A PLACE FOR
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a future for all



ST. MARY
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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WELCOME

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Mary,

For generations, St. Mary has been a place where faith is nurtured, families are formed, and lives are transformed through the love of Jesus Christ. Our parish has been blessed with remarkable growth, vibrant ministries, and a strong commitment to serving both our parish family and the broader community. As we look to the future, we are called to ensure that our facilities reflect and support the mission God has entrusted to us.

This campaign is about far more than bricks and mortar. It is about creating sacred spaces where future generations will encounter Christ, receive the sacraments, grow in discipleship, and build lasting relationships within our faith community. **It is an investment in our children, our families, and the future vitality of St. Mary Parish.**

Throughout the planning and discernment process, I have been inspired by the generosity, dedication, and vision of our parishioners. The enthusiasm expressed during our feasibility study affirmed what I already knew — that the people of St. Mary care deeply about the future of our parish and are committed to ensuring that it remains a thriving center of Catholic faith for decades to come.



Every family will have the opportunity to participate in this important endeavor according to their ability. Whether through prayer, financial support, volunteer service, or encouragement, each contribution will help make this vision a reality. **Together, we can accomplish far more than any one of us could alone.**

I am especially grateful for the leadership, volunteers, and parishioners who have devoted countless hours to preparing for this campaign. Their commitment reflects the spirit of stewardship that has always been a hallmark of St. Mary Parish.

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As we embark on this journey together, I ask you to pray for the success of this campaign and to prayerfully consider how God may be calling you to participate. **Let us move forward with confidence, trusting in God’s providence and inspired by the countless blessings He has bestowed upon our parish community.**

Thank you for your faith, your generosity, and your commitment to the mission of St. Mary. I look forward to what God will accomplish through us as we work together to build a strong and vibrant future for our parish.

May God bless you and your families.

In Christ,
Father Joseph Van Phung

ROOM TO GROW

More children, teens, young adults and families are finding a home at St. Mary, but the spaces designed to form and gather them are increasingly stretched beyond their intended use. This campaign gives our growing parish the room it needs to worship and grow together.

230+

More than **230** children enrolled in faith formation programs.

350

The parish needs a space for **350** people to gather for events and fellowship.

72%

Youth ministry attendance has grown by **72%** over the past four years.

When we make room for people, we make room for faith to grow.



IDENTIFIED NEEDS AND PROPOSED SOLUTIONS

1 FORMING THE NEXT GENERATION

St. Mary's serves more than 230 children in its K–12 Faith Formation program, yet **our current spaces cannot adequately accommodate them.** As participation grows, children need environments where faith is formed through prayer, relationships, experience and community.

Opportunity:

Create flexible, dedicated spaces for children, youth, young adults and small groups. These spaces will be designed to form faith and foster lifelong engagement in the Church.

2 INVESTING IN YOUNG PEOPLE

St. Mary **youth ministry attendance has grown by more than 72% over the past four years**. Research and pastoral experience show that young people are more likely to remain engaged in the Church when they experience belonging, meaningful relationships and welcoming, purpose-built spaces.

Opportunity:

Create dedicated, age-appropriate ministry spaces that foster faith formation, mentorship, community and long-term engagement in parish life.

3 GATHERING OUR COMMUNITY

Our current multi-purpose room is used for parish activities and classrooms, but it is not large enough for our current needs. **We need a space that can welcome our whole parish** for events, celebrations and important moments in parish life.

Opportunity:

Build a **flexible, multi-purpose space that can seat up to 350 people** for parish-wide activities and rentals. This frees our worship space for its primary purpose: worship.

