

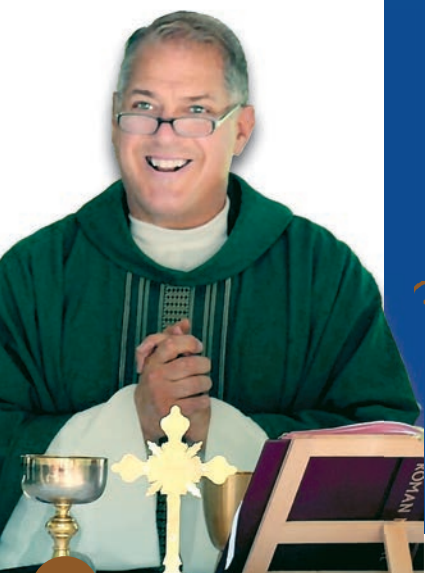


*Honoring Our Past*  
*Building Our Future*  
ST. AUGUSTIN CATHOLIC CHURCH CAMPAIGN



“Lord, I love the  
refuge of your house,  
the site of the  
dwelling-place of  
your glory.”

- Psalms 26:8



## *My Dear Parishioners,*

Since my appointment as pastor of St. Augustin Church in November 2021, I have come to understand how privileged I am to serve this community, which proudly traces its roots back more than one hundred years. St. Augustin Church is a reflection of the faith, generosity, and the determination of Fifth Ward residents. In 1911, due to the burgeoning population, the need for a new church was obvious. With the help of the diocese, a new church was established that would be located in the heart of the Fifth Ward. It is a magnificent edifice whose stained-glass windows and interior not only reflect the faith of those parishioners but also the culture inherited from their ancestors.

St. Augustin was meant to be the beating heart of the Fifth Ward, and more than one hundred years later, the church has been filled with the joy of baptisms and weddings, with prayers for the ill and injured, and has been the solemn site of mourning as each generation passed into the arms of Our Lord. It has echoed with prayers for the young men and women sent to serve this country at distant battlefields. It's held fairs and festivals, breakfasts and dinners. For more than a century, St. Augustin parishioners have been faithful servants, devoted to God, and proud of the church in which they worship. I am truly blessed to be part of St. Augustin's history.

In one hundred years, wind and weather have taken their toll on the church building. Hurricanes and blizzards and the ever-present winds off Narragansett Bay have abraded the school roof and beautiful bell tower. The estimate we've been given to accomplish the necessary repairs is approximately one million dollars. I'm asking for your help.

The generations before us erected the church and kept it in good repair for their children and grandchildren. Now, with your help, we take up the challenge to ensure that St. Augustin bell tower and school building will be sturdy and safe for the generations to come. Please give prayerful consideration to your contribution to this campaign.

We ask God to bless our endeavors and, through the power of the Holy Spirit and the intercession of Saint Augustin, inspire all St. Augustin parishioners to honor the past and ensure the future of St. Augustin Church.

Sincerely,

Fr. Mark



## *Our Church Today*

The cornerstone of our church was laid 112 years ago. During this time our church has been a place of comfort and consolation, a place of hope and challenge. Through the celebration of the sacraments and the preaching and teaching of the gospel, many have grown closer to Jesus Christ in this place. We are blessed to have many founding families still active in our parish as well as new families.

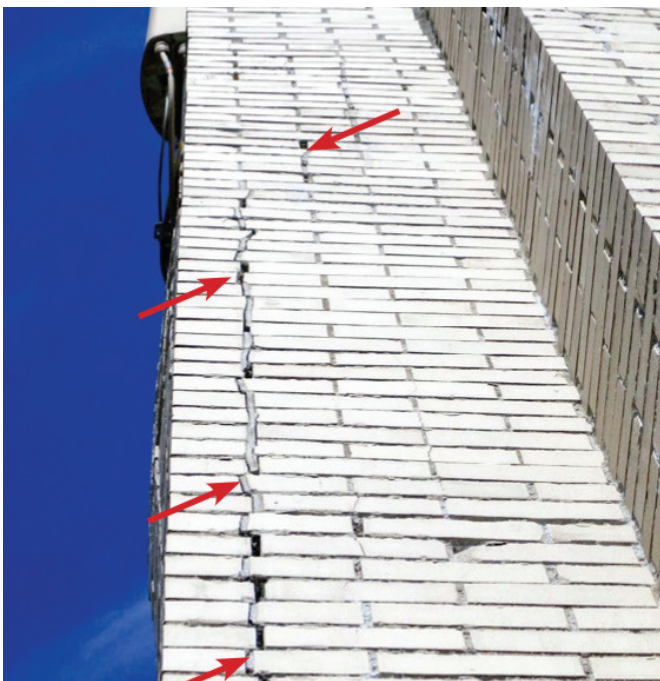
Just over 12 years ago we began our campaign entitled, "Celebrate Our Heritage, Our Parish." Generations of our devoted parishioners left us a wonderful legacy; providing us with a splendid house of worship and a school complex. It was time to address necessary repairs at the church.

