

Prepare The Way: Building Our Future

Building Fund Capital Campaign



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Grateful for 10 Years of God's Faithfulness



A Letter from Our Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Lubbock, Texas, was founded ten years ago and has witnessed a decade of faith, fellowship, and service. May God continue to bless our community and guide us in spreading His love and light to the world in the footsteps of St. John the Baptist's JOY, HUMILITY, COURAGE, and LOVE. - Fr. John

Encouraging Words From Founding Members

KATHY SHOWERS

Pope Francis has said, "The Church is called to be the house of the Father. With doors always wide open". We, the members of St. John the Baptist, are privileged to be involved in the building of His Sacred house not only for our worship today, but for generations to follow.

KENNETH BEDNARZ

Our flock has grown so vast and so fast. Exciting times are fast approaching to break ground and begin construction. This will be a blessing for our St. John the Baptist family.

GILBERT ESCOBAR

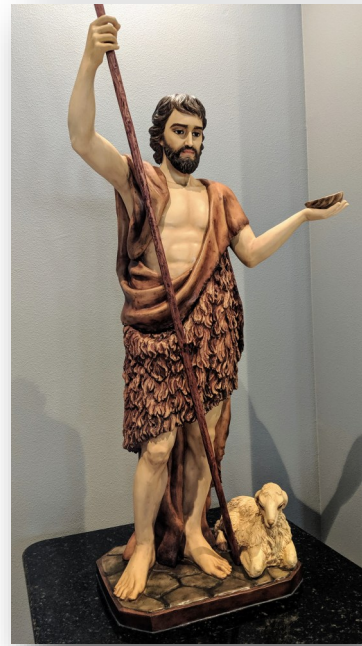
This is a truly historic and exciting time to witness the creation and expansion of our Lord's Kingdom. May we come together as a community to contribute towards our parish.

DEACON SEVERO ALVARADO

Your humble sacrifice will become the foundation on which future parishioners will kneel in prayer, receive the sacraments, and grow in faith, hope, and love. Together, we build not just a church, but a lasting testament to our love for God and for one another, brick by brick and heart by heart. By contributing to this sacred endeavor, you are planting a legacy of faith and fellowship in Christ Jesus.

MICHELLE MCCALLICK

As we celebrate the 10th anniversary of Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church, my heart is filled with gratitude for the journey we've shared. From humble beginnings in the shopping center, growing and moving into our multi-purpose building, our faith has been the cornerstone of every step. My family has been blessed to be a part of the Parish from the very start, witnessing God's hand in every milestone.





Why Do We Need A New Church?

“He must increase, and I must decrease” (Jn 3:30) are the words our patron saint, St. John the Baptist, speaks about Jesus. For His greater glory, we have paved the foundation, and now it is time for us to join together to build our new St. John the Baptist Catholic Church.

Imagine what could happen in the next decade with a building that welcomes new members and provides a nurturing environment for raising our families. Picture moments of fellowship, picnics on the lawn, and mid-week faith development classes for all ages. We can envision weddings, funerals, community group meetings, recovery groups, faith conferences, worship rehearsals, youth retreats, and countless other opportunities to demonstrate that grace changes everything.

Prepare the Way is a five-year spiritual and financial journey. Our financial goal for this initiative is \$6 million, which represents half of the \$12 million needed to construct the permanent sanctuary. Once we have raised \$6 million through this campaign, we will seek approval from our Bishop to begin the groundbreaking for the permanent sanctuary.

To reach this ambitious goal, we need 100% participation from everyone who calls St. John the Baptist their church home. **Prepare the Way** will allow us to take the next step in our vision. Nourished by well-watered roots, we ask that you pray about which five-year financial commitment you could pledge to this campaign.

How To Give?

Ways to Give Generously

PRAY - Pray over your own finances and diligently examine your spending habits. Pray for a spirit of generosity to fill the hearts of the entire St. John the Baptist Catholic Community. Also, pray for the Pastors and leaders who bear the significant responsibility of making ongoing decisions throughout this campaign.

TRUST GOD - Trust in God, who provides for you. Put your hope in God’s power, promise, and faithfulness. Know that He will never leave nor forsake you.