4 BUILDING LASTING FELLOWSHIP

Young adult population in our parish has grown, bringing more gifts, energy and faith. **They are actively participating in ministries and serving as catechists and leaders.**

Opportunity:

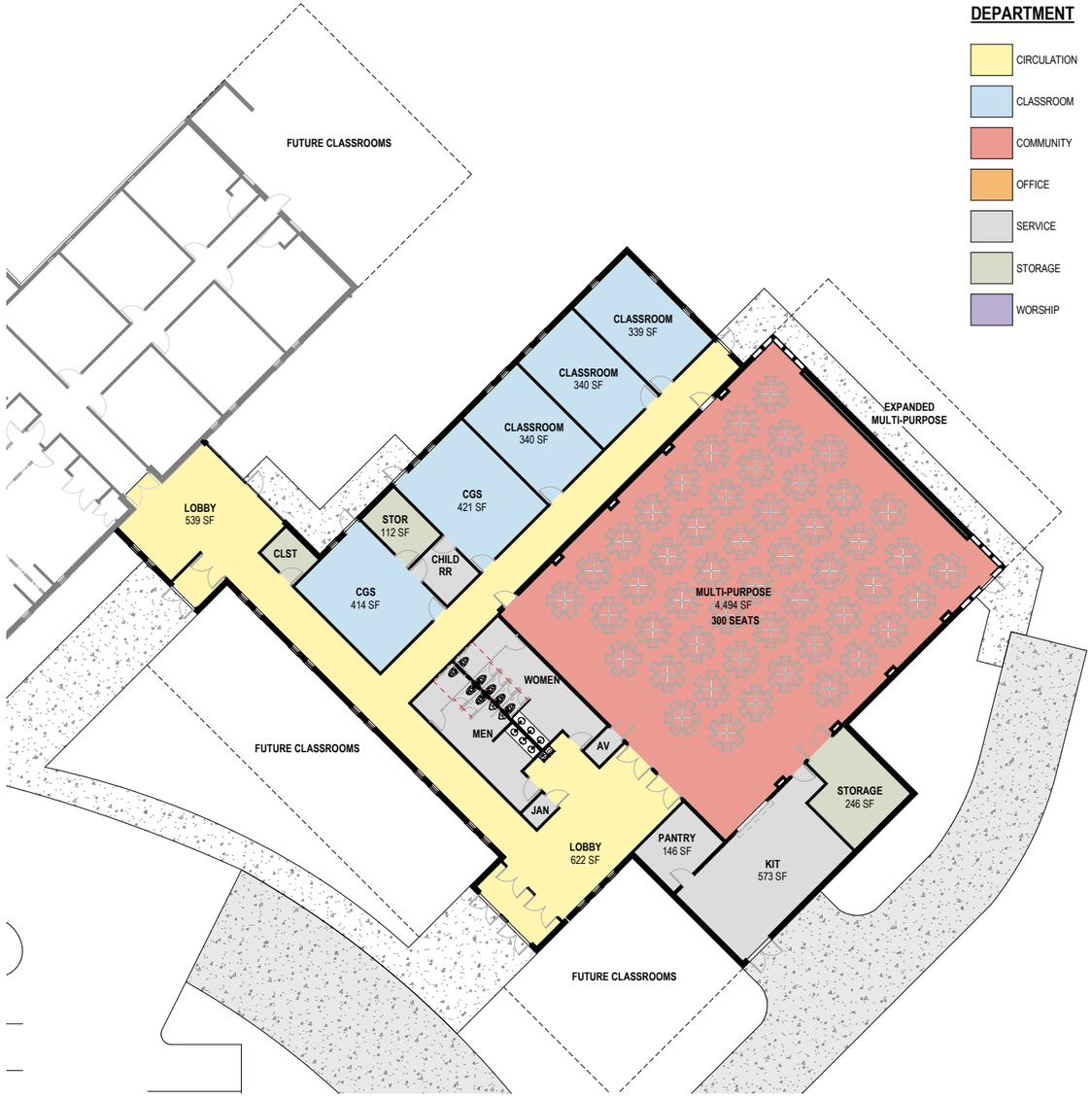
Create spaces for our middle school, high school, college-aged and young adult parishioners to **gather, worship and serve together**.

