



OUR CHURCH, OUR LEGACY

*Standing for a Hundred Years,
and Standing for a Hundred
more...*

Dear St. Francis Xavier Parishioners,

We have much to be thankful for at St. Francis Xavier. Our parish has a rich history of worship, prayer, evangelization, service, and community for over 128 years. At one time, everything about our worship space had a unifying purpose of drawing the faithful to the mystery of salvation celebrated at the altar of sacrifice. Unfortunately, the original design and congruency of the church was dismantled, leaving the building as a piecemeal of art and architectural design which no longer bears the subtle meaning our forefathers worked so hard to incorporate into St. Francis Xavier Church. Nevertheless, today we have a wonderful opportunity to undo all that change and restore the harmony and beauty of our home, making it once more a unified place of worship.

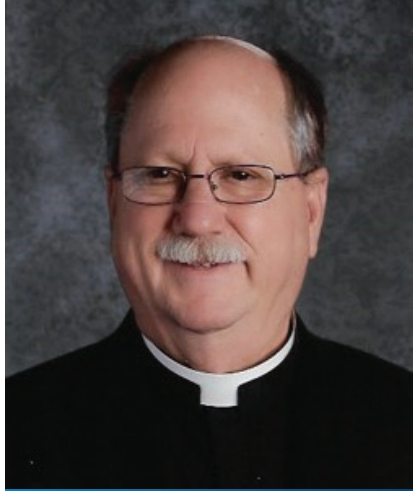
The structure of our church, so valiantly built by our pioneering forefathers, still stands as a sign to the whole city. St. Francis Xavier Church had three brilliant white altars, (two side and one main altar), crowned with gothic arches and hand-crafted spires covered with miniature wood-carved leaves. These spires ascended from the three altars as though all of creation was pointing up to God and praising Him. These spires can be found on the baptismal font, the confessionals, and the beautiful Stained Glass Windows. The Arches embedded in the ceiling become a canopy covering creation as his people glorify God. Over the years, however, the three altars and their spires were removed and replaced by a sanctuary devoid of the gothic design.

But the spires and arches were not the only things removed. Standing under those glorious arches, there once stood a crucifix tucked in the alcove of the main altar, with images of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the beloved disciple standing near the cross. Additionally, a relief of the last supper was built into the base of the main altar. The Crucifix and the Last Supper stood together showing the faithful the two contrasting elements of the Holy Mass celebrated there: the element of a Holy Sacrifice and the element of a Sacred Meal. When the high altar was removed these images were also displaced and their subtle meaning disrupted.

Now is our opportunity to step forward and honor the legacy those original pioneers gave us. They sacrificed much so that their children and their children's children might have a sacred place in which to worship. Now, I am asking you all to make a similar sacrifice so that not only you, but your children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren may worship in a place of noble beauty. As our fathers left us the legacy of this church, let us leave the same legacy for those who come after us. It is our turn to give generously for future generations and hand on a sanctuary that renders glory to God and leads those who enter it from Eden to Paradise.

Rev. Mark E. Mason and the Building and Finance Committees
of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church

Rev. Mark E. Mason



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Campaign Case »

We have a great opportunity, to act with foresight and intention, to sacrifice, and to leave a legacy that will be seen and appreciated by our children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. This rejuvenation of a beautiful edifice built to give glory to God will allow THE faithful to continue to worship in an inspiring space our ancestors intended and to focus on our most important Mission - Evangelization. After much prayer, discussion, and discernment, we have decided to move forward with the following projects.



Project Scope

- Replicate the original main altar, or “reredos”, with its towering spirals reflecting trees lifting branches to heaven. The original Tabernacle will be restored and placed back in the reredos. The facing of the reredos will display a relief of the “Lamb of God”.
- Replicate the side altars, adorning them with statues of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph. They will serve as an oleorum for the holy oils, and a reliquerim for the relics.
- Reconfigure the altar of sacrifice, complimenting the reredos, and use the relief of the Last Supper as its facing.
- Build a new pulpit and communion rails replicating the original.
- Change all the lighting and update the electrical grid.
- Replace the sound system with a sensitivity towards those who have a hearing loss.
- Paint the interior of the church to bring us closer to creation and paradise, with a window into heaven above the reredos and altar of sacrifice.
- Reconfigure the floor in the Sanctuary and Restore the wood floor in the nave of the church, reset the pews, and replace the kneelers.
- Return the baptismal font to the North alcove, with an image of Our Lady of Guadalupe.
- The south alcove be a devotional holding the images of the Divine Mercy, Blessed Stanley and Saint Toribio.
- Angels holding banners, one with the word “Prayer” and the other with the word “Penance” will adorn the upper wall on either side of the sanctuary honoring our patron, St. Francis Xavier.



