

2025

RISE AND REBUILD

A CAPITAL CAMPAIGN *for* **CHRIST THE KING PARISH**

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**Very Reverend
Matthew Cormier, V.F.**
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Dear Family,

Despite the crosses and storms of recent years, we still have much to be thankful for at **Christ the King**. Our "little church by the airport" has a rich history of worship, prayer, evangelization and family life for 23 years as a parish and even before that for nearly 50 years as a mission chapel and for 30 years before that as the small St. Elizabeth Chapel on Lincoln Road. This amounts to over a century of existence.

Christ the King Parish has often been referred to as a "family", and that has certainly been my experience in the thirteen months that I have been your pastor. Since the storms of 2020, our campus has been reduced to a double wide trailer, but it is still a welcoming family home and house of prayer. In our small space, we are still able to worship Almighty God, celebrate the sacraments, and provide faith formation for future generations. We are, however, acutely aware of the limitations that we experience, which include the lack of a parish hall for parish activities.

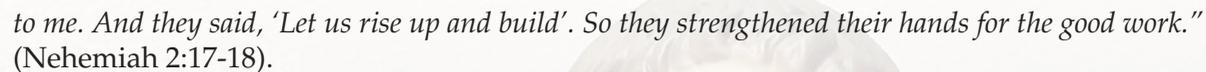
In the Old Testament, when the tribe of Judah was carried off into exile in Babylon, the temple was destroyed along with Jerusalem and its walls and gates. Yet, there remained behind in that destroyed city, a small remnant. As a remnant remained in Jerusalem, so a remnant remained at Christ the King and endured the tight quarters. Teachers have taught in makeshift classrooms. Without a proper office and a diminished collection, employees lost jobs. Large families who had trouble fitting into the small space found other parishes to call home. In that time, over a million dollars were raised. Plans were made. Plans fell through. Missteps were made. But in God's providence, it works out for good.

After a series of delays, our revised plans for a new church have finally been advertised for public bidding. Once a favorable bid and contract is complete and a loan approved, the rebuilding can commence.

Since we are a small parish, the majority of our weekly collection will go to paying the loan note and even though FEMA reimbursements are finally obligated, there are no guarantees on how long it will take for those funds to be released. Therefore, after months of reflection, prayer, and extensive consultation with the parish councils, we are embarking on a capital campaign to raise \$700,000, that will allow us to complete the building of the new church and begin paying back the loan.

This campaign is entitled "Rise and Rebuild" which is inspired by the Old Testament Book of Nehemiah which recounts the rebuilding of the walls and gates of Jerusalem so that Temple worship could be reestablished.

"Then I said to them, 'You see the trouble we are in, how Jerusalem lies in ruins with its gates burned. Come, let us build the wall of Jerusalem, that we may no longer suffer disgrace. And I told them of the hand of my God which had been upon me for good, and also of the words which the king had spoken



to me. And they said, 'Let us rise up and build'. So they strengthened their hands for the good work." (Nehemiah 2:17-18).

The enclosed brochure shares the necessary plans to ensure that we raise the funds necessary to rebuild God's house and continue to grow Christ's Kingdom here at **Christ the King**. Whether you have remained at Christ the King or have been worshipping elsewhere since the storms, I ask you to prayerfully reflect on how you have been blessed by this parish. I invite you to prayerfully consider how you are able to contribute your financial gifts to this crucial effort for the long-term survival of this beautiful community of faith.

Since I have been at Christ the King, I frequently meet people around town who tell me that this was their Parish and how much they loved it, but that they have been attending elsewhere since the storms. Most of them tell me that they intend to return to Christ the King once a church is built. If this describes you, I hope that you will be part of this effort.

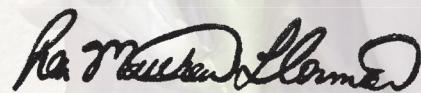
I am also aware that with five frustrating years having passed since the storms, some parishioners have stopped giving "until they see something happening". This is why this campaign is being announced at this time since the project has gone out for bid. I hope and pray that you will help in the sacrificial effort required to finally bring this project to completion.

The Suggested Gift Chart details pledges ranging from \$2,500 to \$200,000, payable over three years. That is as little as only one dollar and a half per day over 36 months. This wide range of gift opportunities makes it possible for virtually every family to take part in the program.

Time will be set aside during all Masses on the weekend of **November 9** for the faithful of **Christ the King** to make their pledge. As leaders of our parish, I am asking you to prayerfully discern your pledge and return your card to the parish office as soon as possible.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous support for our parish as we look to the future with hope and continue to build the Kingdom of God. Please join me in praying for the intercession of Saint Joseph, whose intercession has already obtained miracles.

Blessings in Christ,



Very Reverend Matthew L. Cormier, Pastor

St. Joseph, Pray for us!



Our Parish History

For over a century, our church has been praying, serving, and evangelizing in south Lake Charles. From our small beginnings as the St. Elizabeth Chapel on Lincoln Road to the “little church by the airport” for seventy years, Christ the King became a canonically established Parish Church in 2002. In that time, so many faithful hands have helped us along the way. We continue to grow in faith through the storms of life with our eyes fixed on Christ. Our parish is a true family of faith, united in prayer, worship, and charity.

