



Holy Ground ~ Phase 2

Providing Spaces to Grow in Christ

Phase 2 Capital Campaign

Campaign Update

All Weekend Masses: November 7-8, 2020

Saturday, November 7 at 4:30pm

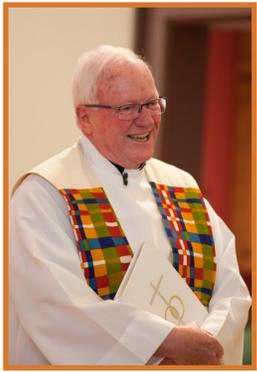
Sunday, November 8 at 8:00am & 10:00am

You can also interactively join us on Sunday at 10:00am
by livestream.

Invitation to Commit Weekend

All Weekend Masses: November 21-22, 2020.

Please return the enclosed form by November 22, 2020 or
at the Invitation to Commit Masses on November 21-22, 2020.



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Dear parishioners of St. Clare Parish,

In July 2020, I began my 10th year as pastor of this marvelous parish—this community of faith-filled people of God. It continues to be a joy to be among you even in this challenging time of COVID-19. A major endeavor during the last few years has focused on the new addition to the church which has been the fulfillment of all our hopes to make our church accessible for all people. This Holy Ground project has truly enhanced our ability to do God's work in and through St. Clare of Assisi Parish.

With the consensus of the leadership teams of parishioners, we are moving forward with 20-20 vision to retire the Phase 1 debt, finish the new building's lower level, and hopefully create a maintenance fund for future needs. We are the recipients of the vision and generosity of our parish ancestors in the late 1800s, whose faith and goodness gave us our beautiful church. Let us finish this Holy Ground for the life of our parish now, and for future generations.

May we keep before us our core values – We are guided by Christ, growing in Christ, and giving as Christ. I pray the Lord's blessing on all that we are about for God's kingdom!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Monsignor Larry Bakke

Our Parish Mission

Formed by God's word and nourished by Eucharist, we, the people of St. Clare of Assisi Parish, commit ourselves to the work of Christ in our world through our time, talent, and treasures.

We are... **guided** by Christ, **growing** in Christ, and **giving** as Christ.

Holy Ground Phase 2 Goals

Our goals are to enhance our church spaces for parish ministries and repay borrowed funding via a capital campaign. We appreciated your feedback earlier this fall regarding these parish goals.

Goal 1

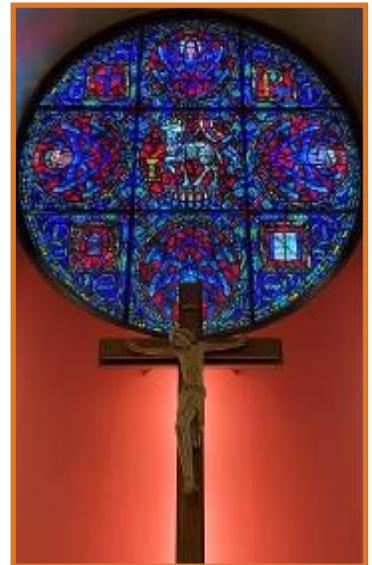
Retire Current Phase 1 Building Debt (\$500,000)

Our Phase I loan balance is expected to be \$500,000 when our Holy Ground Campaign ends in November 2020. We began construction in 2018 with a planned \$500,000 shortfall in fundraising. At the time, using industry predictions, we knew construction material costs were going to rapidly increase. By moving ahead with the planned shortfall, we locked in steel costs and labor before tariffs were put in place. Retiring this debt quickly results in saving thousands in interest expense and improving the financial health of our parish. We rely on your generous Holy Ground Campaign contributions to fulfill our debt obligations, which help ensure that our parish operations and ministries are not impacted.

Goal 2

Finish Lower Level (\$300,000 - \$400,000)

The completion of the lower level will have significant impact on our ministry programming and parish activities. The space will provide for larger gatherings including funeral luncheons, parish conferences, and educational assemblies. Renovation of the decades-old kitchen space will allow the parish to share meals and better meet the needs for church gatherings. The finished area will provide a dedicated space for our youth, as well as functional spaces for all levels of faith formation ministries.



Goal 3

Cover Future Maintenance (\$100,000)

These funds will restore our maintenance account to the pre-Holy Ground balance and cover necessary maintenance of facilities in the years ahead.