COMMIT - Consider where God is calling you to make sacrifices. Commit to supporting our **Prepare the Way** capital campaign through your generous pledge during the coming five years starting **on August 30, 2025**. There is a commitment form inserted into this booklet or you can complete your donations online through our website.

PASS ON YOUR LEGACY - Leaving a legacy gift in your will to St. John the Baptist Catholic Church means giving the material means for us to pursue our mission of evangelization, charity, and prayer in the future. Leaving a pecuniary or specific gift in

**Every commitment matters greatly!
Let us PREPARE together with prayer,
sacrifice and determination.**

Your Giving Potential

Thank you for prayerfully considering your commitment to St. John the Baptist's capital campaign for our permanent sanctuary. This campaign is a vital step in our journey, enabling us to construct a permanent sanctuary that will serve as a spiritual home for generations to come. Your contribution, regardless of its size, will play a crucial role in shaping the future of our community.

My Giving Potential			
Per Week	Per Month	Per Year	5 Year Potential
\$5	\$20	\$240	\$1,200
\$10	\$40	\$480	\$2,400
\$25	\$100	\$1,200	\$6,000
\$50	\$200	\$2,400	\$12,000
\$75	\$300	\$3,600	\$18,000
\$100	\$400	\$4,800	\$24,000
\$150	\$600	\$7,200	\$36,000
\$200	\$800	\$9,600	\$48,000
\$300	\$1,200	\$14,400	\$72,000

Our Giving Circles

There are no small gifts in the eyes of God!

All pledges will be collected over a 5 year period.

	Giving Total Over 1 Year	Giving Total Over 5 Years
Circle of Archangels:	\$15,000 or More	\$75,000 or More
Circle of Angels:	\$7,500 - \$14,999	\$37,500 - \$74,999
Circle of Cherubim:	\$5,000 - \$7,499	\$25,000 - \$37,499
Circle of Saints:	\$2,500 - \$4,999	\$12,500 - \$24,999
Circle of Apostles:	\$1,000 - \$2,499	\$5,000 - \$12,499
Circle of Shepherd's Flock:	\$200 - \$999	\$1,000 - \$4,999
Prayerful Circle:	\$50 - \$199	\$250 - \$999

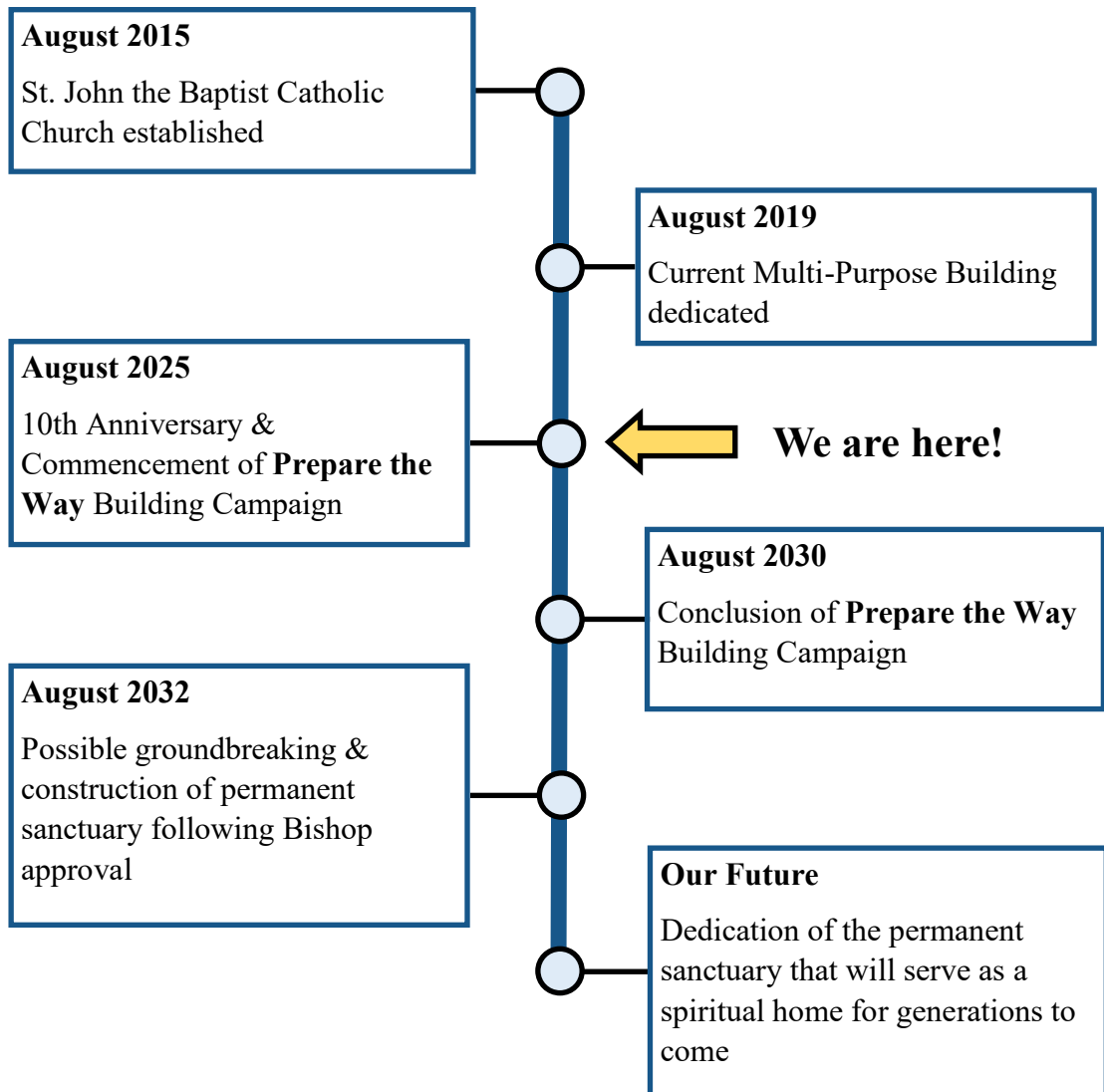
Our Past & Our Future ...

