

# ***Making Room at Our Table***



## ***Capital Campaign 2011***

**Church of Saint Joseph, St. Joseph, Minnesota**

## A Look at the Past



*“The church and school have been so important to our family. We believe the new facility is going to enhance the opportunities and spirit of the entire church and school community for our family and all parish families for years to come”*

**- Alex and Susan Schleper  
Campaign Chairs**



*“Hospitality is a core Benedictine value for Christian living. New restrooms will be accessible for the disabled and convenient for families with babies.”*

**- Kevin and Amy Kluesner  
Campaign Chairs**

**In 1856**, the German Catholic settlers built a log church in St. Joseph.

**In 1867**, our founding families brought stones from their fields on cattle-drawn carts to the downtown location to build our current fieldstone church.

**In 1871**, our church was consecrated by Bishop Thomas Grace. This was the first dedication of a permanent place of worship in Minnesota.

...30 years later, the church was equipped with a pulpit, red oak Gothic altar, pipe organ and four tower bells. In 1906 the tower clock began its chime.

**In 1971**, the church celebrated its centennial and raised funds to renovate the interior. These renovations were in response to the Second Vatican Council and ushered in an age of more active participation in liturgy.

**Now it is 40 years later.**

**Let us finish the good work we have begun, providing the space to welcome people into our parish and encourage active participation in church life. Let us make room at our Eucharistic and fellowship table.**

### **Mission Statement**

We, the Church of Saint Joseph, are a Catholic, Benedictine faith community. Our liturgy invites and inspires active participation and faith-filled living. Through our ministry of formation in Christ, we continue to build a solid foundation as witnesses who eagerly respond to the needs of the parish and wider community.

## *Imagine Our Future*

**Imagine** the youth eating pizza as they plan a gathering for the entire youth of the parish. There is music and laughter as they enjoy their new status in the parish, no longer elementary school children but full, participating members. As they organize themselves in small groups, they dash over to the breakout rooms with paper and markers to begin making a plan.

**Imagine** you have just attended a 10:00 am funeral. School is back in session and you can hear the cheerful sounds of children at recess. You enter an air-conditioned, comfortable space and sit down to share a story about your loved one. The elderly and disabled are able to get around easily and settle in at tables. The funeral volunteers bring lunch from their comfortable work space. They are not in the way of cafeteria workers and can easily get to the tables to serve.

**Imagine** arriving for faith formation classes. You escort your daughter to the school for her second grade class, which is preparing for First Eucharist. Then you join your spouse and your son, where they have already found space at one of the round tables in the fellowship hall with one of his friends. He is in seventh grade and you are ready for the family faith formation session. Your son points to the snacks people are preparing in the kitchen while the facilitators hand out materials.

**Imagine** your dilemma: you and your spouse both want to go to church, but you are nervous about your children, age three and nine months. You never know when one will start crying. You never know when you will need to change the baby's diaper. Thanks to the new gathering space, you have a place to take your child where you can still hear the liturgy without causing a disruption. Both the new men's and women's bathrooms have a changing table for families to use.

**Imagine** arriving for a wake before a funeral. There are a lot of people, but room for all. Everyone is able to stand together inside in the receiving line, sign the guestbook and greet each other and the family members. Although sad, the family is not crowded or hurried as they welcome relatives and friends.

**Imagine** it is a snowy, subzero Sunday morning after Mass. The coffee smells great, the grandkids have gone for a cinnamon roll and you have been introduced to a new parish family who just joined Saint Joseph Parish. They are excited about the activities and ministries they have registered for and looking forward to their firstborn attending kindergarten at the parish school the following year.

**Let us make room at our table for everyone, and expand the life and vitality of our parish.**

- Imagine groups meeting in different rooms in the fellowship hall.
- Imagine the festival chairs taking inventory of items for the Fourth of July festival that are kept in the new storage facility in the parish cemetery.
- Imagine a funeral party, a wedding party, first communicants, baptism groups and others not melting in the sun or crammed into the East Entrance but comfortable in the new space.
- Imagine holding the quilt auction in a comfortable, well-lit, air-conditioned place.
- Imagine attending the winter Mission and visiting with others who are inspired by the talks.

**We can make it all happen if we have vision and commitment, sharing our resources like those before us who brought stones from their fields.**

