

# Proud of our Past...Building for our Future



St. Zachary Parish  
Capital Campaign

## A Letter from Fr. Jack

Dear Parishioners,

When I hear the story about the humble beginnings of St. Zachary Parish, I cannot help but marvel when I reflect on how much we've progressed as a parish community. Our first Mass on Christmas Eve in 1961 was held in a converted barn on our current property. We are truly blessed to still have many of our founding families as active parishioners. I'd like to express my gratitude to those families, for without them this parish wouldn't be here today.



Since that first Mass 44 years ago, our parish has evolved into a vibrant, diverse, and very spiritual community. We are entering a new and challenging period in our history. While we remain centered on the Eucharist, our biggest challenge is to find new ways to meet the needs of our parish community in the future. Those needs include youth programs, religious presentations, spiritual programs, adult education, social gatherings, and school functions.

Currently, we do not have the adequate space to conduct these programs effectively. It is a testament to the resiliency of our parishioners that we have been able to provide some of our services and ministries with such limited space over such a long period of time.

We are "Proud of our Past" here at St. Zachary Parish. However, in order to meet the challenge of "Building for our Future", we must provide the much needed space that a Parish Life Center will provide for our parish community.

This is a significant challenge. It will take many people sacrificing financially...many volunteers... and a lot of prayer. You have probably heard of the term "sacrificial giving"- we are asking for equal sacrifice from all. Some people will be able to give less, some more, according to your resources, but we are counting on you, and each person, to make a meaningful sacrifice so that we can ensure our future.

May God continue to bless St. Zachary Parish. And may God abundantly bless you for all the ways you live God's call!

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Jack Plotkowski". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Fr. Jack Plotkowski



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Today, St. Zachary Parish has over 1,500 registered families and is expected to register hundreds more in the coming years. It is time, once again, for St. Zachary's faithful to join together and meet the needs for today and the future. After numerous consultations with Archdiocesan officials, internal planning sessions, an encouraging feasibility study, and a redesign to significantly reduce project costs, St. Zachary Parish has decided to move forward with a capital campaign to construct a Parish Life Center.

The objective of the "Proud of our Past...Building for our Future" Capital Campaign is to raise \$1 million to build the Parish Life Center. The funds raised during this campaign will be supplemented by the funds raised during the Millennium Campaign conducted recently by the Archdiocese. The additional funds raised through this campaign will allow us to begin construction of the Parish Life Center. The Parish Life Center will be large enough to accommodate an array of different activities.



## Parish Master Plan

The Parish Master Plan, developed in 1989, recommended completing four major capital projects:

- Worship Area
- Gathering Space
- School and Church Sprinkling System
- Parish Life Center

Thanks to the generosity and support of our parishioners, the first three projects have been completed. At this time, the parish leadership is seeking your support in completing the remaining project, a Parish Life Center.

Our parish leaders in 1989 recognized that when the worship area was renovated, we would no longer have adequate space for large parish gatherings. The Parish Life Center will provide an opportunity for tremendous differences in the life of the parish. Every ministry will benefit from the facility. The following is a description of the facility along with how our parish and school will benefit from it.

## Description

The Parish Life Center would be a 9,600 square foot addition featuring a multi-purpose room that could be used as a gathering space for parish activities or an athletic court (basketball, volleyball, etc.). As a space for parish gatherings, it could accommodate 300 people in folding chairs or up to 100 people seated for lunches, dinners and receptions. The center would also feature a food staging area, an indoor gathering space and indoor/outdoor access.

## Uses/Benefits

As a large hall, it would provide the parish with adequate space for many parish activities including:

- After Liturgy Fellowship
- Receptions/Anniversaries
- Meeting place for parish groups and ministries
- School Performances
- Large Social Events/Dinners/Dances
- Funeral Lunches
- Indoor Activities for the Parish Festival
- Youth group activities
- A Myriad of other Church Activities
- Presentations

As a gymnasium, it will provide us with much needed athletic space for both the parish and the school:

- It would enhance the school's physical education classes
- It would allow St. Zachary to host parish intramural activities such as basketball and volleyball
- It would give St. Zachary a home gymnasium for parish teams participating in the Catholic Youth League

## Commemorative Items

The Parish Life Center provides an excellent opportunity to memorialize or commemorate. It could be in honor of a deceased family member. There will be several options that are available to everyone. Here are some areas/items that can be used to memorialize or commemorate (Dollar amounts relate to the commemorative value, not the actual cost):

Parish Life Center: \$100,000  
Multipurpose Room: \$75,000  
Lobby: \$50,000  
Floor: \$50,000  
Food Staging Area: \$25,000  
Vestibule/Entrance: \$25,000  
Seating/Bleachers: \$25,000  
Scoreboard: \$25,000

### Memory Book

Raising the funds to build the Parish Life Center will require sacrifices from all of our parishioners. It is important that the parish recognizes everyone who has made a sacrificial gift during the campaign. A “memory” book will be tastefully displayed in the lobby area of the Parish Life Center that will provide every family with a page as recognition of their generosity.

### Donor Wall

In addition to the commemorative items listed above, St. Zachary will display a donor wall in the lobby of the Parish Life Center to recognize the generous support of parishioners to this project. The donor wall will be similar in fashion to the donor wall in our gathering area. The donor wall will be reserved for those making sacrificial gifts in excess of \$5,000 over the 3-year pledge period.

## Campaign Leadership

### Pastor

Fr. Jack Plotkowski

### General Chairs

Pete Lagges  
Michael and Susan Meehan  
Sam Pincich  
Jack Smith

### Honorary Chairs

Rev. Thomas P. Conley  
Rev. Joseph McGinnity  
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### Advance Gift Section Chairs

John Ampulski  
Patrick and Nancy Filatre  
Joseph and Jean Leisten

### Special Gift Section Chairs

John and Doreen Bryers  
Karl and Carolyn Haderspeck  
John and Barbara Krukowski  
Joseph and Mary Platt  
John and Maureen Raftery  
Craig and Darleen Slater

### Follow Up Section Chairs

Josephine Barc  
William and Shirley Klicka  
Lawrence and Diane Rabicke  
John and Ann Swiderski

### Campaign Counsel

Dan Howard  
The Steier Group

## Methods of Giving

### Other Ways to Give

While the needs of the “Proud of our Past...Building for our Future” campaign are urgent, we will gratefully accept gifts in various forms, including those described below:

**Securities:** Making a gift of appreciated stock is on of the most advantageous forms of giving. For example, if you donate stock that you purchased for \$2,000 more than 12 months ago, and it is now worth \$10,000, you get a deduction for the full \$10,000, avoiding the capital gains tax on the stock appreciation.

**Real Estate:** Gifts of appreciated real estate are similar to gifts of stock. If you have owned the real estate for 12 months or more, you will avoid capital gains taxes and may deduct the fair market value of the real estate.

**Charitable Remainder Trusts:** The trusts are funded with an asset and the earnings are paid as income to your beneficiaries. Upon the death of the last beneficiary, the principal goes to St. Zachary Parish.

**Charitable Lead Trusts:** Similar to a Charitable Remainder Trust other than it is the accumulated interest earned that is paid to the campaign. When the trust reaches it’s termination date, the principal goes to the beneficiaries.

**Life Insurance:** You may donate to the campaign by making St. Zachary Parish the beneficiary, or partial beneficiary, of your insurance policy.

**Time & Talent:** There are many opportunities for parishioners to assist with their time and talent as defined further in this document. “Sweat Equity” builds community while offering another avenue to positively impact the campaign financially.

### Charitable Giving Information

As you make your decision on your pledge, please remember that your pledge payments are tax deductible, as provided by law. Because laws are always changing and each family is unique, St. Zachary Parish encourages you to consult with your family and financial advisor(s) to determine which method is most beneficial to you.

There is great flexibility in how you can give to the campaign. Some will choose annual, some quarterly, and some monthly payments. We understand this program only works if it works for you and your personal financial plan. Below are some examples of how a pledge can be paid:

3-year Pledge Period	Annual Gifts	Semi-Annual Gifts	Quarterly Gifts	Monthly Gifts
Total Pledge				
\$100,000	\$33,333	\$16,667	\$8,333	\$2,667
\$50,000	\$16,667	\$8,333	\$4,167	\$1,389
\$25,000	\$8,333	\$4,167	\$2,083	\$694
\$15,000	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$1,250	\$417
\$12,000	\$4,000	\$2,000	1,000	\$333
\$9,000	\$3,000	\$1,500	\$750	\$250
\$6,000	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$500	\$167
\$3,000	\$1,000	\$500	\$250	\$83
\$2,500	\$833	\$417	\$208	\$69
\$2,000	\$667	\$333	\$167	\$56
\$1,500	\$500	\$250	\$125	\$42

## Campaign Prayer

Dear God – our loving Father:

Help us know that when we help others, we help ourselves.

As we work together to build a Parish Life Center here at St. Zachary,

We remember the many times we have turned to

Each other since that first Mass in 1961.

We pray that we may know we will be providing much needed space for our ever-increasing activities...

From our children...

To our Goldenaires...

To our wonderfully varied ethnic groups.

Help us know a Parish Life Center will give us all a way of working together.

Help us, we pray, to live Jesus' words:

“Love your neighbor as yourself”.

Amen

# St. Zachary Parish

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