We have come so far in 10 years, but we have further to go.

Our plans do not always match God's plans

(or even construction plans, Diocesan requirements, or financial obligations).

This is a tentative timeline based on our current plans.



In the words of St. Paul, “For we are God’s co-workers; you are God’s field, God’s building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building upon it. But each one must be careful how he builds upon it, for no one can lay a foundation other than the one that is there, namely, Jesus Christ”.

1 Corinthians 3: 9-11



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West
Perspective
from
Indiana



East
Perspective

Thank You For Your Support

The collective effort on the 10th Anniversary of our St. John the Baptist Catholic Faith Community and on the launch of Prepare the Way: Building Fund Capital Campaign has been exceptional. Thank you for your time and energy! We are stronger together, and your contributions have a profound impact on our community, making our church feel like HOME. Our thanks and appreciation to:

Most Rev. Robert M. Coerver
Bishop of Lubbock

Very Rev. Msgr. David Cruz
VG of Lubbock Diocese and
founding Pastor

Fr. John Rathinam
Pastor

Dcn. Severo Alvarado
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Communication Director

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Parish Secretary

Michelle McCallick
Pastoral Council Chair

Andreas Neuber
Diaconate Candidate

10th Anniversary Planning Leadership

Cynthia Quintanilla Matt Carrizalez Melissa Marquez

Our Parish Ministries

Embracing Hope
Environmental Eucharistic Linen
Ministry
Eucharistic Ministers
Grief Support Group
Hospitality
Lectors

Men's Ministries
Knights of Columbus
Iron Sharpens Iron
Music
OCIA Team
Rosary Group
Sacristans & Altar Servers
Security

Social Outreach
Sound Technicians
Spiritual Life
St. Rita's Prayer Group
Ushers & Greeters
Women's Ministry
Youth Faith Formation Team
Youth Group

Campaign Prayer

**O Lord, We thank you for the growth
of our faith community over the past
decade.**

**We thank you for our founding
parishioners. Their sacrifices made it
possible for us to build our St. John the
Baptist multipurpose hall, allowing us
to worship You as our Lord and Savior.
Lord, help us create a permanent
place of worship.**

**Touch our hearts to make sacrifices
like our ancestors did to build churches
for the early Catholic Church.**

**May we pass on this beautiful and
enduring place of worship to our
future generations so that they can
worship and glorify You always with
their families and friends in the
Catholic Dioceses of Lubbock.**

St. John the Baptist, our Patron, pray for us.

Jesus, we trust in you. Amen