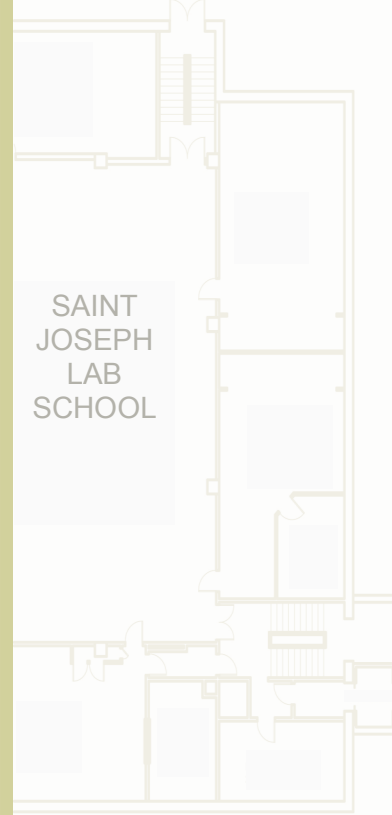
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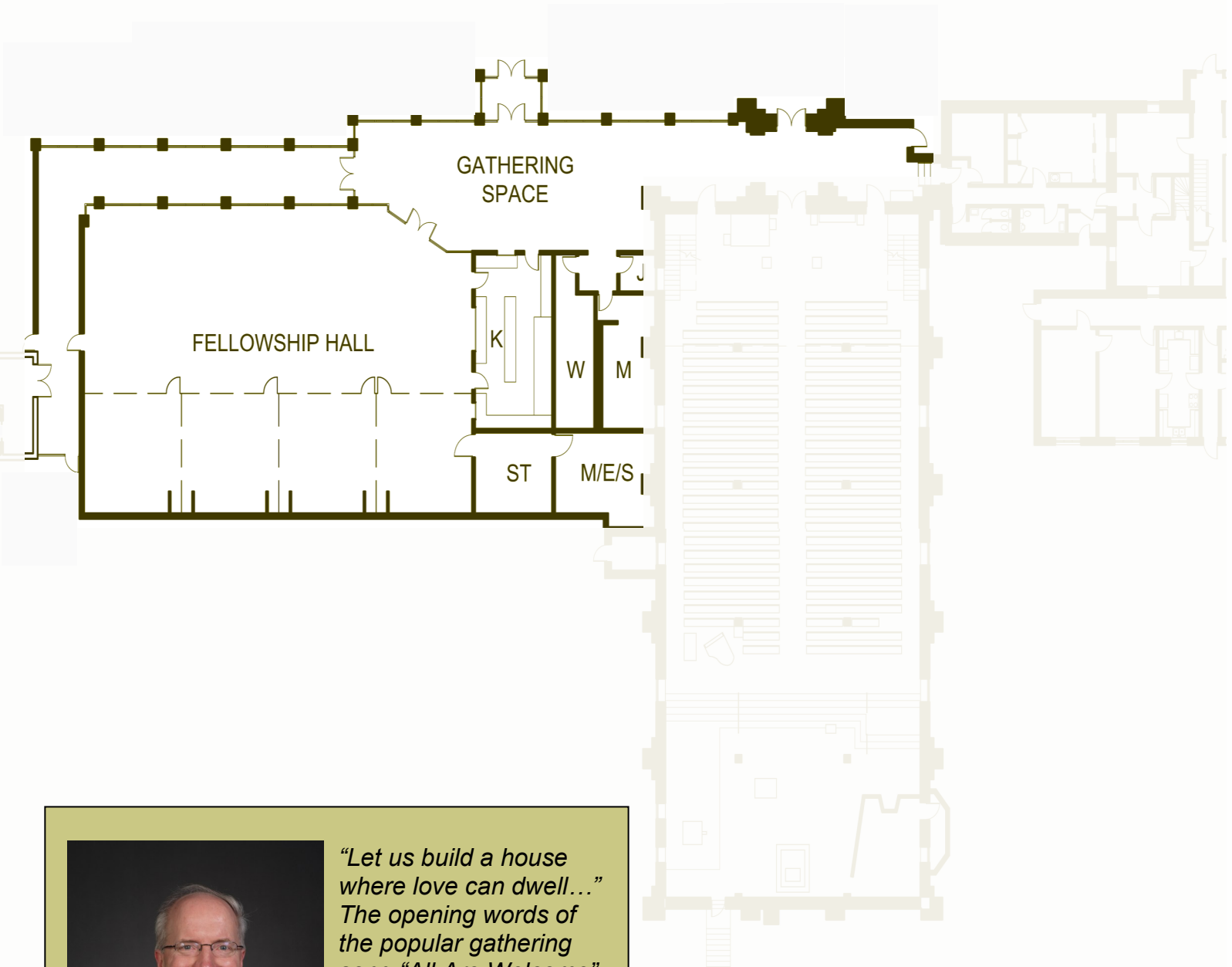
The proposed expansion includes the following upgrades and new facilities:

- Gathering Space
- Fellowship Hall
- Kitchen
- Handicapped Bathrooms
- Storage Facility in New Parish Cemetery
- Link to the Parish Elementary School
- Budget for Upkeep and Repairs of Current Facilities

**Benefits of the proposed expansion:**

- Space to more easily visit with fellow parishioners before and after Mass
- Hospitality to young families with children
- Accessibility for those with handicaps and physical challenges
- Meeting space for the numerous groups that conduct parish business during the week
- Room for the faith formation program to hold all classes during the same time
- Space for youth meetings and activities, as well as intergenerational faith formation
- A link between the school and the parish to benefit children and parents
- A facility for wakes and funeral lunches serving 250-300 people
- Room for preparation for wedding and funeral parties, Baptisms, First Eucharist and other liturgical events
- Space for informal gatherings and celebrations
- Possibilities for updated audio/visual equipment for parish meetings and presentations
- Welcoming spaces to meet and greet new parishioners and visitors
- Facilities and storage for parish programs, events and festivals
- Freedom for the school to utilize its spaces for education and expansion