PROJECT RENDERINGS









ESTIMATED COSTS

Faith Formation and multi-purpose room addition	$4,596,750
Kitchenette remodel	$50,000
Site improvements	$360,000
CONSTRUCTION TOTALS	**$5,006,750**
Liturgical furnishings and artwork	$5,000
Kitchen equipment	$137,903
Furnishings	$114,919
Design and construction contingency	$500,675
Design fee	$440,594
Escalation*	$237,921
Capital Campaign expenses	$50,000
TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF PHASE I	**$6,493,761**
COLLECTIONS TO DATE *(from building fund)*	**$1,000,000**
TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF PHASE I *(minus collections to date)*	**$5,493,761**

**Escalation is the planned or anticipated increase in the cost of labor, materials, or equipment between the time an estimate is prepared and the time the work is actually performed, often due to inflation, market volatility, or supply chain changes.*

SCALE OF GIVING

NUMBER OF GIFTS	GIFT AMOUNT	TOTAL
1	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
2	$500,000	$1,000,000
3	$250,000	$750,000
5	$100,000	$500,000
11	**GIFTS OF $100,000 OR MORE**	**$3,750,000**
10	$50,000	$500,000
12	$25,000	$300,000
18	$15,000	$270,000
25	$10,000	$250,000
35	$6,000	$210,000
40	$3,000	$120,000
65	Under $3,000	$100,000
205	**GIFTS UP TO $50,000**	**$1,750,000**
216	**TOTAL GIFTS**	**$5,500,000**

COMMEMORATIVE OPPORTUNITIES

Multi-purpose room and gathering center
$1,500,000

Kitchen
$500,000

Educational wing
$500,000

Outdoor parking expansion
$250,000

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd atrium
$125,000

Faith Formation classroom
(several available)
$50,000

EXPLANATION OF GIFTS

A pledge is a written indication of a financial commitment made as a lump-sum payment or scheduled payments (monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, annually) made over a period of usually 5 years. St. Mary Catholic Church will gratefully accept gifts to the "A Place for Everyone and a Future for All" campaign in the following ways:

FIVE-YEAR COMMITMENT
A five-year commitment is the most common method to maximize this project and is made with monthly, quarterly, or annual payments. For some, there may be a desire to make a significant one-time, lump-sum payment to best suit the donor's abilities.

SECURITIES
Gifts of appreciated stock, securities, or paid-up life insurance policies offer significant tax savings to the donor. They are credited at the fair market value the day the appreciated security is gifted. By contributing appreciated stock, the capital gains tax may be avoided.

IN-KIND GIFT
Providing goods or services that directly impact the building project itself.

IRA AND/OR 401K
Withdrawals from an IRA and/or 401K accounts by individuals 70.5 and older may contribute a gift from a retirement account using QCD (qualified charitable distribution) for a direct contribution of up to $100,000 per year. This contribution can also be used to satisfy a RMD (required mandatory distribution).

DONOR-ADVISED FUND (DAF)
A DAF combines simplicity, tax benefits, and flexibility. A DAF is a charitable-giving tool that allows a Donor to make an irrevocable contribution to the DAF, for which the Donor may claim an immediate tax deduction. Over time, the Donor can recommend grant requests to IRS-approved, public charities. You receive the tax benefit when you contribute; the funds can grow over time, and you decide later which charities should receive grants. It can be an effective tool for people who want to be intentional and strategic about their charitable giving. For more information on how to set up a DAF, please consult your personal financial planner.

GIFTS OF FARM COMMODITIES
Donations of farm commodities that can be sold with the proceeds benefiting the campaign in the form of a gift. Examples include bushels of corn, soybeans, or livestock.

All gifts will be fully tax deductible to the extent permitted by law.

Online giving is encouraged.