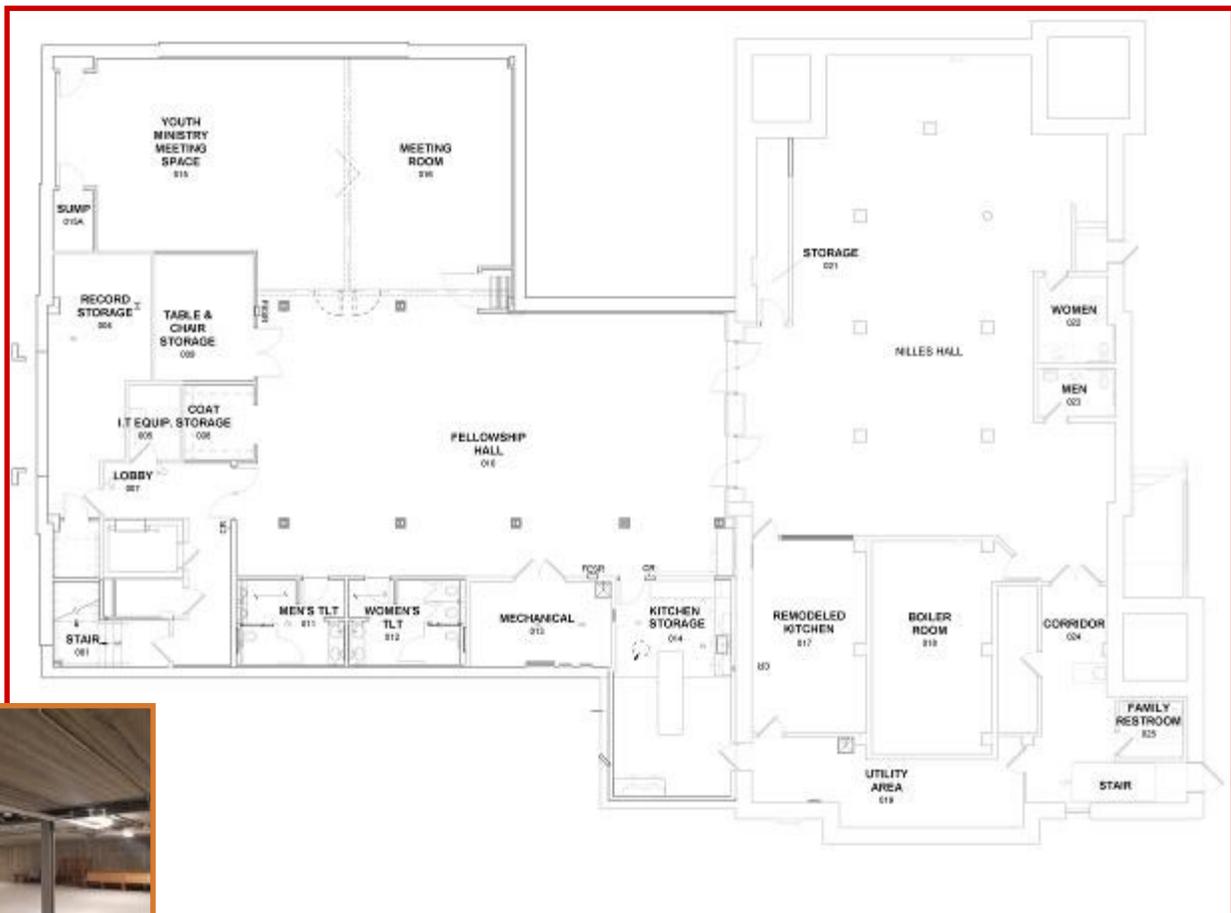
Reserving funds for preventative maintenance projects minimizes costly future repairs. Some suggested projects we are investing funds for include refurbishing our church pews, updating the church flooring, rewiring the 1960's electrical at the school, and renovating the entryway of the school for increased security.



Proposed Lower Level Floor Plan

FEATURES

- Renovation of the current Nilles Hall kitchen to better accommodate buffet-style meals. This could include updates such as a serving line window, new cabinets and counters, a plate-cleaning station, and warming ovens
- Open access on the south side of Nilles Hall kitchen to create easy access to the kitchen storage area
- Large fellowship hall for gatherings, meetings, and our faith formation programs
- Flexible meeting spaces in the north wing for youth and adult faith formation, ministries, choirs and more
- Full size men's and women's restrooms to meet capacity requirements
- Storage for tables, chairs, and instructional equipment



Construction material costs, financing, and local contractor availability are all uncertain in today's economy. Parish leadership will carefully weigh all factors before we move ahead with completing the lower level. We are committed to using local contractors whenever possible.

How can I make the Phase 2 Campaign a Success?

