



## ST. MARY OF THE PRESENTATION CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

### Campaign Prayer

Heavenly Father, We thank and praise you for calling us to be your servants. Thank you for all the blessings you have bestowed on us as a faith community. Please help us to be good stewards of the talents and resources you have blessed us with, and to remember that we are your handiwork, created in Christ to do the good works which were prepared in advance for us to do. As we seek your will and guidance, give us the wisdom to continue the work you would have us do to expand your kingdom. May we boldly share Christ with those around us. Equip us with the tools to educate current and future generations of students. We ask this with confidence through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Over the past several years, parish leadership has been working on a plan and raising money to begin construction on a new school/parish gathering space. We have recently received significant financial commitments, creating a new energy around this project. St. Mary's now has \$8.7 million in pledges and gifts. Considering this momentum, parish leadership has decided to move forward with a final capital campaign to fund construction.

Thank you to those who have volunteered and given financially in the past! We are so grateful for St. Mary's community members and their willingness to step forward when needed. As our church and school move ahead with a final campaign, we ask parishioners, parents and alumni to come together once more as one body to achieve this vision.

# OUR VISION FOR ST. MARY OF THE PRESENTATION CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

## Issues with the Current School

St. Mary's current school facility has been maintained; however, the 1925 section is now nearing 100 years old and the 1965 addition is nearing 60 years old. With age comes a number of issues that must be addressed:

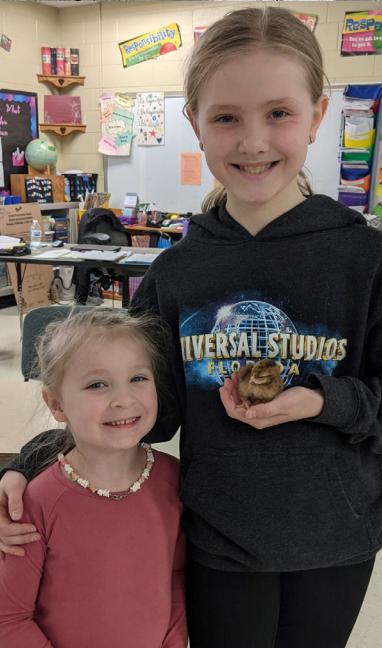
- Fire Safety and Security
- Lack of handicap accessibility to all areas of the building (upper levels, bathrooms, etc.)
- Poor energy efficiency with old windows, doors, entrances and insulation
- Deferred maintenance on masonry, plumbing, electrical, heating, cooling, and air quality
- Inadequate space to expand preschool programming
- Outdated technology infrastructure

St. Mary's Building Committee thoroughly researched renovating our current school and discovered we cannot update the section that was built in 1925. Due to this finding and the financial support provided through past campaigns, it was decided that building a new school connected to St. Mary's Church is best for our future.

## New School/Parish Gathering Space

A new school facility/parish gathering space will be built and connected to our church. This facility will include the following:

- Individual classrooms for Pre-K through 8th grade, music, and religious education (CCD)
- Collaborative Educational Spaces
- Multi-Function Media Center



- Chapel
- Gymnasium with capacity to seat 225
- Modern Kitchen & Cafeteria
- Church and School Administrative Offices
- Space for general functions of school/church gatherings
- Enhanced accessibility to the main church, restrooms, church offices, and gathering spaces

## Primary Benefits of a New School/Parish Gathering Space

- Meets the needs of current and future students with enhanced learning environments
- Greater accessibility to the church and school for all members of our faith community
- A more efficient and cost-effective school building without the need for constant maintenance and upgrades
- Adequate space for parish gatherings of all sizes connected to our church (i.e. funeral lunches; weddings, confirmation, and graduation receptions)

## INFORMATION ON GIVING TO THE CAMPAIGN

The information below is not meant to provide advice as each individual's financial situation is unique. For further information or questions regarding how to make these gifts or the tax benefits, please consult with your accountant and/or financial advisor.

Before making a commitment to St. Mary's Capital Campaign, it is important that you know the following:

- When receiving your commitment information, please take time to consider and pray over the amount to give
- We are suggesting a pledge of up to five years. This provides donors an opportunity to make a larger commitment than what might be possible through a one-time donation
- Please consider a pledge as an addition to your annual contribution
- All giving to this effort is confidential
- For questions regarding your campaign gift, please contact Nancy Grotluschen in the parish office at [ngrotluschen@stmarysschoolbreck.com](mailto:ngrotluschen@stmarysschoolbreck.com) or 218-643-5173.

## In what ways can I make a gift to the capital campaign?

### Envelopes or Electronic Giving

Most donors will make gifts and pay their pledge by check or electronic giving. Such charitable contributions may be tax deductible.

### Commodities

When giving a commodity, the donor must transfer the title to St. Mary's before it is sold. For example, if the donor delivers the commodity (grain) to the elevator, the warehouse or storage receipt must be made out to St. Mary's.

### In-Kind Contributions

Gifts of professional services and/or materials for building can be contributed to the campaign and help reduce costs.

### Appreciated Stocks, Bonds & Real Estate

Funding charitable giving with appreciated stocks, bonds and real estate may be advantageous to you and the campaign. In most cases, you will avoid paying any capital gains taxes while receiving a full value charitable deduction. To claim these benefits, stocks/bonds must be transferred to St. Mary's rather than selling them and donating the proceeds.

### Individual Retirement Account

Money from your Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) can be donated to St. Mary's. If you have reached an age where you need to make required minimum distributions (RMDs), you can avoid paying taxes by donating your RMDs. To ensure donations meet IRS rules, please work with your financial advisor and/or IRA administrator.

### Gifts from the cash value of life insurance

Accumulated cash in insurance policies can be contributed.

### Corporate Matching Gift

Many companies offer matching gift programs. A corporate match may allow you to double, or even triple the impact of your gift!

How do you secure a matching gift to St. Mary's Capital Campaign?

1. Make your gift to the campaign.
2. Check with your employer's HR department to see if a Matching Gift Program exists.
3. Ask HR for a copy of the Matching Gift Form, and complete your portion.
4. Submit the Matching Gift Form to St. Mary's!



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