



## Frequently Asked Questions

- Why are we raising money?

The funds that we raise with this capital campaign will go directly towards building a new Parish Hall – should funds raised exceed this goal, extra funds will go towards a Gathering Space to join the hall and church

- How much money are we trying to raise?

Basic Needs Goal – Raise \$1.5 Million in the next three years to build a new Parish Hall. The Parish Hall will provide SJUP a much needed space for parish social events, ministries, educational programs, small groups, meetings and more. Our capacity will increase from 100 to over 250 with this planned space.

Visionary Goal – Raise an additional \$1 Million in the next three years to build a new Gathering Space adjacent to the Church and expected Parish Hall. If our Basic Needs Goal is met, SJUP will embark on building another needed facility, a Gathering Space. The large and welcoming space will include family-friendly restrooms as well as handicap accessible entrances and facilities.

- Can I just shift my regular weekly contribution over to the campaign?

Your contribution to this campaign needs to be over and above what you normally give on an annual basis. Why? Our weekly collections fund our budget and activities, so to shift that money to the campaign would hurt the ministries of the church.

- How can I give to the campaign?

Gift	Benefit
Cash (One-time Gift)	Tax Deduction
Cash (Pledge Over 3 Years)	Tax deduction / Spread gift over 3 years, maximizes gift potential
Appreciated Assets (Stock, Bonds, Real Estate)	No capital gain / direct transfer / tax deduction on appreciate asset
IRA Charitable Rollover	For members age 70+, roll over up to \$100,000 per year on an IRA without a tax penalty
Personal Property or Gifts in Kind (Building Materials, Services, Artwork, etc.)	Tax deductible for appraised value / reduces potential cost for church / maximizes the financial resources and savings for the church



- How long will I have to pay my Commitment?

The pledge period for the campaign is 3 years.

- How do I make my Commitment?

Pledge cards and envelopes will be available to everyone in the church. They will be mailed to each household and will also be available on Commitment Weekend. Simply fill out the card with your information and Commitment amount, place the card in the provided envelope, and bring it to Commitment Weekend.

It is important that we hear from everyone. Please fill out a pledge card and submit it even if the amount is '0'

- When do I begin fulfilling my Commitment?

It can begin as early as Commitment Weekend, but we ask that you complete your pledge card within the 3 year timeframe. It's usually best to break it down into weekly or monthly payments although quarterly or annually is also fine.

- Are Commitments going to be shared or announced?

No. All Commitments are kept private and all gifts, great or small, help us to reach our goal.

- Fun things to consider when making your Commitment:

Method	Amount in 3 Yrs
Mow your own yard for 7mo/year (\$100/mo)	\$2,100
Two less restaurant meals per month (\$75/meal)	\$5,400
Donate your yearly bonus	Varies
Give up Starbucks coffee (Avg. \$16.25/week)	\$2,535
Donate one hour of pay per week	
@ \$50,000/yr = \$25	\$3,900
@ \$100,000/yr = \$50	\$7,800
@ \$150,000/yr = \$75	\$11,700