



The Catholic Community of St. Francis of Assisi

Town Hall 2018

Our Parish

Called to be a real presence of Jesus in the Highlands, the Catholic Community of St. Francis of Assisi joyfully welcomes all, serves those in need, and passes on the gifts we have been given.

The Catholic Community of
St. Francis of Assisi
MASS - SATURDAY 4:00pm - CONFIRMATION 10:00am

CHEROKEE PLAZA LOTS
 BOULEVARD NAPOLEON

NEW SECTION
 OF 3,000 FEET
 LOTS 100 TO 122

ON SALE JUNE 13
 AT
 \$26.00
 \$25.00
 \$20.00
 PER ACRE

CHEROKEE PLAZA
 & BIRD'S EYE VIEW



1885
 Louisville Bishop
 William McCloskey
 appointed Rev. Bernard
 Westermann to
 establish a new parish
 in the fast growing
 Highlands area just
 outside the city along
 the Bardstown Pike.

1895 - Big Rock, Cherokee Park. University of Louisville Photographic Archives

1886

Construction was started on a new frame church at the corner of Bardstown Pike and Bishop's Lane (now Rutherford Avenue.) Only four months later, on July 4th, the new church was dedicated. Next to the church were a wooden rectory and a frame, two-room schoolhouse staffed by the Sisters of Mercy.



St. Francis of Assisi on Bardstown Rd in the Highlands, founded 1886. University of Louisville Photographic Archives

1921

Rev. Theodore Reverman was appointed pastor, and soon began planning a new church and school to serve the fast-growing population.

1925

The new school building, housing a temporary church, was dedicated on July 4, 1925, the fortieth anniversary of the dedication of the original church.





1936

When St. Francis celebrated its fiftieth anniversary, it had grown into a community of 650 families, with 533 students in the school.

1950

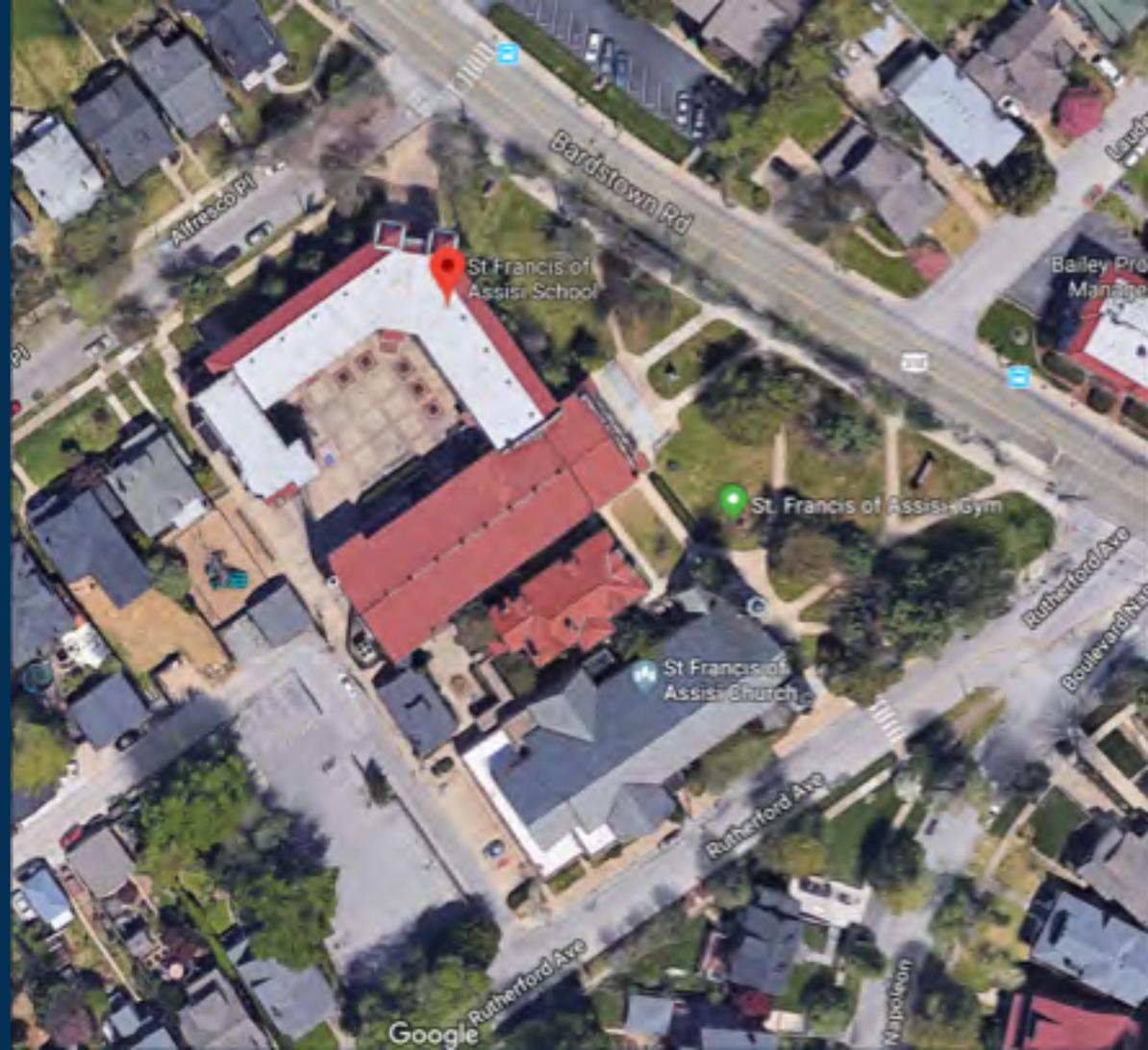
On July 4th, 1950, the sixty-fourth anniversary of the dedication of the first church, the cornerstone was laid for the current church under Monsignor Edward Link.

