

Saint Joseph Catholic Church



"I am fully committed to the required renovations while keeping the beauty and heritage of Saint Joseph alive."

Please join in the journey,
Father Eugene Schmitt

Our Time: Parish Capital Campaign

It is “Our Time” to repair, restore, and preserve the gift of our ancestors and position the parish for future growth and sustainability.

MISSION STATEMENT

Saint Joseph Parish is a place of hope and welcome where all feel the love and care of Jesus. It is the image of Christ in the community and invites all to worship, pray, and evangelize as they love and serve the Lord.

Since 1836, Saint Joseph Parish has been the heart of our community. Our current building is the third structure in the history of our parish, opened in 1880. Added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1980, it is a timeless community icon and cherished meeting place. The solid sandstone block structure is a hallmark of the Jasper community and the lives of its Catholic parishioners. Within its walls families gather for Mass, confessions, weddings, baptisms, Quinceaneras, devotion, and funerals. The church building has faithfully served generations of families. It provides for and protects all who enter in to join in liturgy, fellowship, and in community with other believers.



NEED FOR IMPROVEMENTS

It has been 153 years since construction first began, and 140 years since the church building was completed. Time and nature’s elements have aged both the structure’s physical integrity and appearance. A professional Facility Assessment performed by an architect and engineers revealed several areas of the building’s interior and exterior that require attention.

The last major renovations to the church took place over 60 years ago. It was in the 1950’s when the interior beauty of the church was enhanced with sandstone veneer walls, pillars, and terrazzo floors. About the same time, a new tile roof was installed. A decade later, in the 1960’s parishioners enjoyed air conditioning, new landscaping, and an expansion of the parking lot. In 1988, the church received a new roof. In 1995, the organ was reconstructed. Most recently, in 2018 and 2019, the church’s stained-glass windows were cleaned and restored to their original splendor.

Repairs to the building are necessary to preserve the legacy of our ancestors. But more is required to make it sustainable for generations to come. The building has aged and its

offerings haven't kept up with the needs and desires of parishioners and guests. Items like the spiral staircases are more perilous than picturesque. Antiquated sound equipment and noise created by the aging heating and cooling system make it difficult for people to hear. Limited access throughout the facility and grounds are unwelcoming. Improving the building's safety, accessibility, and atmosphere is necessary to drive future growth.

Improving accessibility to restrooms and adding handicapped seating in the nave will improve access and safety. Addressing the old HVAC and sound systems will radically improve the sound quality at Sunday Mass and special gatherings and the experience of those attending.

In addition, the creation of a new gathering space at the back of the nave will have a significant impact on the church's environment. The dedicated meeting area will extend hospitality and an invitation to all to linger in conversation and enjoy a time of fellowship. It creates a welcoming and comfortable environment for all guests and parishoners.

At the same time, enclosing the gathering space preserves the church's sacred space and safeguards it from noise and distraction. By defining both spaces, the overall experience for attendees will be made more enjoyable.

This structural change will help to transform the interior environment to a place of hope and welcome all to feel the love and care of Jesus.



PROJECT

A professional Facility Assessment of the church building and grounds resulted in the discovery of 15 immediate and short-term maintenance needs. Without repairs and restorative efforts, these areas would have continued to deteriorate and increase the cost and severity of damage and the parish's ability to achieve future sustainability.

It is “**Our Time**” to repair, restore, and preserve the gift of our ancestors and position the parish for future growth and sustainability. An investment now can transform the life of the church and the lives of its parishioners. The physical repairs to the building will restore and preserve the place of gathering, but it is the generosity of parishioners that will transform relationships and the ability to reach more people with the Good News of Jesus Christ. Together, we can be the image of Christ in the community and invite more people to worship, pray, and evangelize as they love and serve the Lord.

EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS



Exterior of Church

Extensive repairs are needed to the exterior of the building. The sandstone requires tuckpointing, resurfacing, and replacing. Repairs are needed to the north elevation entrance, the bell tower, steeple, and roof truss segments. Improved drainage of the grounds is necessary to prevent future moisture. Enhancements to the building's security systems and new exterior lighting will augment campus safety and security. In addition, repaving the parking lot and expanding the size of the drop-off and pick-up area will improve the flow of traffic and accessibility to the building.

INTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS

Inside the church building, the ceiling requires restoration and repainting due to moisture leaks that has damaged the plaster. The balcony infrastructure requires stabilization while the attic and utility tunnel also necessitate repairs. Throughout the church building, restoration to the following items is important: interior stone, decorative wall mosaics, and liturgical items. Additionally, aged environmental systems such as the HVAC, plumbing and sprinkler systems, lighting, acoustics, and sound systems require repairs or replacement.



Gathering Area into Nave



Gathering Area



Sanctuary



Back of Nave

The most significant interior improvement will be the creation of a gathering space. The new gathering space will be defined by extending and enclosing the area at the back of the nave. A beautiful glass wall will separate the sacred space of the nave from the gathering space at the entry. Three sets of doors will open between the spaces allowing for people to flow in and out. Parents of young children can enjoy the divided space if they need to exit the nave during services. The physical separation of the areas will protect both the time and space for fellowship and faith practice.

The new configuration will also allow for the narrow spiral staircases to be removed and replaced with wider staircases and accompanying handrails that meet current building requirements. The balcony will become more easily accessible and safer for choir members, guests, and parishioners to use and enjoy. The restrooms along with the parking lot, pew seating, and nave area will become accessible. Additionally, the reconfiguration of the space at the front of the nave will create a designated space for small musical and singing group performances that is ADA compliant.

Many of the proposed improvements came from parishoner input through strategic planning surveys and focus groups.

PROJECT IMPACT

The proposed building improvements go far beyond aesthetics. These changes have the ability to create lasting transformation in the life of the church. The future of the parish and its capability to be the image of Christ in the Jasper community hinges upon the changes made now. Now is “**Our Time**” to preserve the gift of our ancestors and increase the ability of the parish to evangelize in the local community and bring more people to salvation through Jesus Christ.

St. Joseph Parish Project Budget

Items	Cost
Exterior Stone, Bell Tower, & Steeple	\$1,785,000
Interior Construction	\$1,444,000
Interior Finishes	\$1,088,000
HVAC System	\$740,000
Electrical	\$717,000
Flooring	\$490,000
Pews, Organ, Sound	\$504,000
Sitework	\$453,000
Construction General Conditions	\$474,000
Contractor Overhead	\$539,000
Construction Sub Total	\$8,234,000
Construction Contingencies	\$586,000
Total Construction Budget	\$8,820,000
Soft Costs (A & E Fees, Bond Costs, Allowances, etc.)	\$1,105,000
Grand Total Project Budget	\$9,925,000

Gift Range Chart

Gift Range	# of Gifts	Cumulative # of Gifts	\$ per range	Cumulative \$	Cumulative %
\$300,000	4	4	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000	12%
\$200,000	6	10	\$1,200,000	\$2,400,000	24%
\$100,000	15	25	\$1,500,000	\$3,900,000	39%
\$50,000	30	55	\$1,500,000	\$5,400,000	54%
\$25,000	60	115	\$1,500,000	\$6,900,000	69%
11% of donors			69% of the goal		
\$10,000	100	215	\$1,000,000	\$7,900,000	79%
\$5,000	220	435	\$1,100,000	\$9,000,000	90%
32% of donors			21% of the goal		
\$3,000	100	535	\$300,000	\$9,300,000	93%
\$2,000	225	760	\$450,000	\$9,750,000	97.5%
\$1,000	250	1010	\$250,000	\$10,000,000	100%
57% of donors			10% of the goal		

INVITATION TO GIVE

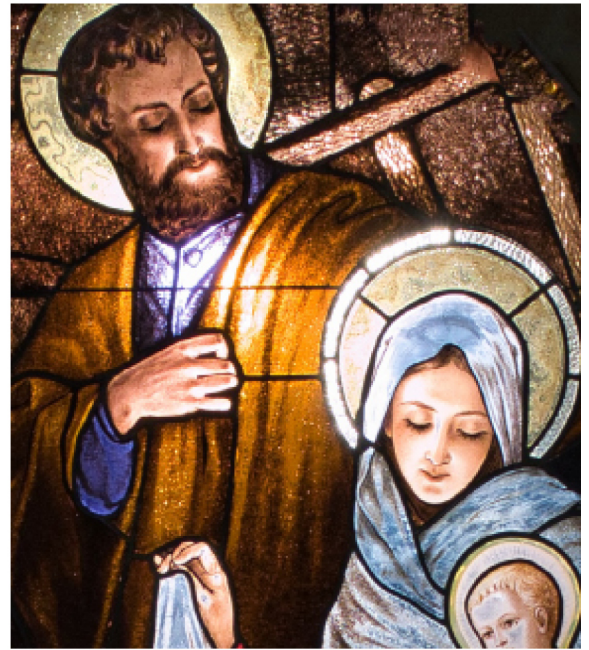
It is “**Our Time**” to repair, restore, and preserve the gift of our ancestors and position the parish for future growth and sustainability. We can’t do this without you. Your help is needed.

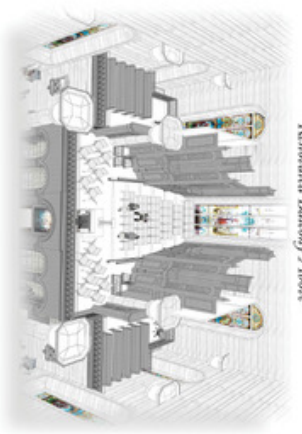
You can help out in three main ways:

First, Pray. Pray for God’s provision and your opportunity to take part in the transformation of the church.

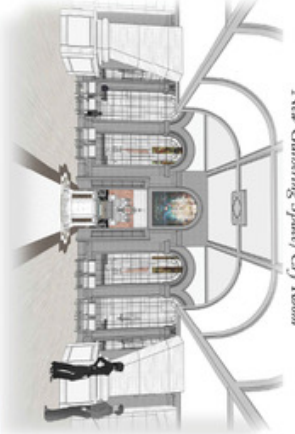
Second, give a gift today. Your gift will be used to restore and preserve the physical structure of the church while enhancing the safety, attractiveness, accessibility, and environment for parishioners and guests. Through your generosity, you can help to reach more people with the Gospel message and teachings of Jesus Christ.

Third, be a part of this movement by advocating for the future growth, impact, and sustainability of the parish. Through your kindness, you can create a place of hope and welcome where all feel the love and care of Jesus. Please pray, give, and be a part of transformation taking place at Saint Joseph Parish. Thank you!