*“Let us build a house where love can dwell...”  
The opening words of the popular gathering song “All Are Welcome” express my hope for this process. As we “make room at our table,” may we also make more room in our hearts, so that “all are welcome in this place.”*

- Father Joseph Feders, O.S.B.  
Pastor



*“We have been teachers in the faith formation program many times, most recently holding a confirmation class in our home. It would be such a great benefit to be able to have all the classes at the same time under one roof.”*

**- Herb and Darlene Bechtold  
Campaign Chairs**



*“We believe that in building a new gathering space, we are creating another environment for our parish to further experience the presence of Christ in our community.”*

**- Rick and Deb Baron  
Campaign Chairs**

## QUESTIONS ON GIVING

### How Much Should I Give?

As you consider what you could contribute to this church project, we ask that you keep in mind these words of St. Paul to the Corinthians:

*Consider this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. Moreover, **God is able to make every grace abundant for you, so that in all things, always having all you need, you may have abundance for every good work.***

(2 Corinthians 9:6-8)

Let us imagine together the blessings God has in store for our parish. Let us be part of the exciting development of downtown St. Joseph and welcome new residents and their families into our community. Let us make room at our table.

### Why a three-year pledge period?

A three-year pledge period enables you to make a more significant investment than might be possible with a single cash donation. Donors can realize optimal tax savings by spreading their fully tax-deductible contributions over a period of several years.

### How often will I have to pay on my pledge?

You decide if you would like to make your donation monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually. The most common way to make contributions is by using pledge envelopes. However, it is also possible to use automatic electronic deposits to make your contribution. Details will be included on the pledge card you will receive on October 2.

### How can I make my gift?

Some donors choose to make their investment in cash. What could be simpler?

Securities that have appreciated can also be converted into a donation. There are several distinct tax advantages of giving long-term securities (stock) that have appreciated.

For those 70½ years of age or older, there is currently an opportunity to give an IRA distribution directly to a charity without tax penalties. Some restrictions apply. For more information on this type of donation, contact your tax advisor or parish office.

## ONE PARISH: TWO PLEDGES

This year, we are asking you to make your annual “Sunday offering” pledge at the same time as your capital campaign pledge. Remember that your regular weekly offering helps us meet our current operational obligations. The following chart shows how your pledge to the capital campaign breaks down to manageable contributions. This gift is in addition to your weekly offering. With each payment, you will be adding to the legacy we leave to future generations.

**You may give weekly, monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually.**

### Capital Campaign three-year pledge chart

#### Gift Examples

<u>Total Gift</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Quarterly</u>	<u>Semi-Annually</u>	<u>Annually</u>
\$ 50,000	\$ 1,388	\$ 4,167	\$ 8,334	\$ 16,667
\$ 40,000	\$ 1,111	\$ 3,334	\$ 6,667	\$ 13,334
\$ 30,000	\$ 834	\$ 2,500	\$ 5,000	\$ 10,000
\$ 25,000	\$ 694	\$ 2,084	\$ 4,167	\$ 8,333
\$ 20,000	\$ 556	\$ 1,667	\$ 3,334	\$ 6,667
\$ 15,000	\$ 417	\$ 1,250	\$ 2,500	\$ 5,000
\$ 10,000	\$ 278	\$ 834	\$ 1,667	\$ 3,334
\$ 8,000	\$ 222	\$ 667	\$ 1,334	\$ 2,667
\$ 5,000	\$ 139	\$ 417	\$ 834	\$ 1,667
\$ 2,000	\$ 56	\$ 167	\$ 334	\$ 667
\$ 1,000	\$ 27	\$ 84	\$ 167	\$ 334
\$ 500	\$ 14	\$ 42	\$ 84	\$ 167



*“With a mobile society and multiple choices for worship and education, helping the parish update, expand and create community-friendly space is critical in attracting new parishioners and taking care of our existing members.”*

**- Andy and Erinn Hawkins  
Campaign Chairs**



*“More parishioners are electing to hold wakes at the church instead of a funeral home. The new environment will enable us to offer hospitality to the bereaved and the people who come to the wake to offer their condolences.”*

**- Nettie and Bob Pfannenstein  
Honorary Campaign Chairs**

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Campaign Prayer

Gracious God,  
you blessed our founders with faithfulness and stewardship,  
and for one hundred and fifty-five years  
you have sustained our call to holiness.

For this we praise and thank you.

Guide us now as “we make room at our table.”

Open our hearts that we might graciously give back  
a portion of the gifts you have bestowed upon us.

Bless our parish leaders and campaign volunteers.

Through the intercession of Mary, Saint Joseph,  
and the saints of this parish who have gone before us,  
we ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen