



Use of Money Raised



Who selected how our parish portion of this campaign will be used?

An array of parishioners and staff discerned that the most important needs of the parish are debt elimination, parking, and church improvements. Feedback has been gathered from parishioners for more than a year. Open listening sessions called “Deep Water” (part of building our strategic plan) allowed many parishioners to share their thoughts and dream together how the Lord is calling our parish to praise Him and to love our neighbor even more. From these conversations, much fruit has already been born, like the installation of the information kiosk in the narthex. Now, after months of consultation from Parish Council, Finance Committee, staff, and others, our goals of *debt elimination, expanding parking, and making our worship space more reverent and welcoming* were set.

What will the SJB portion of the campaign be used for first?

The very first item will be to eliminate all outstanding debt. We still have \$350,000 in debt from the school expansion, Arena construction, and from Mother Teresa’s outreach ministries building. Before we can prudently make other physical changes to our campus, our existing debt must be paid. After the debt is eliminated, we hope to make our church building itself more welcoming and reverent.

Our church building is 25 years old and needs some updates. As our worship space transforms to become more reverent and more welcoming, we hope those two graces will likewise fill our hearts as we pray together.

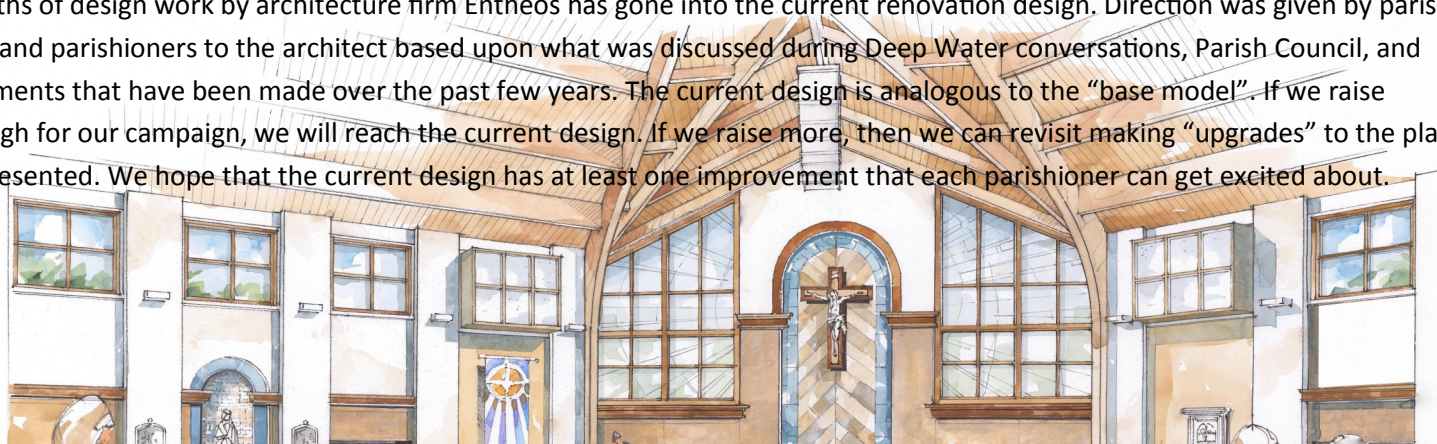
Finally, many people mean many vehicles, and that is a good problem to have! The Spirit has built an inspiring community here, and because of that, we are growing! Currently, there are not enough parking spaces to accommodate Mass attendees. At times, some must park in the grass or outside of designated spaces. We will expand parking to allow everyone who attends Mass to have a place to park.

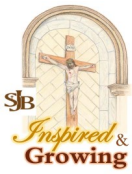
What changes will be made to the Church?

There will be several dramatic changes to the visible, interior of the church. The entry way (“Narthex”) will get updated tile flooring and a new welcome counter so that all who enter our parish home will feel welcomed. Inside the church worship space itself, we will move our SJB crucifix from the side to front and center over the altar. The statues remain in their current locations, but their nooks will be enhanced and the votive candles will be moved from the narthex to each statue area, creating a more intimate space for prayer. A designated, private area for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be carved out of the existing Reconciliation room and be open to the main worship space, and the entire interior will be painted, wood trim will be added, floors will be tiled or re-carpeted, and a ramp will be added to the sanctuary so that all will be able to access the altar, ambo, etc. Our adoration chapel will be renovated, as well, with new seating, a new altar and prayer rail, and a small breezeway will be added at the back to provide safe, quiet, 24-hour access to the Blessed Sacrament.

Can we change the renovation plans if we have ideas?

Months of design work by architecture firm Entheos has gone into the current renovation design. Direction was given by parish staff and parishioners to the architect based upon what was discussed during Deep Water conversations, Parish Council, and comments that have been made over the past few years. The current design is analogous to the “base model”. If we raise enough for our campaign, we will reach the current design. If we raise more, then we can revisit making “upgrades” to the plan as presented. We hope that the current design has at least one improvement that each parishioner can get excited about.





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Why not do something for school?

Your support for this campaign does support the school. First, our school children attend Mass in our church every Friday as well as on weekends with their families. They receive their First Communion, First Reconciliation, and Confirmation in this space, not to mention the plays, recitals and other times they visit the church. So, the church renovation will deeply impact how our children understand how to show God reverence by seeing a church that directs them toward praise. Second, the parish took on a great deal of debt when the Arena was added at the school 2002 and as the school was expanded. Our parish has been paying that debt off, and with the debt eliminated by this capital campaign, more funding will be freed up to support our school in ways beyond debt reduction.

A portion of the Diocesan funds raised will also support Catholic schools in the form of scholarships, and our parish and parish-ioners will be eligible for these.

Why not do more outreach with the money?

SJB outreach is growing. We are helping more and more of God's children in our community every year. Programs such as the Social Justice Ministry, Mother Teresa's Treasures, and the Newburgh Area Food Pantry will continue, and with debt from the buildings eliminated, we can begin exploring how to put our future charitable dollars to more direct, person-to-person use. Plus, the goal of making a human connection through our outreach ministries is to ultimately bring someone to Christ. A more welcoming and reverent church will not hurt these efforts or detract from them. On the contrary, it may inspire continued growth in our outreach.