You can help make this campaign a success by praying for St. Clare of Assisi Parish and by returning your commitment form by November 22, 2020. Please join us as you are able for the Campaign Update on November 7 or 8 at Mass. Show your support for our Phase 2 Campaign by returning your commitment form at one of the Masses over Commitment Weekend, November 21-22, 2020. Each individual's decision on how to contribute to the campaign is a very personal and prayerful experience.

| YOUR WEEKLY GIFT OF: | AMOUNTS TO A MONTHLY GIFT OF: | AMOUNTS TO A YEARLY GIFT OF: | AMOUNTS TO A 2-YEAR GIFT OF: |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| \$962 | \$4,167 | \$50,000 | \$100,000 |
| \$721 | \$3,125 | \$37,500 | \$75,000 |
| \$481 | \$2,083 | \$25,000 | \$50,000 |
| \$240 | \$1,042 | \$12,500 | \$25,000 |
| \$96 | \$417 | \$5,000 | \$10,000 |
| \$48 | \$208 | \$2,500 | \$5,000 |
| \$24 | \$104 | \$1,250 | \$2,500 |
| \$10 | \$42 | \$500 | \$1,000 |
| \$5 | \$21 | \$250 | \$500 |
| \$2 | \$10 | \$125 | \$250 |
| \$1 | \$4 | \$50 | \$100 |

HOW ONE-TIME GIFTS AFFECT OUR GOALS

It is important to state that our goal is to involve every family in the parish in this effort. Gifts of every size matter and are needed. Because our first goal is to retire our building debt, one-time gifts can have a special impact on our campaign. For every \$1,000 one-time gift we receive at the kick-off of the Phase 2 Campaign, we will save \$80 in interest on our loan. If even just \$100,000 in kick-off gifts are donated in November, we could save \$8,000 in interest over 2 years. Please prayerfully consider if this option is available to your family.



WHY IS MAINTAINING MY REGULAR OFFERTORY GIVING IMPORTANT?

While we ask each household to pray and consider what might be possible in terms of supporting the Phase 2 Campaign, it's important to reiterate that any campaign gift be considered above and beyond regular offertory support. The work of our parish remains very important and while the campaign proposes to enhance our ability to do this work, supporting our annual operating needs remains our top priority.



Why are the Pledge Commitment Forms Important?

- Greater than 99% of the Phase I Pledge commitments were fulfilled. Using this knowledge as great assurance of your pledge allows the leadership of our parish to accurately plan for the achievement of our goals.
- The commitment forms we receive back will assist us in determining if the campaign is able to support retiring the debt before our loan matures (and needs to be refinanced) in December of 2021.
- Your pledges will inform us whether or not we can finalize drawings and bid out the lower level during this winter when contractors may have more time to review our plans.

How to Complete the Commitment Form:

- Please make sure your contact information and pledge is clear and legible, so we can accurately record your commitment.
- You can fulfill your gift by pledging future payments over the 2-year campaign or by giving your gift now as a one-time payment. Let us know if you intend for your pledge to be a continuation of your Phase I pledge or if you wish to start a new pledge.
- Record the total amount you wish to give in the \$ field.
Mark an (X) to choose how frequently you will be making payments.
Weekly (104 weeks) Monthly (24 months) Quarterly (8 quarters) Annually (2 years)
- Next, record your method of payment. If you wish to use electronic methods of payment and are unsure how they work, please make a note on the commitment form, and parish staff will reach out to you.
- Using gifts of stocks, required IRA minimum distributions, and/or commodity assets can be to your benefit. Contact your investment advisor to find out if you qualify to give gifts in this way.
- Sign the form, tear it off the brochure, and seal it in an envelope.
- Send in your commitment form via mail, place it in the parish office drop box, or if you are attending Mass, bring it to Commitment Weekend, November 21-22, 2020.
- The two-year giving period is December 1, 2020 through November 30, 2022.
- Please call the parish office with any questions (608-325-9506).

Your St. Clare of Assisi Parish Leadership

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Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Two-Year Holy Ground Building Fund Commitment

Step 1 : Commit

In support of our parish goal to retire our building debt by the end of 2022 and finish out the lower level:

- I/We will continue our prior appeal giving. We pledge to give \$_____ total from December 1, 2020 through November 30, 2022. I/We will continue with Weekly Monthly Quarterly Annual payments.
- I/We will newly pledge \$_____ total to be given from December 1, 2020 through November 30, 2022. To fulfill this pledge, I/we will give Weekly Monthly Quarterly Annual payments.
- I/We would rather retire the building debt immediately. Enclosed is my/our one-time gift of \$_____. Please make checks payable to St. Clare of Assisi Parish.

Step 2: Payment Type

- I/We will use my/our contribution envelopes mailed to the home.
- I/We will make our pledge payment/gifts through the automatic ACH withdrawal program. My/Our pledge/gifts will be taken out of my/our account on the 10th of each month. If I/we do not already use this withdrawal program, the parish will contact me/us to get setup.
- I/We will use the online giving option through our parish website: www.stclaregreencounty.org.

Other Giving Opportunities (optional)

- I/We intend to give gifts of stock or other assets. The estimated value is \$_____. Please contact me/us.
- I/We included St. Clare of Assisi Parish in my/our will or estate planning. Please contact me/us.
- I/We are not able to give or continue giving at this time but will pray for God's continued blessings upon our parish.

Signature

Date

Signature

Date



St. Clare of Assisi Parish

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Important time dated material enclosed.

Please read immediately. Thank you.