Campaign Case

Having endured the winds of nature and years of prayer and sacrifice, the time has come for the parishioners of Christ the King to rise and rebuild.

A successful campaign will allow the building of a new church to be completed and help ensure that the Parish can continue to shine the light of Christ to all those south of Lake Charles.

Exceeding our goal of \$700,000 will help to ensure that we are able to pay upfront construction costs not eligible for FEMA reimbursement and will also allow the Parish to begin paying the loan note.

*As we look to the future of our parish, let us **rise and rebuild!***

How Can You Help Christ the King Catholic Church accomplish our Goals?

It is our time to rise and rebuild the “little church by the airport” so that it remains for the future generations to come.

1 First, Pray.

Pray for God’s provision and your opportunity to take part in the building of a new house of prayer for the glory of God and the salvation of souls.

2 Second, give a gift today.

We are asking that you consider how generous God has been to you and that you respond in proportion to your own financial ability.

3 Third, be a part of this exciting movement!

Be an advocate for Christ the King! We need you to help spread the word and invite others to participate.

THANK YOU!

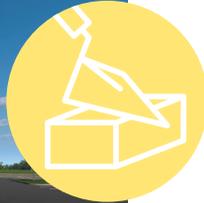


Project Scope



Completion of church

\$1,500,000 has been raised over the course of several years. The maximum loan that parish can afford is also \$1,500,000. This leaves approximately \$500,000 to \$800,000 to finish the rebuilding.



Pews

At today's costs, pews are estimated to cost approximately \$3,600 a piece. A total of 56 pews will be needed for a seating capacity of 300.



Sanctuary Furnishings

Construction and installation of new ambo, communion rail, and new altar using marble from the original altar. Plus installation of the wall tabernacle from the old church.



Loan Note

Additional funds will be used to begin paying the loan note which is anticipated to be \$2,500 per week.



TOTAL Campaign Goal:
\$700,000

Dear Father Cormier and Parishioners of Christ the King,

“Rise and Rebuild”! You have chosen to give this appropriate title to your Capital Campaign. There are many hopes and dreams attached to this noble effort on your part. The most important is to provide a suitable place for the worship of God in the Parish of Christ the King.

How fitting that you have chosen St. Joseph as the Patron of your Capital Campaign. From the Gospels, we know that he was a carpenter. He worked with his hands, and in so doing, he showed us that through building we cooperate with God in the work of His creation.

I support fully your efforts. I plan to make a contribution to your Capital Campaign and hope that you do likewise. We all need to work together to “Rise and Rebuild.”

Extending to you my prayers and blessings for a successful Capital Campaign, I remain

Devotedly yours in our Lord,



† Glen John Provost
Bishop of Lake Charles



Office of the Bishop



Three-Year Gift Table

TOTAL PLEDGE	36 MONTHLY PAYMENTS	12 QUARTERLY PAYMENTS	6 SEMI-ANNUAL PAYMENTS	3 ANNUAL PAYMENTS
\$200,000	\$5,556	\$16,667	\$33,333	\$66,667
\$100,000	\$2,777	\$8,333	\$16,666	\$33,333
\$75,000	\$2,083	\$6,250	\$12,500	\$25,000
\$50,000	\$1,389	\$4,167	\$8,333	\$16,667
\$25,000	\$694	\$2,083	\$4,167	\$8,333
\$10,000	\$278	\$833	\$1,667	\$3,333
\$7,500	\$208	\$625	\$1,250	\$2,500
\$5,000	\$139	\$417	\$833	\$1,667
\$3,600	\$100	\$300	\$600	\$1,200
\$2,500	\$69	\$208	\$417	\$833

Ways to Give

Stocks & Bonds*

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

Wills & Bequests

Providing for Christ the King Catholic Church in your will can have significant federal and estate tax advantages. For additional information, please contact the parish office at (337) 478-0213.

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 Installments

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



Fulfilling Your Pledge



Sign up to fulfill your pledge using our Online Giving link at ctkcatholic.org or scan the QR code to be taken directly to our Online Giving form for our Rise and Rebuild Capital Campaign. 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 (337) 478-0213.



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

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. When will the work begin?

A. Once a favorable bid is received and a loan approved, groundbreaking can take place.

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

A. Once construction and furnishing of the new building is completed, any remaining funds will go towards the weekly loan note of approximately \$2,500. For a small parish like us, that is a huge portion of our weekly collection. Without the extra funds from the Capital Campaign, meeting all of our financial obligations will prove very difficult.

Q. How much of the campaign funds will go to the Diocese?

A. Bishop Provost has generously granted our request to reduce the tax on all campaign funds to 1%. That means \$0.99 of each \$1.00 goes to the campaign!

Q. What is FEMA paying for?

A. To date, FEMA has obligated approximately \$1.7 million for reimbursement. Those funds will not be reimbursed until work is done and bills paid, and there is no firm timeline on how quickly reimbursements will come. Capital Campaign funds are to help cover the costs of the project that are not FEMA eligible.

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, including a major weekly loan note.

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 can be made.

More Questions?

Contact the Parish at **(337) 478-0213**



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