Total Goal: \$2,000,000

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. When will the work begin?

A. The work will begin as the funds become available from the Capital Campaign.

Q. What will happen if we go over our goal?

A. All gifts collected after we exceed our goal will be put towards the maintenance and upkeep of our facilities.

Q. What if I never make a pledge?

A. Most people take advantage of time-payments for major purchases. A pledge to the parish Capital Campaign is a "time-payment plan" that makes it possible for you to meet your parish obligations without undue hardship. Pledges enable you to consider a more significant contribution to the campaign rather than a one-time gift.

Q. Is my pledge over and above my Sunday Offering?

A. Yes. We can only reach our goal with a little extra sacrifice. We cannot reach our goal if we reduce our weekly offerings in order to make a pledge to the Capital Campaign. The parish will continue to have normal operating expenses during the pledge period.

Q. Who will be asked to support the Campaign?

A. Every parish family will be invited to be a part of this effort. It is our hope that every parish family will a sacrificial gift for this major effort according to his or her financial ability. We hope everyone will play a conscientious role in renewing the future of the parish.

Q. What happens if I cannot fulfill my pledge?

A. Pledges are made in good faith and accepted as such. If hardship or illness prevents you from fulfilling your pledge, let the parish know, and other arrangements will be made.

Ways to Give

Stocks & Bonds*

There are added advantages to giving stocks, bonds, and securities.

Wills & Bequests

Providing for St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in your will can have significant federal and estate tax advantages. For additional information, please contact the parish office at (580) 237-0812.

Tax-Deductible Gifts

All gifts are tax deductible as provided by law. Receipts will be provided upon request.

**Talk with your financial advisor for more information on making these types of charitable donations.*

IRA Gifts*

People over 70 ½ years old may also be eligible to make a charitable gift from your IRA assets with no tax complications.

Matching Gifts

Many firms have matching gift programs to provide incentive for their employees to make charitable donations. Please ask your Human Resources department for a matching gift form. Both current and retired employees may be eligible.

Pledge Payments

You will receive reminder notices in accordance with the payment method you select. Please make your checks payable to: *St. Francis Xavier Capital Campaign Fund.*

Your Decision to Give

Together we can reach our goal!



Pray for the success of our Campaign and the Future of our Parish.

No one can tell you how much you and your family should give. Each family has different financial obligations to consider.

We can reach our goal together if every family could set aside, over the next 36 months \$1.50 per day or \$45/month.

Your gift, no matter the size is greatly appreciated. Please know that St. Francis Xavier will hold your gift to Our Church, Our Legacy in the strictest confidence.

Five-Year Gift Table

TOTAL PLEDGE	60 MONTHLY PAYMENTS	20 QUARTERLY PAYMENTS	10 SEMI-ANNUAL PAYMENTS	5 ANNUAL PAYMENTS
\$150,000	\$2,500	\$7,500	\$15,000	\$30,000
\$100,000	\$1,667	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$20,000
\$75,000	\$1,250	\$3,750	\$7,500	\$15,000
\$50,000	\$833	\$2,500	\$5,000	\$10,000
\$25,000	\$417	\$1,250	\$2,500	\$5,000
\$10,000	\$167	\$500	\$1,000	\$2,000
\$7,500	\$125	\$375	\$750	\$1,500
\$5,000	\$83	\$250	\$500	\$1,000
\$3,600	\$60	\$180	\$360	\$720
\$2,500	\$42	\$125	\$250	\$500

Fulfilling Your Pledge



Sign up to fulfill your pledge using our Online Giving at <https://membership.faithdirect.net/enroll/OK813>. You can set your recurring pledge payment using your bank account or credit card.



Explore using tax advantaged charitable gifts such as IRA distributions, Gifts of Stock or remembering the parish in your will. Contact the parish office at (580) 237-0812.



Use your campaign envelope and bring it to mass or mail it to the parish office.



Scan this QR code with your phone to be taken directly to our website.

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