



Our Faith, Our Legacy, Our Turn

Dear Fellow Parishioners of St. Mary's,

Over the past seven years, we have been blessed to see the size of our parish family grow from 900 to 1319 families. We are also blessed with a beautiful and historic church for Parish Worship. The connector building has The Falardeau Gathering space for various activities, meeting space and ample business office functionality. Lastly, the beloved St. Mary's Academy has been teaching our children for over 71 years. Just as with any building or home there are standard repairs and maintenance that need to occur.

During the years, we have made numerous repairs and improvements to our property, (i.e. renovation of pews, replacing church floors, refurbishing the Falardeau Gathering Space). As good stewards of this campus it has prompted us to evaluate more deliberately the overall condition of our parish facilities.

Upon the recommendation of our Trustees, Finance, Parish Council, as well as our Pastoral Team we will be embarking on a capital campaign to address the many projects that have been identified. We have secured the services of Kearns and Associates to conduct a feasibility study with our parishioners.

The funds raised will remain in the parish in a restricted funds account for parish facilities maintenance and improvements. There have been many projects identified. Some of the projects are listed below. They could cost up to 1 million dollars.

- Point and patch stone on the southside of the church.
- Address water infiltration in the basement of the parish center.
- Install a security system with cameras for the church and school.
- Install a lift chair on stairway to choir loft.
- Re-pave parking areas in front of church, school, and rectory
- Continue to refurbish and paint exterior wood molding around church's stained-glass windows.
- Repair the school brick chimney and replace/refurbish the cross.

- Update rooms in rear hallway of church behind sanctuary.
- Upgrade youth group room.
- Repair church pillars by front steps.
- Rectory upgrades to include kitchen, carpeting, and window A/C units.
- Replace eight (8) original [1940] wrought iron windows in bathroom, vesting, ministry, and choir step areas.
- Address roofing issues for the gymnasium and the garage, including the sunroom in the rear of the garage.
- School Boiler which provides both heat and hot water to both the school and Parish Center.

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Our stewardship at this time will ensure that St Mary's will continue to serve its parishioners and the larger communities needs for the years to come. There will be more communication over the next several weeks.

At the Masses next weekend we will be conducting the parish survey to determine feasibility. After the results are received and calculated, I will report back to you the findings. From there, we will determine the best next steps.

Thank you again for all you do to make St. Mary's the wonderful Parish we know it to be! We would not be who we are without your presence and dedication! Please keep the success of this campaign in your prayers.

With every prayerful wish, I remain,

Prayerful yours,

Fr. Cliff

(Rev.) Clifford Auth