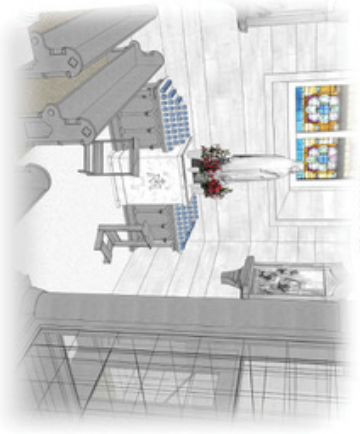




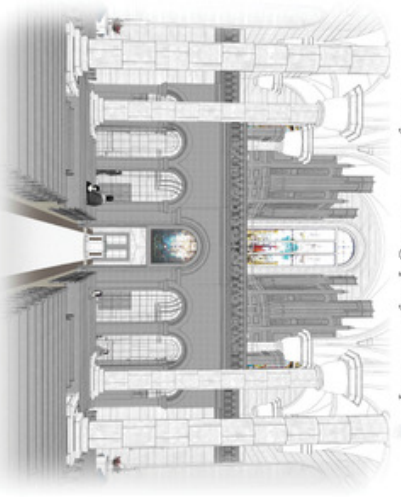
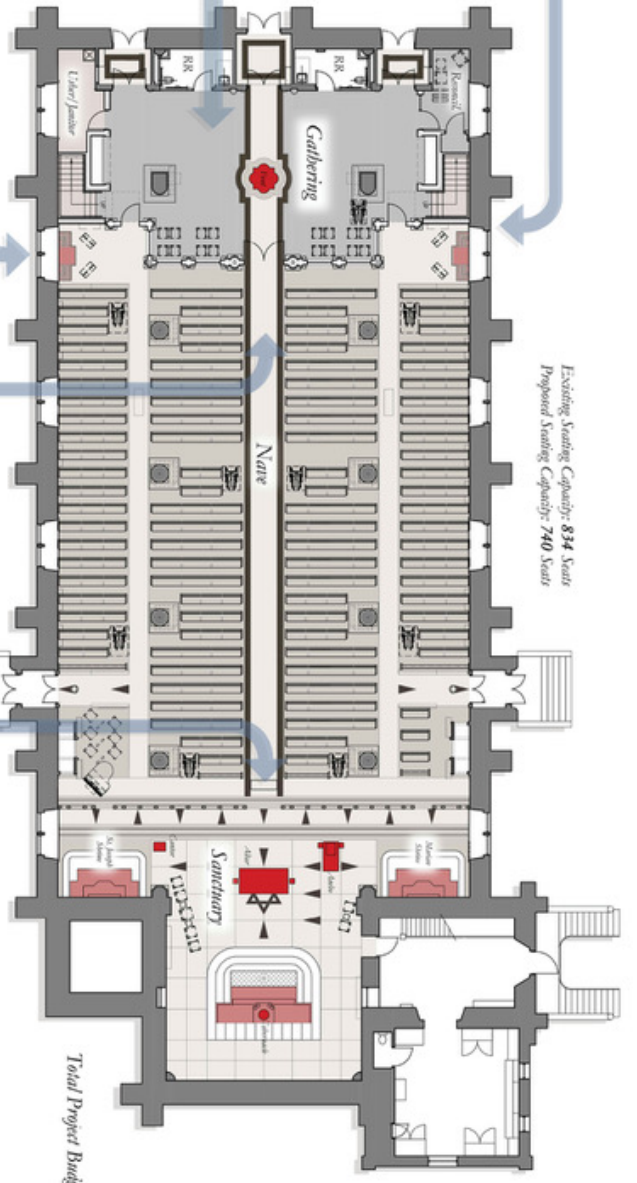
Renovated Balcony Above



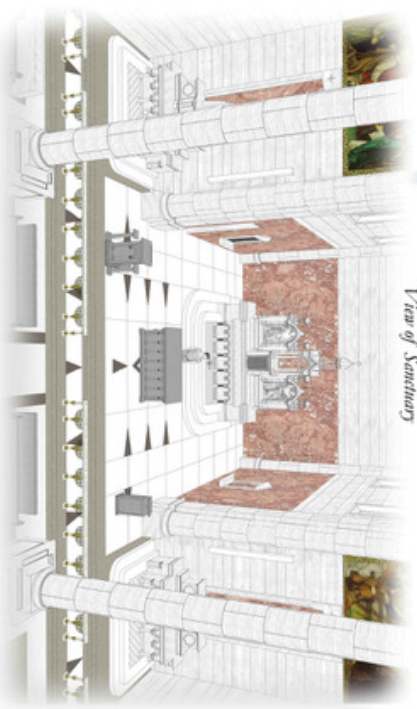
New Gathering Space/ Cry Room



Stone Area



View of New Gathering Space from Worship



View of Sanctuary



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