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FOR ST. JOSEPH'S!

# FROM OUR PASTOR...

Before I ever became your Pastor here at St. Joe's, I began praying for this parish. I am someone who needs a mission so I also started writing down things I wanted for the parish, things I thought God was asking me to do, these were groups, ministries, atmospheres, and successes. Nowhere on that list was "dive into a capital campaign!" So, it is important for me to explain why we are here. When I got to St. Joe's, I could see the buildings, the leaks, and the many other issues I am sure you have seen for yourself. Still, that is not a good enough reason to do a campaign. I started going through budgets, reports, and all the administrative tasks that revealed a need for greater support, but still that was not a good enough reason for a campaign. At the same time, I began to meet you. I started meeting the kids in the school, in PREP and you parents. I met lifelong parishioners and many who had just

moved to the area. I met with couples wanting to baptize their new child, and with families who were struggling with loss, and I met with people building up friendships through service. So why are we doing this campaign? It is because of you and yours, it is because I really believe we are a family, and to live out our faith and build up our future sounds like the perfect way to go about loving our Lord together! We are setting out on a monumental work, it is beautiful, inspiring, difficult, and so blessed! Even after all of this fundraising and work is completed, the reason for the work will still be here, you and your family, your neighbors, and community. My friends, this work will not solve every issue there is in our lives, but the parish will serve those in need more readily, it will comfort families more easily, it will inspire people with more vigor, and it will raise up a holy parish family around it to the praise and glory of Jesus Christ our Lord.

In Christ, Fr. Eric Boelscher

UPCOMING  
DATES

- Jan 26-Feb 6 - Information meetings
- Feb 5th- Mar 6th - Spiritual Emphasis Phase
- Mar 5th and 6th - Commitment Weekend
- Mar 26th and 27th - Campaign results announced

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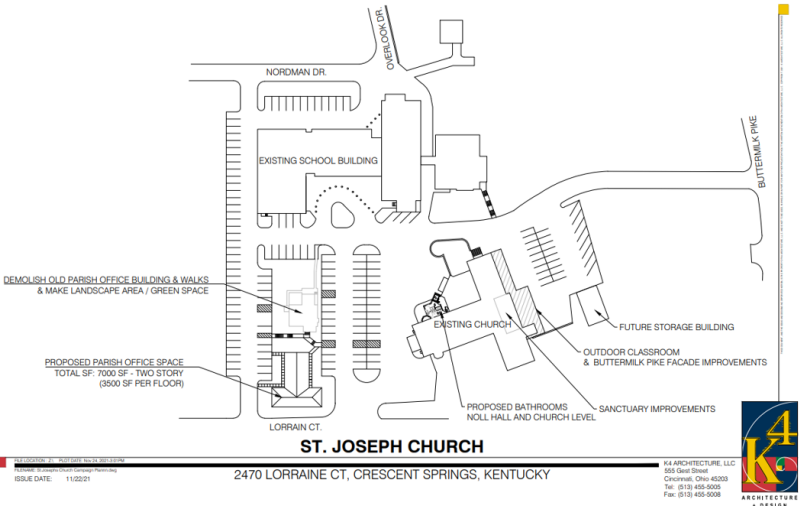
## A CAPITAL CAMPAIGN NEWSLETTER

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## PLANS MOVE FORWARD

The *Living Our Faith, Growing Our Future Campaign* continues to move forward and take shape. The committees are working hard to plan events to engage the entire parish. From January 26th-February 6th, parishioners will be hosting information meetings and all parishioners are invited to join and learn more about the needs of the parish and why each project is needed. The Youth and Children's Committees are planning ways to teach our children about stewardship and how they can help to grow our future. Our Commitment Events team is working on creating fun events after the Masses on March 5th and 6th to attract parishioners to attend and make a commitment. Meanwhile conversations with major donors are underway and already successful. While not finalized, the design concepts, including site plan, floor plans, and renderings, are preliminary concepts, and are under development to create the future base for our ministries. All of



this with the goal to bring all in our community to the knowledge and love of Christ and His Church. It's an exciting time for our parish, read on to learn more about why this work is so important.

## FROM OUR HONORARY CHAIR

*I was honored when Father called me to assist in the Capital Campaign. I have been a member of St. Joseph Parish for 45 years. Father Boelscher asked me for my support for the Capital Campaign to cover necessary major improvements at our church. Like myself and so many others have done in the past, it is again our time to support Father and St. Joseph Church with our time, talent, and financial support. Like always, working together, we will meet our goal!*

Matth Toebben

## PRAYER FOR OUR ST. JOSEPH PARISH



We thank you Lord for the gifts you have given us to live our faith with you and through our parish. Please continue to guide us in building our future with you and be a blessing to others in our parish. We ask this in your name through the intercession of St Joseph, Amen.



# NOLL HALL

I'm not an expert on mold, but there is definitely black stuff growing on the carpeted walls where the water comes in. I'm afraid to see what is behind it and worry that its not healthy for the kids to be eating in here. When it rains hard, water comes in from both sides and through the doors at the bottom of the ramp. We use floor mats and fans to try and dry it up.

Mrs. Amy Borchert, Cafeteria Manager

# MEETING SPACES

As Pastoral Coordinator of the women's Bible Study, Walking With Purpose, it is sometimes challenging to find adequate meeting space for the weekly sessions. It is probably a blessing that we did not have a need for child care this year, or I'm not sure where we would have put those kiddos! There are many other groups that have a need for meeting spaces and both large and smaller spaces are needed.

Nancy Metzger, WWP Pastoral Coordinator

Both the Summer Celebration (Festival) Planning Committee and SJS AAA (Athletic & Activity Association) leadership team have experienced challenges with the current SJS meeting spaces. Either the meeting spaces are too large (Noll Hall - leading to communication challenges) or too small (Parish Office - where we are all on top of each other). Additionally, the lack of technology in the current meeting spaces has presented obstacles as well with no ability to share visual items and no ability to host/connect conference calls for audio participation.

Matt Zeck, Summer Celebration Co-Chair, SJS AAA President

# PARISH OFFICE

Several aspects of the office pose safety concerns; steep stairs and ramps make it difficult or impassable for those with impairments to access the office and the 2nd floor, the pipes are so old that water jugs are brought in for drinking water, visitors are not visible to the front door without opening it, and some of the electric is knob and tube and has been known to throw sparks across the room. Additionally, office walls do not provide for private conversations, the windows are drafty, the basement is damp and storage, meeting space and technology is inadequate.

Comments from Parish Staff and Volunteers

# THE SANCTUARY

Our current sanctuary is the product of adjustment after adjustment, each time this was done it was done with very good intentions but perhaps without a unifying vision of what worship should look like and what the sacred liturgy requires. A result of these various efforts is that each separate work may have its own beauty but the sanctuary lacks harmony and functionality and this bleeds into our worship. The ultimate result is that we quickly lose focus of what matters most.

Fr. Eric Boelscher

Only recently have I begun to understand the importance of the sacredness of the worship environment and frankly ours is almost horrifying. I am totally in favor of the improvements and willing to commit dollars too.

Anonymous Survey Respondent

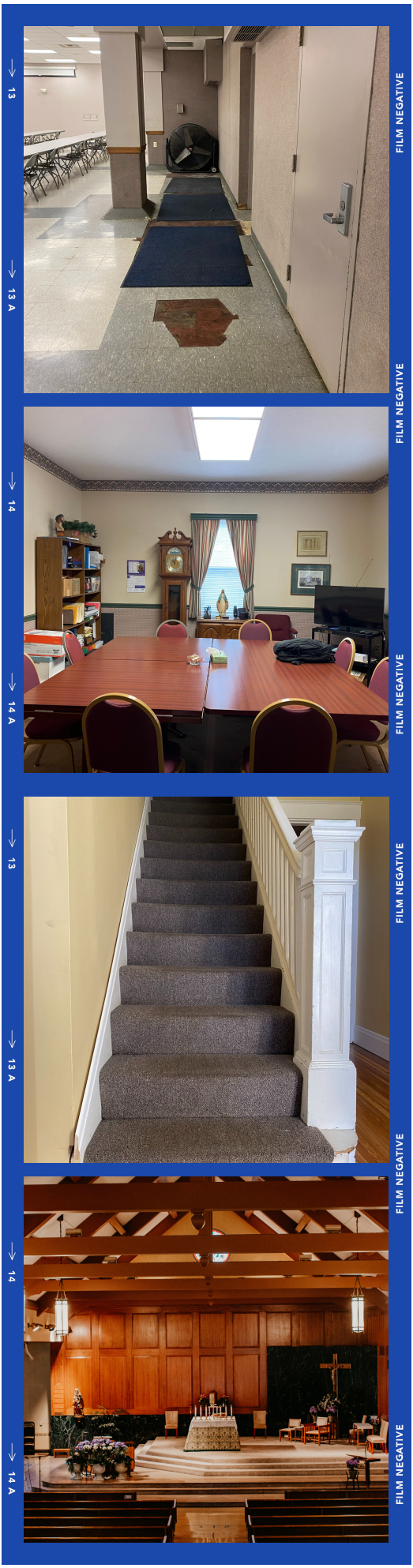
When I look at the altar and the interior of the church, St. Joe's is not the backdrop I prefer for the sacraments of my family's lives - especially a wedding.

Anonymous Survey Respondent

# TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

With increased access to technology during the school day, we realized that computer class, as it has been, needs to evolve. The original inventors of computers were creative, team-oriented, critical thinkers, and problem-solvers. While it is still important that students improve their typing skills and learn how to navigate a Windows computer, we need to change our focus from using the technology of today to helping students develop the skills to fix, improve, and invent the technology of the future.

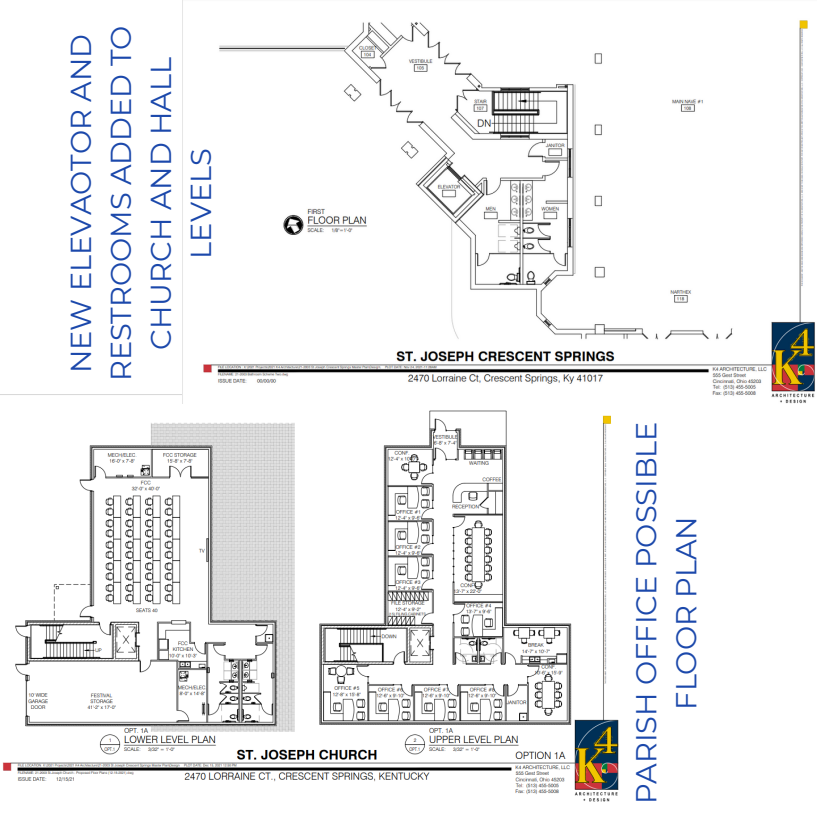
Mrs. Natalie Brockmeier, SJS Computer Teacher



# THE IMPROVEMENTS

## SO MUCH TO LOOK FORWARD TO!

- New roof over church and rectory to stop the leaking
- Complete remodel of Noll Hall with new meeting spaces and equipment
- New ADA bathrooms on both church and Noll Hall levels
- Elevator to transport from church to hall
- New sound and light systems for church
- New quiet and efficient HVAC system for Church



- New build parish office with adequate office space, large and small meeting spaces, storage, elevator between floors and more
- Sanctuary upgrades to provide focus on the presence of the Eucharist.
- STEAM lab equipped with technology, furniture, sink and electric

**NOTE: The design concepts shown are preliminary and will continually be revised based on feedback received and incoming information. Updates will be shared with the parish as they become available.**