

*Holy Ground*

*This is holy ground.*

*We're standing on holy ground.*



## **St. Clare of Assisi Parish**

### **Most Commonly Asked Campaign Questions**

#### **How did the plan evolve to this point?**

The plan has evolved over a period of years. Staff and parish leaders met with our architect to discuss parish needs and an ambitious master plan was developed. That master plan was shared with the entire parish and we then conducted a feasibility study. The feasibility study involved parish-wide informational meetings, a parish-wide survey and a series of one on one interviews with a cross section of parish members. The plan was refined based on the substantial feedback we received. The brochure you'll receive shows all the folks who have been formally involved in this process to date. The core principles have remained consistent throughout the process: Faith, Hospitality and Accessibility are at the heart of the work we do on this **HOLY GROUND**.

#### **Could there be phases to this plan?**

It could be possible to conduct this project in phases however that is not our focus at this time. We are asking the entire parish to pray and consider what kind of support might be possible and our focus is to accomplish this plan in one step. Phasing the project will certainly grow the cost of the project significantly.

#### **What are the key decision points for individuals?**

Key Campaign Dates

Oct. 7 & 8 Campaign Kick-Off

Oct. 14 & 15 Advanced Gatherings: Opportunities after all Masses for the parish to learn more about the campaign.

Oct. 28 & 29 Invitation to Share Weekend: Brief presentations in Mass about the Campaign

Nov. 11 & 12 Commitment Sunday: This is the weekend we hope everyone will respond by if they haven't already.

#### **When might we break ground?**

Throughout this process we have expressed the hope that we could break ground in 2018. The needs addressed in this plan are current needs not just needs we project into the future. The amount of money we raise in commitments, the amount that is given up front and final construction quotes will all be factors in the groundbreaking decision.

#### **How will this project impact our operating budget?**

There are several factors that will impact our operating budget. We will be adding a Gathering Space that will include the Parish Administrative Offices, replacing our deteriorating Parish Center. While the new building will be very energy efficient, there will be additional costs to our operating budget. When the final plans are drawn we will have a better sense of the budget impact.

**Are additions to the school building part of this plan?**

The broader campus master plan addressed a number of projects within our school. Our current plan focuses on welcoming and accessible spaces for gathering, fellowship, accessibility and the business of the parish. Should we exceed the goal for this campaign it is possible that some of the school needs could be addressed. The feasibility study suggested that parish members respect the work being done in our school but that our focus needs to be on the areas that evolved in our plan.

**Will the Diocese help us financially?**

The Diocese does not provide financial assistance for parish building projects or capital campaigns.

**Will The Apostolate help us with this project?**

It's possible that The Apostolate might provide some funds for the parts of the Gathering Space that will be directly related to accessibility within our proposed project.

**How will the flow of the drop-off work? Can it serve more than one car? Will there be a bottleneck?**

The drop-off area/portico will be able to handle multiple cars so wait times would be minimal.

**Would we sell or move properties?**

This plan does not call for moving or selling any current properties. We may be purchasing additional property as it becomes available

**Will local contractors have a chance to bid on the work?**

Local contractors will have the opportunity to bid on all aspects of the project.

**How does this project impact St. Rose of Lima Church in Brodhead?**

No changes are planned with regards to the church in Brodhead at this time.

**Will a capital campaign affect our regular giving?**

Every effort will be made to emphasize that regular stewardship support remains a top priority for every parishioner. We are asking each household to pray and consider a gift that is above and beyond their regular stewardship support. It is not uncommon for churches to experience an increase in stewardship support as members reconsider the value the church is in their lives, their relationship with the parish, and God's blessings.

**What will happen with the choir area?**

The music ministry, instruments, etc. will remain in the balcony.

**Have we planned for technology to be included in this project?**

Because this space will now house our parish offices, all the technology one would expect to find in a modern facility has been planned for.