



BUILDING OUR LEGACY

2025-2028



A Capital Campaign for St. Elizabeth Catholic Parish





From Father Bob

Since the moment I arrived at St. Elizabeth, parishioners have made abundantly clear that this parish values faith, community, service and education. Undoubtedly, these are some of the best aspects of our Catholic faith. So, when parish leaders began discussing the need for major campus renovations, we knew that any projects we embark on must advance our faith, our community and our service to neighbors, and educate our youth.

The **Building Our Legacy** campaign accomplishes these goals and, as such, I ask your support for this campaign. Please take the time to carefully read through this brochure and prayerfully consider how you can support this campaign.



Together, let us thank God for the abundant blessings bestowed on St. Elizabeth Parish and seek the Holy Spirit to guide us during this campaign.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Bob Stone
Pastor



“We love St. Elizabeth because of its loving and caring community. We found a spirit of hospitality and generosity when we joined the parish in 1974, and we still find it today. We moved outside the parish boundaries 21 years ago, but there was never a doubt that we would continue to be St. Elizabeth parishioners.”

— Ellen & Kerm Fendler

Charting a Path for Faith, Community, Service & Education

Building Our Legacy: 2025-2028

In the last several years, while maintaining ongoing ministries, St. Elizabeth celebrated its centennial anniversary, completed an in-depth visioning process, conducted a facility needs assessment, navigated a global pandemic and conducted a major capital campaign. **Because of your generous and faith-filled commitment, the parish can:**

Worship and celebrate in a renovated church with a new confessional, remodeled sacristies, a new elevator and exterior ramps

Educate and mold students in a new early childhood center

Gather and build community in a new narthex and a renovated Seton Hall

Provide housing for our dedicated priests

St. Elizabeth now aims to **strengthen our faith, build our community, serve our neighbors and educate our youth** with a new phase of campus renovations, including: building the **St. Elizabeth Gathering Center**, installing a **multi-purpose field and grotto**, adding parking by tearing down the former convent and outdated parish ministry center, and **retiring the debt** associated with the ECC and rectory.

COMMITMENT WEEKEND IS MAY 3-4



Architect's rendering of the new Gathering Center and Chapel



St. Elizabeth Gathering Center & Chapel

On many days and evenings, our current facilities cannot accommodate all our ministry activities and meetings. Even more concerning, the current building being used as the parish ministry

center is outdated, structurally compromised and inefficient. We gather for daily Mass in our sanctuary which is wonderful for weekend services but oversized on weekdays.

A new Chapel will provide an intimate space for daily Masses, prayer experiences for school classes, small memorial services and daily prayer. It will also reduce operating costs and improve energy efficiency by eliminating the need to use our large sanctuary for small services.

Parishioners of St. Elizabeth will converse, deepen fellowship, learn, share a meal, or bereave a loved one in the new Social Room, which will accommodate up to 60 people. For informal gatherings, an adjacent and inviting community patio and fire pit will welcome guests.

The scouts will have a room and access to separate outdoor space for meetings and ceremonies. The uniform exchange and the food pantry will operate effectively from the Gathering Center. The Center will provide meeting rooms of different sizes, enabling ministries and programs to work productively and comfortably. School and parish organizations will have space for storage, and parish staff will have comfortable work spaces to efficiently fulfill their roles.



Financial figures are approximate and based on current estimates from our architects and the Building Committee.

Capital Campaign Goal\$5,500,000

St. Elizabeth Gathering Center & Chapel\$3,060,000

Multi-Purpose Field & Grotto..... \$335,000

Demolition, Site Preparation & Parking\$1,075,000

Contingency.....\$350,000

Retiring Debt Associated with ECC & Rectory\$680,000



BUILDING OUR LEGACY

Multi-Purpose Field & Grotto

To better utilize its campus, St. Elizabeth will update the current garden into a multi-purpose field on the Northeast corner of the campus. Children might use the field for sporting events or informal games. The parish could host activities and functions on the space.

The grotto honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary will be relocated to the South side of the field.



STRENGTHEN
our faith

BUILD
our community

SERVE
our neighbors

EDUCATE
our youth

Demolition, Site Preparation & Parking

When parishioners come to St. Elizabeth for Mass and other community events, they sometimes are left without available parking. To welcome everyone safely and conveniently, the parish will tear down the vacant convent and outdated parish ministry center and replace them with approximately 70 additional parking spaces.

Retiring Debt Associated with the ECC & Rectory

To establish the Early Childhood Center, St. Elizabeth lost its rectory. In 2023, the parish took out a loan to acquire and renovate a house adjacent to our campus to serve as a new rectory. In addition, St. Elizabeth needed to borrow a limited amount of funds to complete the construction of the ECC. To strengthen our financial health and eliminate loan payments so funds can be directed to valuable ministries, St. Elizabeth plans to retire this debt.



“We have been going to St. Elizabeth for 46 years and raised our family here. Now, our three grandchildren are here enjoying the same great educational and spiritual experiences our children experienced. We want to make sure that we keep this community here for years to come as the best place to raise your kids in Kansas City.”

— Peggy & Jim VanDyke

YOUR DECISION TO GIVE

For many of us, participation in the **Building Our Legacy** capital campaign will be one of the largest charitable gifts of our lives. Please take time to **CONSIDER** the following as you make your giving decision:

- PRAY** to discern what God might ask of you in this campaign.
- CONTEMPLATE** what St. Elizabeth parish means to you, our current parishioners, and — even more — those who will follow us.
- KNOW** that each gift, regardless of size, will be an important contribution to the campaign.
- REMEMBER** that capital campaign gifts should be in addition to your annual stewardship support.