The original plans were abandoned for the English Gothic style designed by Louisville architects Walter Wagner and Joseph Potts. It is the only church in Louisville built of sandstone from the quarry of St. Meinrad Archabbey in southern Indiana.



Today

The campus –school, offices, church and the spirituality center– serves as the grounds for our most cherished moments –celebrating sacraments and being of service in our ministries.



Baptisms



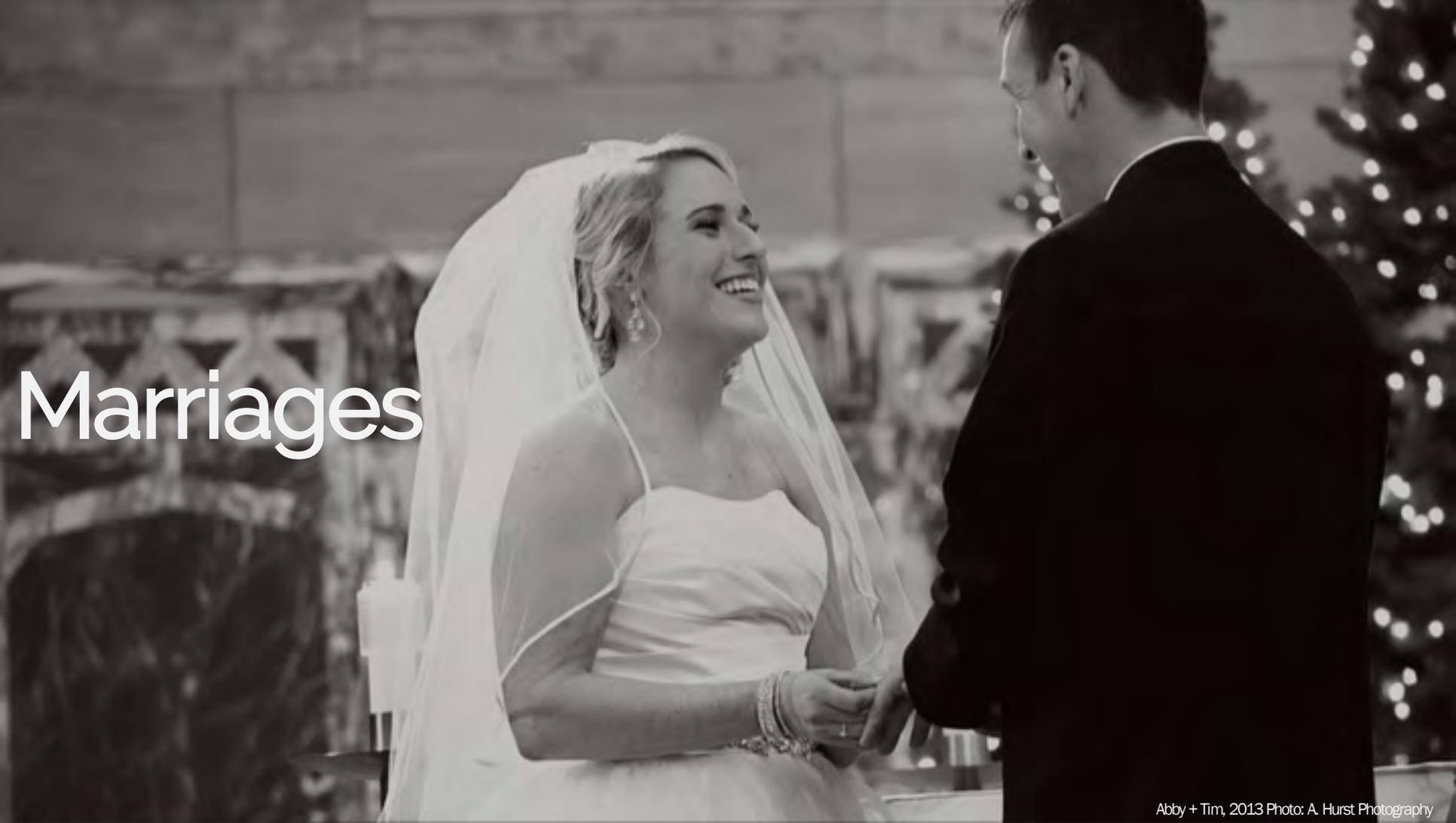
A group of young women, likely first communicants, are walking down a church aisle. They are wearing white, sleeveless dresses and long, sheer white veils. Some have floral headpieces. They are moving away from the camera towards the altar area. In the background, other people are visible, including a man in a dark suit. The church interior features stone walls, arched doorways, and a large religious tapestry on the wall. A red "EXIT" sign is visible on the left wall.

