

Let's grow St. Joe!

PRESERVING OUR HERITAGE,
INSPIRING HOPE



ST. JOSEPH
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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1

CLEARING THE WAY

FINISHED!

Since beginning this effort in 2016, we have acquired and cleared 14 nearby properties—preparing the ground for growth and opening new space for the next century of parish life. **COST: \$410,000**

2

PARISH OFFICE & ADORATION CHAPEL

ALMOST FINISHED!

The historic 1868 building will be fully renovated—while keeping the character of the original building—into new parish offices and a new adoration chapel, honoring our heritage while serving today's mission. **COST: \$500,000**

3

REBRICKING THE CHURCH

FUNDED & IN PROGRESS

Rebricking the entire church addresses decades of water absorption that have slowly worn away the exterior and interior, safeguarding the integrity and timeless beauty of our spiritual home so it endures for generations to come. **COST: \$3.03M**

4

PARKING, SITEWORK, ENTRANCE, & INSIDE

PLANNING

Through new infrastructure, sitework, and parking, we're extending our reach—and creating the new southwest entrance, with elevator & new bathrooms. On the inside, fresh paint, new flooring, and new murals will renew our worship space, creating a space that will uplift every soul to God. **COST: \$7.41M**

5

NEW PARISH LIFE CENTER/ GYM

DREAM

The new parish life center/gym will bring our community together in formation, celebration, and service—strengthening the Body of Christ in action.

6

NEW GATHERING AREA + SCHOOL OFFICE

DREAM

Our new gathering area will serve as the welcoming heart of the parish—a bright, open space where every person feels at home in faith and friendship.

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Dear Parishioners,

9 November 2025
Feast of the Dedication of
the Lateran Basilica in Rome

I'd like to share an update on our Master Plan.

The first phase, **Clearing the Way**, began in 2016 and is now complete — with **14 houses** purchased and removed to expand our parish grounds. Praise God!

The second phase, **Office Building and Adoration Chapel**, is nearly finished. New windows, stucco, ceilings, and lighting are nearly complete, and we look forward to moving in soon. Praise God!

As for the rest...

As of **December 25, 2024**, our parish family had pledged an amazing **\$9 million** toward the remaining sections of the plan — a beautiful sign of your faith and love for our parish home.

On **January 25, 2025**, the design development budget came in at **\$10.3 million**. We asked parishioners to help bridge the \$1 million gap. We did not make that goal within 60 days, but we did ultimately reach it — another clear sign of God's providence and your continued commitment.

We felt we had to move forward on the the third phase, **Rebricking the Church**, so we got hard costs — totaling **\$3.03 million** — and signed on the dotted line. This phase is essential for preserving our church. Work began in August and, though a few weeks behind, the crew plans to make up time by continuing through winter, which originally was not seen as an option.

Since that time, we have received hard costs for the fourth phase, **Parking, Sitework, Entrance, and Inside**. These costs have **increased 16%** due to 1) scope changes; 2) design refinements and necessary mechanical and electrical upgrades; and 3) bid overages.

Our Campaign Leadership Committee is exploring **new funding sources**. We are also working with our architects, the construction team, and the archdiocese to find **more economical solutions**, without sacrificing quality. At this time, we are delaying 60 days. Nonetheless, we can confidently say this: the church has been saved. The structure is secure, the vision is alive, and the plan moves forward!

The new parish life center and gathering area remain in the dream stage.

Thank you for your continued faith, prayers, and generosity. Together, we are building not only for today — but for generations to come.

In Christ,

Fr. Mike Keucher, VF