Through the generosity and sacrifice of parish families, we raised over \$730,000 dollars. During this project, we worked to preserve our beautiful stained-glass windows, replacing frames and exterior sashes. We repaired and repainted the church's interior walls; replaced kneelers; and replaced flooring and carpeting in the Sanctuary and Nave. Additionally, the church's interior lighting was upgraded.

In 2021, we sold the rectory for \$445,000. Sharing our pastor, Fr. Mark Sauriol, and combining our office with St. Mary Church has allowed us to lower our expenses while continuing to provide the parish with the services we expect.

Stewardship of the parish's finances and maintenance of the facilities has been undertaken conservatively and in accordance with diocesan policies and procedures. As a family in faith, we are now being called to address our historic bell tower and parish school building.

The bell tower is not just an esthetic benefit to our church and neighborhood. It also generates revenue for our parish, as it hosts two cellular towers that contribute 20% of our yearly income







## *Project Scope*

### **Bell Tower Restoration - \$880,000\***

Because of concerns regarding the condition of the bell tower of the church, DBVW Architects began working with St. Augustin parish leadership in May 2022 to assess the current conditions. From their thorough review, the following recommendations have been made to address the deterioration of the bell tower:

- Significant cleaning to remove damaging salt build up;
- Stabilize significant cracking;
- Repair or replace damaged/deteriorating brick;
- Replace (repoint) all compromised mortar;
- Replace and reposition flashing for better runoff and drainage; and
- Temporary relocation of cellular equipment while work is undertaken.

### **School Building - \$115,000\*\***

Additionally, our parish school building requires work including:

- Replacement of the roof;
- Repair exterior of first & second floor windows.



\* indicates preliminary estimates (includes administrative costs and 20% contingency and reflects 8% inflation depending on when work begins)

\*\* indicates preliminary estimates and inflation





## *Your Decision to Give*

No one can tell you how much you should give. The individual parishioner/family is the only one who actually decides what to contribute, since the financial obligations of each family are different. Your designated gift will be held in the strictest confidence.

This is our parish and only through sacrifice can we achieve our goals. Contributions of all sizes will be gratefully appreciated. Your decision is a personal one. It should be made in good conscience and in true Christian spirit.

*Not everyone can make  
the same size gift,  
but everyone can make  
the same size sacrifice.*

## **Need For Generosity**

Our St. Augustin community is looking to raise a minimum of \$1 million through the efforts of this campaign. Every member of our parish community is integral to our success in reaching this goal, and, therefore, each family is asked to consider making a pledge to the campaign to the best of their ability.

Everyone is asked to prayerfully consider how their generosity can reflect their gratitude for the gifts that God has given them. We know that a sacrificial pledge will be a challenge for some of our parish households, therefore, it is vital to the success of our campaign that those who are able to make larger pledges do so.

**Individuals who are financially capable of pledging \$10,000, \$25,000, \$50,000, or more,** are asked to step forward and become leaders of our campaign. Please review the Suggested Gift Plans on the following page and choose a plan that is right for you and your family.

**Each family is asked to consider a minimum pledge of \$4,000 or more, payable over three years. A pledge of \$4,000, after a down payment of \$400, is \$100 per month for three years.... this breaks down to only \$3.29 a day!**

# Suggested Pledge Chart

Memorial Level	Total Gift	10% Down Payment	3 Annual Payments	12 Quarterly Payments	36 Monthly Payments	Daily Sacrifice
Founder	\$250,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$18,750.00	\$6,250.00	\$205.48
Benefactor	\$100,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$7,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$82.19
Seraphim	\$50,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$3,750.00	\$1,250.00	\$41.10
Cherubim	\$25,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$1,875.00	\$625.00	\$20.55
Dominions	\$10,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$750.00	\$250.00	\$8.22
Principals	\$8,000.00	\$800.00	\$2,400.00	\$600.00	\$200.00	\$6.58
Angels	\$5,000.00	\$500.00	\$1,500.00	\$375.00	\$125.00	\$4.11
Patron	\$4,000.00	\$400.00	\$1,200.00	\$300.00	\$100.00	\$3.29

The gift plans in this brochure are provided as a suggested guideline when considering your pledge. Please review the gift plans carefully and select one that fits your household's financial ability. Payment amounts are calculated assuming a 10% down payment for each pledge.

