgrades to keep the basement are cost prohibitive per the architect.

Why does the St. Vincent de Paul building need to be attached to the new Parish Center? One of the goals of the new Parish Center is to create a gathering space between the church and the Parish Center. This outside space can be used during nice weather and as an extension of the Parish Center for larger events. In addition, it is important to maintain the important work that the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry provides to our local community. Food Pantry visitors will not gain access near the school playground as the entrance will be from N. Stanford. Because the pantry will be attached to the Parish Center, pantry volunteers will be able use restrooms and have access to running water by being attached to the Parish Center.

What will happen to the PreK? The plan is to have the PreK classroom in the School Hall. During the 2nd year of the pandemic, the PreK classroom moved to this space and the teachers were very happy to be in the main building with more classroom space.

Will a new Parish Center affect parking? There should be no impact on parking availability.

Does the plan include new parish offices? The new Parish Center does not include parish offices and the current offices will be continued to be used.

How will the school benefit from a new Parish Center? Having an updated and accessible Parish Center will be a huge benefit for the school community. School programs and concerts will be able to be held in the new Parish Center. Religious retreats and opportunities for buddy classes to meet together will be much easier in a larger space.

Are there plans for a small chapel inside the new Parish Center? While there will not be a permanent chapel space created in the new Parish Center, a sacred space can be created based on the needs for the particular gathering.

Can the school add a portable building so we can use the hall again? Adding a portable classroom does not address the accessibility concerns of the current School Hall. Portable classrooms are expensive and also raise concerns regarding safety, accessibility, and location.

***Save the Date!** The Administrative Council will be available after the weekend Masses on **December 17th & 18th** to clarify any areas and/or answer any questions.