Building Our Legacy 2025-2028 Capital Giving Request

Please prayerfully consider a campaign pledge that is four times the amount of your current annual giving over the next three years. If you are not giving annually, please consider making a campaign gift of any size. No gift is too small.

Annual Tithe	Total 3-Year Pledge	Weekly Pledge	Monthly Pledge	Annual Pledge
\$1,000	\$4,000	\$26	\$111	\$1,333
\$2,500	\$10,000	\$64	\$278	\$3,333
\$5,000	\$20,000	\$128	\$556	\$6,667
\$10,000	\$40,000	\$256	\$1,111	\$13,333
\$25,000	\$100,000	\$641	\$2,778	\$33,333
\$30,000	\$120,000	\$769	\$3,333	\$40,000

This table illustrates a number of annual tithing amounts, suggested three-year pledges and how those pledges can be fulfilled through weekly, monthly and annual gifts.



“We love St. Elizabeth because the people of the parish have always demonstrated a solid sense of community and care for one another. Parishioners bring to life the call from John’s gospel to ‘love one another’ by accepting all those who come to our parish, providing food and assistance to those who need it, offering prayer vigils for the sick or suffering, and sharing and exploring with one another how to more fully live our faith.”

— Jodie & Bob Reiter

Q&A

about your decision to give

When should I make my pledge, and when does the campaign end?

May 3-4 is Commitment Weekend.

However, you are welcome to make a pledge at any time. You can fill out a pledge sheet and mail it to the parish office or place it in the weekly offertory. You can also fill out an online pledge form on the "Capital Campaign" page of the St. Elizabeth website. The capital campaign giving period runs May 2025 through April 2028.

How often do I pay on my pledge? How do I submit my pledge payments?

How much you give and when you give is up to you. Many contributors pay a portion of their capital pledge each week or month. Some pay on an annual basis. Others make a one-time contribution. You can select a payment schedule that works for you. You can submit pledge payments using automatic bank withdrawal or a credit/debit card, offering assets, or submitting a check to the parish (monthly envelopes will be available for your convenience).

How is a capital pledge different than our annual stewardship pledge?

Our parish is sustained by annual stewardship gifts. Annual stewardship gifts pay for our on-going expenses. Our capital campaign gifts will be devoted entirely to the Gathering Center and Chapel, multi-purpose field and grotto, parking and parish debt. If you can only make one type of gift, the parish requests you offer an annual stewardship gift.



BUILDING OUR LEGACY

Opportunities for Giving

Up-front Contributions

For those who are able, please consider making up-front payments or accelerated payments on your pledge to the ***Building Our Legacy*** capital campaign. These payments would enable St. Elizabeth to begin construction sooner.

Gifts of Income

Most parishioners will support our campaign by budgeting a portion of their monthly or yearly income.

Gifts of Assets

Donating assets — appreciated stock, bonds, or property — may help you avoid paying capital gains and get a tax deduction. If you are interested in more information about this, contact Frank Medina at (816) 523-2405 x3147 or fmedina@stekc.org.

Charitable IRA Distribution

If you are 70-1/2 years old or older, you can donate up to \$108,000 from your IRA directly to St. Elizabeth. It will not count as taxable income, but it can satisfy your required minimum distribution. If you are interested in making a gift in this way, you will need to consult your IRA administrator, tax and/or financial advisor.



COMMITMENT WEEKEND MAY 3-4



BUILDING OUR LEGACY

COMMITMENT WEEKEND IS MAY 3-4

Campaign Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the abundant blessings You bestow on our Saint Elizabeth Parish.

Considering the gifts we are called to offer, please fill us with the Holy Spirit to guide us during this campaign.

Strengthen our bonds so we may be seen and known as Your disciples, showing love and mercy to all our neighbors throughout Your world.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.



St. Elizabeth Catholic Parish

4 East 75th Street

Kansas City, MO 64114

(816) 523-2405 • stekc.org

CAMPAIGN VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to the dedicated members of our parish who have led and implemented the **Building Our Legacy 2025-2028** capital campaign.

Honorary Chairs

Ellen & Kerm Fendler

Jodie & Bob Reiter

Phyllis Switzer

Peggy & Jim VanDyke

Janet & Bob Wholey

Campaign Chairs

Lauren & Jamey Bertram

Jessie & Chris Underwood

Steering Committee Members & Team Leaders

Amy Aldrich, Alumni & Non-Parishioner Outreach Team

Lisa & Eric Anielak

Judi Buchanan, Prayer Team

Lorene Faulconer, Events & Gratitude Team

Terri & George Hage, Prayer Team

Janie & Alan Lankford

Amanda & Andrew McRae, Events & Gratitude Team

Jennifer & Matt Prusa, Parish Outreach Team

Anne & Jeff Randolph, Parish Outreach Team

Stephanie & Sean Switzer

Beth VanDyke, Alumni & Non-Parishioner Outreach Team

Megan & Jimmy VanDyke, Events & Gratitude Team



Building Committee Volunteers

Chris Hafner

Alan Lankford

Sean Switzer

These campaign leaders are supported by more than 60 energetic and dedicated volunteers.