## As You Make Your Pledge, Please Remember...

- Payments may be made over a period of three (3) years. A longer period can be arranged if necessary.
- Pledge payments are in addition to your regular weekly/monthly offertory contribution. Your pledge payments to this campaign will be used for the specific parish needs outlined in this brochure.
- Payment reminders and a special payment envelope will be mailed to you.
- Pledge payments are fully deductible for tax purposes.
- Please make checks payable to: **St. Augustin Campaign.**

## Your Pledge Can Be Given in Memory or Honor of a Loved One

Memorial gifts are special ways of honoring the people we love, whether they are living or deceased. These memorial gifts are often made for a special intention or in thanksgiving for blessings received from God.

All contributions to this campaign will be recognized on the **Honoring Our Past, Building Our Future** memorial, to be displayed prominently in the church. By choosing a memorial gift, you will have the opportunity to make your pledge in the memory or honor of a loved one. This memorial will serve as a lasting tribute to honor the sacrifices our parishioners generously made. The memorial will display the name(s) of the person or family who made this level donation and the name or names of those they wish to be remembered

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If you have any questions about the campaign or making your pledge, please contact the parish office,  
at 401.847.0518

# *Giving Options*

**Pledges Via Cash, Check:** Simply complete your pledge card by selecting the amount of your pledge and down payment (optional, but encouraged). Make sure to select your method of payment, i.e., monthly, quarterly, or annual payments. **Please make checks payable to St. Augustin Campaign.** You will be mailed payment reminders and a special payment envelope. Once completed, please return your pledge card in the weekly collection, bring it by the parish office or return it in the mail.

**Pledges Online:** Please complete your pledge card to indicate that you wish to make your payments via electronic fund transfer from your bank account, debit or credit card. By choosing the electronic method of payment, you will need to set up the automatic payments on the parish website. **Please visit : <https://bit.ly/3J0s4ja>**

**Gifts of Stock:** Donors can use their own broker/agent or the parish agent to transfer stock. If the stock has been held long-term (over one year), the donor does not have to pay capital gains tax on the stock, and is allowed a tax deduction for the full value of the stock. Donors may also choose to sell stock in order to claim a loss, which may be beneficial for tax circumstances. In either case, the stock must first be transferred to the parish before being liquidated. Please contact the parish office for more information.

**Gifts from qualifying Retirement Accounts:** The IRA Charitable Rollover provision of the 2015 PATH (Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes) Act permits individuals age 70.5 or older to contribute up to \$100,000 each year tax-free from a qualifying IRA to charity, called a qualified charitable distribution (QCD). Additionally, the gift will count as your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) but will not be included in your adjusted gross income. Please contact your financial advisor for additional information concerning gifts via qualified retirement accounts as these provisions continue to change year to year.

**Gifts of Property, Life Insurance, Annuities, Wills or Bequests:** There are different ways to support St. Augustin Catholic Church both today and, in the years to come via planned giving. Families or individuals can make gifts of life insurance, estate bequests, annuities or charitable remainder trusts. For substantial gifts of property other than marketable securities, the IRS requires an appraisal. Please contact the parish office for more information.

*Federal and state laws on income and inheritance taxes encourage charitable giving. It may be particularly advantageous for some people to contribute stocks, appreciated securities, annuities, property or other valuables. In many cases, the tax savings may be more than your original investment in the gift. Because each situation is unique, we urge you to discuss such donations with a financial advisor.*



In Deuteronomy we are reminded:  
***"The measure of your own voluntary offering which you will give shall be in proportion to the blessing the Lord, your God, has given you".***

Deuteronomy 16:10







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## CAMPAIGN PRAYER

### *Loving God*

At this time in the life of our Parish,  
we turn to you with grateful  
hearts for what we have,  
and with great anticipation for  
what is yet to be.

Bless us with a sense of unity,  
a spirit of cooperation,  
and a generous heart  
as we face the responsibilities  
and challenges of this undertaking.

We know there is much to do.  
We believe our goals are rooted in  
Your Word and in Your Work.  
Please guide us, strengthen us,  
and bless us with Your Presence,  
now and through the years to come.

In Jesus' Name we pray,  
Amen.

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# *Thank You*

Many people contribute to the  
life of our parish and provide  
vision for our future. Our deepest  
gratitude extends to the members  
of the Parish Staff, Campaign  
Committee and Campaign  
Volunteers, who have given the  
gifts of their time and talents to  
make this campaign a success.