First holy communions

A photograph of a priest in red vestments and a mitre, holding a crozier, standing in front of a church entrance. A crowd of people is gathered around him. The word "Confirmations" is overlaid in large white text on the left side of the image.

Confirmations

Marriages



The background of the entire image is a close-up, textured surface, possibly stone or concrete, with a warm, golden-brown color palette. In the foreground, four hands are raised from the bottom edge. From left to right: the first hand is in a 'rock on' or 'devil horns' gesture; the second hand is in a 'prayer' or 'OK' gesture with the thumb and index finger touching; the third hand is in a 'V' or 'peace' sign gesture; the fourth hand is held flat, palm up, with blue nail polish on the fingers. The hands are illuminated from the side, creating soft shadows and highlights.

Our Parish

Ministries

Throughout the year, dedicated parishioners devote countless hours serving individuals both within and outside of our parish family.

*Eucharist to Homebound
Parish Nurses
Visitation
Yarn Matters
Martha & Mary Grief Ministry
St. John's Center
St. Vincent dePaul Soup Kitchen
Prayer Tree
Ecological Stewardship
Social Justice/CLOUT
Faith Club
Healing Blankets*

Jesse Tree

Christmas giving tree

Our Jesse Tree, a cooperative giving project we undertake with Highlands Community Ministries, provides Christmas gifts for over one hundred of needy Louisville families.





Whitley City

37 years of ministry to the poorest county in America

Our annual toy drive provides Christmas gifts for 350 impoverished children.

Monthly donations and food drives provide tens of thousands of pounds of food, feeding 600 families, including hundreds of senior citizen households.

The school supplies we buy help 450 children every year.

Fall Festival

Christmas giving tree

Our Fall Festival is more than just a fundraiser. It's a cultural event for the Parish community — and an annual celebration for our friends and neighbors in the Highlands area, who look forward to it every year.



Fall Festival



A large group of diverse students is posed on the stone steps of a brick building. Many students are wearing blue t-shirts with a logo. Several students in the front and middle rows are holding up white signs with black letters that spell out 'WELCOME'. Above the entrance, two blue banners feature the National Blue Ribbon School logo and the text 'NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL'. The building has arched doorways and windows.

Our School

Guided by our faith, we develop well-rounded, confident and moral young people. Our students go on to become lifelong learners, and leading lights in their communities.

Our parish school is second to none when it comes to academic excellence — and that's not just an opinion. Last year we were recognized as a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence by the United States Department of Education.

Our School

Academic Excellence



2017-18 Academic Achievements

- 100+ award winners at the 2018 Louisville Regional Science & Engineering Fair (includes top 3 Best of Fair) and the 2018 Kentucky State Science & Engineering Fair
- 20 award winners at District/Regional Governor's Cup
- 2 team division champions for Quick Recall at District/Regional Governor's Cup
- Runner Up in the Archdiocesan Quick Recall Tournament
- 2,000+ service hours performed by 8th graders in summer 2018
- 50 points higher than Archdiocese average on high school entrance exams
- 10 Regional 2018 Young Authors winners
- Top 10% National Terra Nova scores
- 17 students invited to the 2018 Broadcom MASTERS National Science Fair, 3 finalists
- 1 perfect score on the ACT
- 1 National Merit Scholar 2018
- 1 National Merit Semi-Finalist 2018

Our graduates

- 85% make high school honor roll
- 90% test out of high school freshman Spanish
- 50% test out of high school freshman algebra
- 98% continue service work

- Multiple students continuing science fair projects at national and international levels

2017-18 Athletic Achievements

Individual CSAA Country Championship

Individual CSAA Golf Championship

3rd Place Winner in the CSAA Cross Country Championship

2nd Place Winner in the CSAA Boys Basketball Championship



Our school has an ongoing mission to serve others. Annually, each school class is tasked with serving its own community of need — from veterans and the elderly to refugees, the disabled, and the sick and terminally ill — through the Heartpaths program.



Our School
Ministries



Photo: SFA Facebook







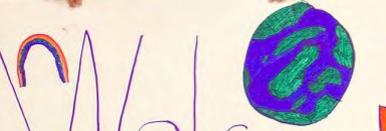
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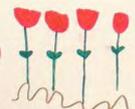
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Kentucky



Welcome!



$\heartsuit + \text{peace symbol} + \text{peace symbol} = \text{globe}$



ALL ARE WELCOME!



Our Diversity
is our Strength



All Are Welcome!

We are AMERICA





Our community is vibrant, diverse, committed and strong, but our campus is aging. If we want to be able to continue our longstanding traditions, we need to turn our attention to the practicalities that make them possible: our buildings and our campus infrastructure.





Renew

THE

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI
2019 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



Father Jeff Gatlin
Scott U'Sellis

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Kelly Meyer
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Capital Campaign Committee

Our objective is to identify, prioritize and oversee campus repairs, updates and improvements.



Parish restoration and infrastructure



1. Repair campus infrastructure

Replace and repair roofing and masonry

Repair and paint woodwork

Update mechanical, electrical and plumbing

2. Refresh all interiors

Repair and paint the interiors of all buildings
Install new flooring and efficient lighting (as needed)



A security camera is mounted on a wall, partially obscured by green foliage. The camera is white with a black lens cover. The background is a dense wall of green leaves and branches.

3. Improve campus safety

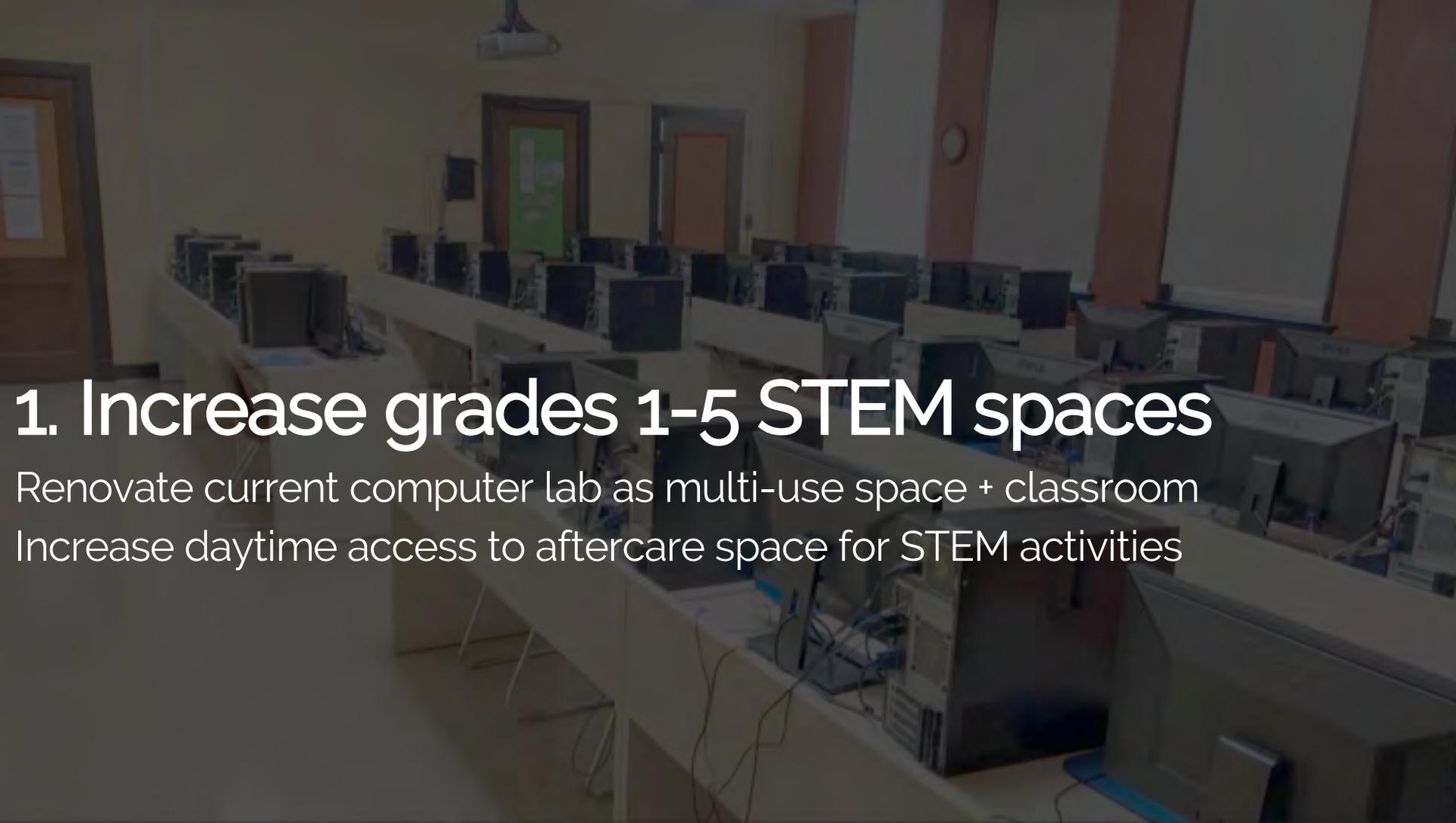
Repair pavement, steps and walkways

Repair or replace lower level windows and exterior doors of the school

Install exterior lighting, security cameras and communication systems

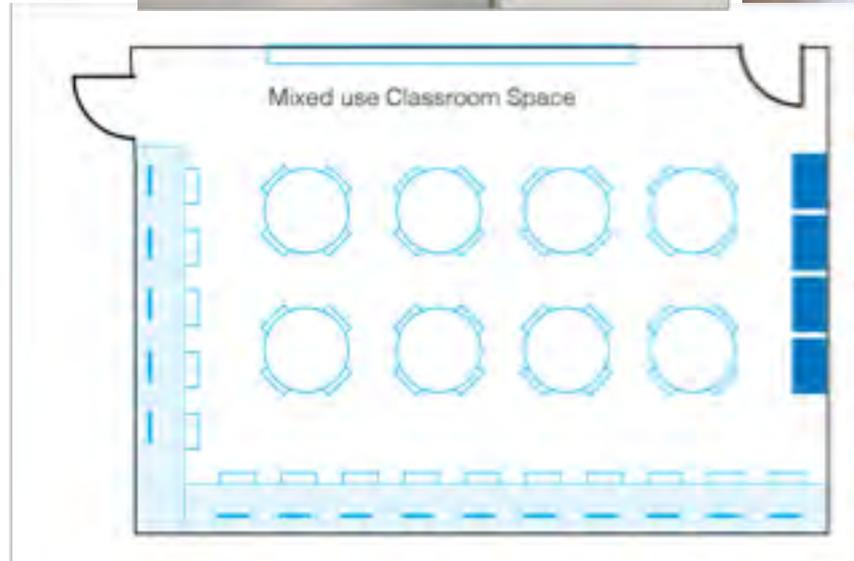


Parish School STEM and Language Arts Spaces Initiative

A photograph of a computer lab with rows of desks and monitors. The room has a white wall with a door and a window. The text is overlaid on the image.

1. Increase grades 1-5 STEM spaces

Renovate current computer lab as multi-use space + classroom
Increase daytime access to aftercare space for STEM activities





