



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FEASIBILITY STUDY

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St. Patrick

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We have big plans to announce, we have God-sized plans to announce! Now is the time to embark on the next stage of our parish journey, and we need your help in discerning what is possible.

In the 2022 Annual Report, I wrote, “Imagine what we can do if we not only continue our generosity, but grow according to our capacity.” One of the things we have imagined is to address our parish’s space needs. The Church itself completed construction in 2002, but the Parish Center was built back in 1988 when the city of Yorkville’s population was less than 4,000 and our parish population was approximately 1,000.

Since then, the community has grown significantly, with a population of over 21,500 residents as of the 2020 Census. We are happy to report that the Parish has also grown and we now have over 6,000 members in our parish today!

While growth is a blessing which brings opportunities, it can also present some growing pains. We are at a point where our Parish Center needs improvement and expansion to address the space needs of our growing parish. This expansion would add parking capacity, improve safety and security, and make better use of the property we already own. It would add various-sized, flexible spaces to accommodate the wide variety of parish ministries and programs we currently offer, as well as those we will offer in the future. On top of that, it would also enable us to update and enhance our technology and mechanical systems in these spaces, as well as modernize the kitchen and restrooms.

How can we make this dream a reality? With your help and support! With the encouragement of our Pastoral and Finance Councils, we have received permission from the Diocese of Joliet Buildings and Properties Commission to undertake a fundraising campaign. We are in the initial feasibility study phase of the process now, and that means we need your input, your ideas, and most of all, we need your prayers and discernment.

Some may ask, why now? Is now the right time? We have prayerfully discerned these questions in our discussions with the Councils. We know that over time, the price of labor and materials will only go up, not down, and we are in immediate need of space and improvements. We do believe that this is the right time and in order to ensure we can live out our mission, we need to invest and improve upon our facilities that support it, being good stewards of the resources provided to us. We want to be sure St. Patrick remains a vibrant parish that serves its community now and for generations to come, which will only be possible with God’s guidance and your help.

Jesus, I trust in You,

Fr. Matt



Parish Center Addition

More space is needed to accommodate large parish groups to meet.

- Hundreds of children and their parents attend Family Faith Formation sessions, sometimes together as one large group, and other times in numerous, smaller breakout groups.
- Alpha, our primary means of evangelization, attracts close to 100 people per session.

Various-sized rooms are needed for groups to pray, serve others, or to enter more deeply into faith studies.

- Many ministries and organizations currently seek space offsite due to lack of space.
- Some discipleship courses have had to be offered online, rather than in-person where more personal connections can be made.

As the parish grows and ministry increases, there is a greater need for space for staff.

- Currently we have a mix of full and part-time staff totaling 16 people, which is a significant increase from the 4-6 people on staff when the offices were constructed.
- Having already converted two previous meeting rooms into group offices, there is no more space to draw from to accommodate expanding staff to serve the needs of our growing parish.

The Parish Center addition is envisioned to be located along the west side of the current Parish Center, adding up to 7,000 square feet of space. Four meeting rooms of various sizes, new office areas, new restrooms, and storage and custodial rooms are planned. Some current office space would be repurposed as part of the Parish Center renovation.

Parish Center Renovation

Safety and Security are primary goals.

- Allow for direct line of sight from the parish office to the primary entrances of the church office.
- Install a secure visitor entrance system.
- Upgraded exterior lighting.

Repurpose and/or modernize existing Parish Center space.

- The young children of our parish need a place to learn about God and be with other children in an age-appropriate, secure space – so the entire family can come to church together.
- Hospitality space in the renovated Parish Center would allow for refreshments and social gatherings after all Masses.
- Install new and improved sound dampening dividers.
- Update and enhance technology in meeting spaces.
- Expand and update kitchen.
- Update the 35-year-old mechanical and electrical systems in the parish center.

Parking Lot Improvements and Added Parking

- Improve the flow of vehicular traffic after Masses for safety and efficiency.
- Complete overhaul of the existing parking lots, improving drainage and longevity.
- Add pedestrian walkways to enhance safety of pedestrians.
- Expand parking near the St. Gianna Shrine to gain 25% additional spaces.

Estimated Costs \$3 - \$6 Million

To transform lives in Christ, by making church matter, building disciples, and seeking and saving the lost.

Feasibility Study Questions & Answers

Q. Why are we conducting a feasibility study to consider making renovation and addition plans for the Parish Center and parking lots?

A. Because we have grown! Our city has grown, our parish has grown, and our mission here has grown! The current Parish Center was built in 1988, when Yorkville's population was less than 4,000. Yorkville's population is now more than 21,000 and is projected to grow to almost 30,000 by 2029.

Since the Parish Center was built in 1988, St. Patrick has grown significantly from less than 400 families, to approximately 2,000 registered families in 2023. With a thriving and engaged parish comes increased demands for space and resources to conduct ministry and activities supporting the mission of the parish. As much as prayer and continued good works of our parish are vital to our mission, the physical space in which we do these things needs care and attention.

Q. How will the study be conducted?

A. The study will be conducted through the use of two important methods - personal interviews and an in-pew survey. These two means of data collection will provide a balance of opinions and attitudes, preserving both the integrity of the study and your personal privacy. Our Sunday Visitor, an independent, experienced, and objective outside agency, will conduct the study.

Q. Who will be interviewed in this study? How long will the interviews last?

A. A cross-section of individuals will be selected by the parish to participate in the interview process in order to reflect diversified points of view. The interviews generally last no more than 30 minutes and will be conducted over the phone by a Consultant from Our Sunday Visitor.

Q. What will happen to the study results?

A. Our Consultant for this study from Our Sunday Visitor will evaluate responses and provide an extensive analysis of the results. This will include both a written evaluation of the responses and opinions received from the study, as well as a recommendation as to the extent to which we can proceed to fulfill our dream for our parish and our church family.

More Questions?

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