PROJECT TIMELINE









JUNE - AUGUST 2026

- Enlist general chairs
- Revise project accommodate recommendations made in the Feasibility Study report
- Organization of launching event

SEPTEMBER 2026

- Prepare letter of request for all families
- Finalize campaign materials
- Prepare campaign packets
- **Sunday, September 20, 2026 Launching event**
- Distribute campaign packets
- Enlist and train campaign messengers

OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2026

- Messenger follow-up with non-decision families
- Initiate alumni/business community phases of campaign
- Finalize all aspects of the capital campaign
- Announcement of campaign success and begin campaign follow-up

CAMPAIGN LEADERSHIP



HONORARY CHAIR
Bishop Dennis Walsh



PASTORAL CHAIR
Fr. Joseph Van Phung



CAMPAIGN LEADER
Tara Menke

GENERAL CHAIRS

Howard and Jenny Anderson
Travis Beard
Nathan Guess
Brian Huddle
Matt Kissinger
Keith and Chrissy Mann
Jeff and Tara Menke
Dustin and Kendra Monat

LAUNCHING EVENT COMMITTEE

Katelyn Bierl
Katelyn Freeseman
Natalie Madsen
Danielle Shuman
Kaitlin Taylor

NON-PARISH FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

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Pat Bortscheller
Mike Buchheit
Peter Chido
Travis Eisenbarth
Kevin Hansen
Clayton Loyd
Lezlie Morris
Doug Polking
Gene and Janece Schmitz

Diocese of Davenport
Office of the Bishop

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ of St. Mary Parish,

As you begin your Capital Campaign, I wish to express my heartfelt admiration for the vision and dedication that have brought you to this moment. The planned enhancements to your parish facilities — new classrooms, expanded meeting spaces, and a parish hall — are far more than practical improvements. They are a concrete expression of your desire to strengthen the life of faith in Pella and to provide the spaces necessary for forming disciples among both adults and young people.

These additions will create new opportunities for catechesis, fellowship, and service, ensuring that St. Mary Parish continues to be a vibrant center of evangelization for generations to come. Your commitment to this undertaking is a wonderful testament to the strength of your parish community and to the lasting legacy you are building for the future of the Church in this corner of Iowa.

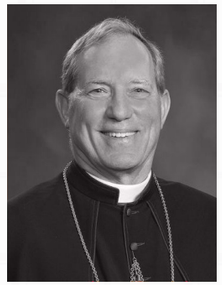
Please be assured of my prayers for you as you embark on this campaign. May the Lord bless your generosity, sustain your unity of purpose, and bring to completion the good work He has begun among you.

With gratitude in Christ,

+Dennis G. Walsh

Most Reverend Dennis G. Walsh
Bishop of Davenport

A MESSAGE FROM
BISHOP GRUSS



Dear People of God at St. Mary's,

I am very happy to hear of the growth over these past 16 years. It is a testament of the life of faith within the Pella community. Congratulations!

I recall back in the early 2000's, St. Mary's was growing, perhaps similar to today. We had outgrown our church building and needed to begin to look toward the future.

We began a campaign to buy the piece of property where the current church is located and began to imagine what the new (current) church would look like. I recall it being a very exciting time for St. Mary's community. It was meant to be phase 1 of the project. We bought the property and developed the plans for a wonderful future.

Shortly after the property was bought, I left the parish to become the fulltime vocation director. But I recall leaving with a great sense of encouragement regarding the progress and where the parish was going. I remember the joy I felt returning to the parish to participate in the dedication of the new church.

I am very excited to hear about where St. Mary's parish is now headed. As I mentioned, it is a wonderful testament to your faith and a united faith community. You have come a long way since I first came to the parish in 1997.

Be assured of my prayers for all of you and for a successful completion of what the Lord has in store for this faith community.

Peace and Joy in Christ,
Bishop Gruss

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LEARN MORE, STAY UPDATED

Scan the QR code or visit **GrowingStMary.com** to learn more about our capital campaign and plans to expand our church home.
We'll also share campaign updates and progress along the way.

Heavenly Father,

You sent your Son on a mission into this world to give us life to the fullest. You have granted us the blessings of sharing in that great mission by making Christ present in Pella, Iowa.

Send forth Your Holy Spirit upon us and grant us the Wisdom, Generosity and Charity to guide us to bring our mission "A Place for Everyone and a Future for All" forward.

We entrust ourselves to the intercession of our Immaculate Mother Mary as we make this prayer through Christ Our Lord.

Amen.