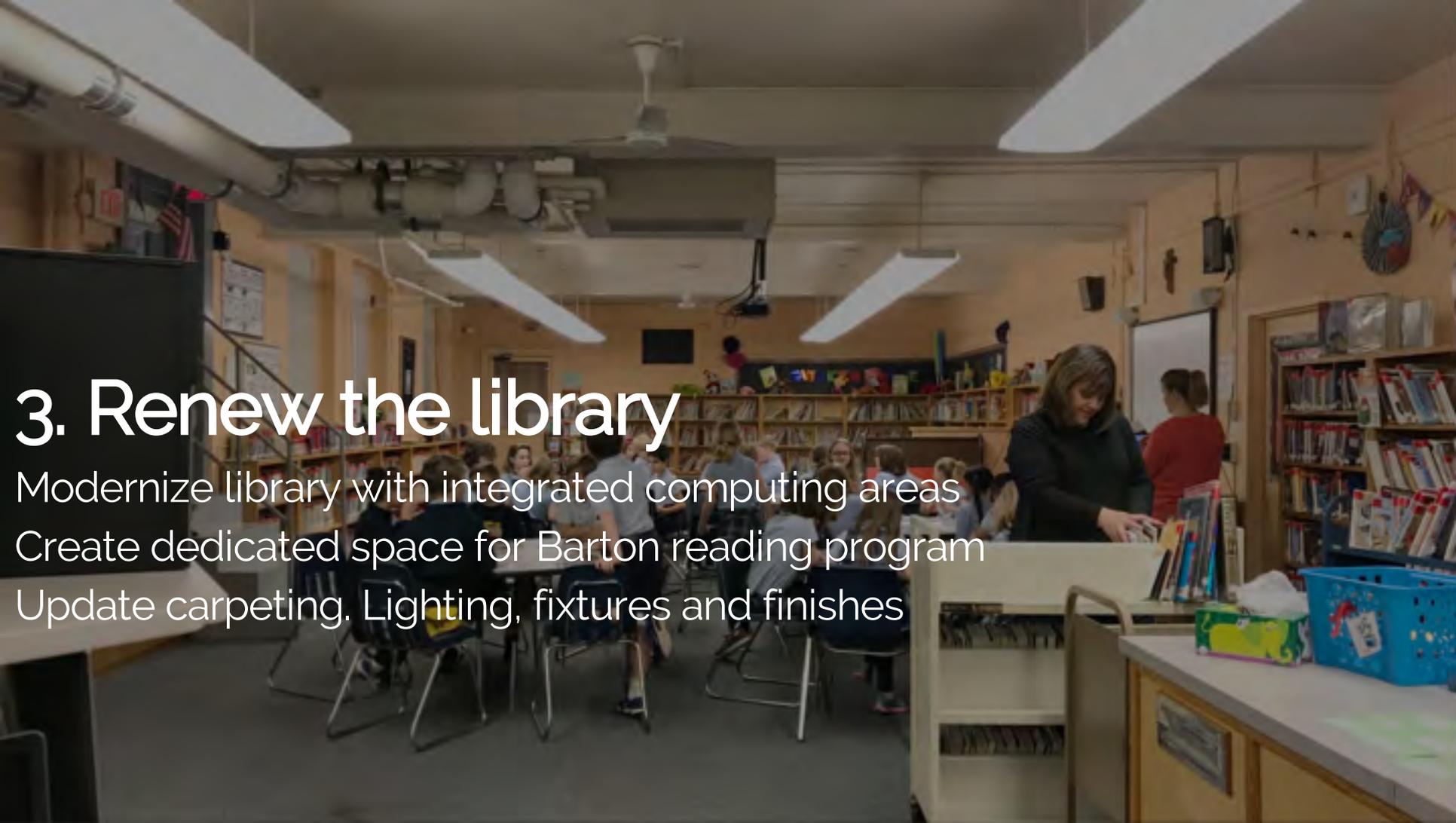
2. Upper Class Science + Language Labs

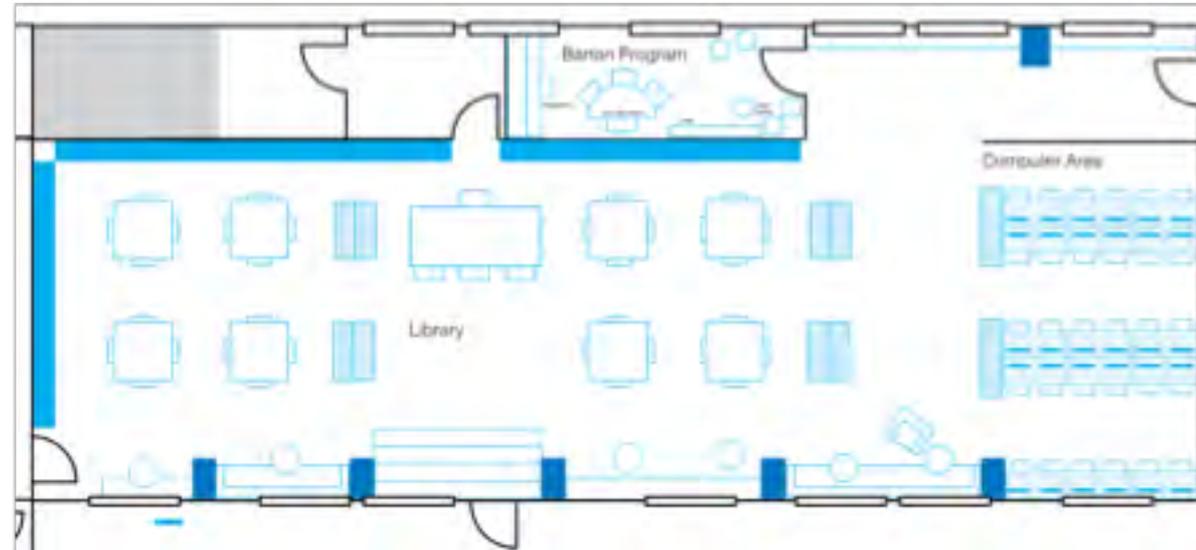
Redesign existing spaces for improved classroom experiences
Updates to include expanded storage, refurbish some material



3. Renew the library

Modernize library with integrated computing areas
Create dedicated space for Barton reading program
Update carpeting, Lighting, fixtures and finishes







Issue + Idea Cards

Please write a card for any issue, idea, question or other comment you have. Include your name and a symbol:

- ⓘ For an issue that you know
- ⦿ For ideas that you have
- ❓ For questions or comments



1. Where are we in the process? at the very beginning





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2. How long would a campaign run?
Up to 3 years





3. What is our fundraising goal?

1.5 – 2 Million

4. Where did that number come from?

Our preliminary numbers were established based on previous estimates and the industry knowledge of our committee.

5. How will money be prioritized?

Parish restoration and infrastructure is essential to maintain building safety.



6. What funding sources outside of the parish are we considering?

We will explore grants for specific projects, tax credits, and historical preservation opportunities.

7. What if I have an idea?

Great! Contribute your ideas for projects, resources, suppliers, sources of funding or any thing else that crosses your mind. We will continue to have open meetings in the spring.



8. How can I help?

You are essential in this process. First, fill out and promptly return the feasibility questionnaire that you will receive from Parish Office.

9. What's next?

The feasibility study is an essential part of our request for the Archdiocese to approve and support a capital campaign.



Thank you!

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