

The parish share

What a history we have at St. Mary Parish! Our past dates back about 150 years, when St. Mary was a mission church. In 1904, our first resident priest was appointed and a new church building was completed. The current church was completed in 1980 and the education wing in 1988.

Our pride in what our Catholic ancestors built and left us inspires us to leave for the next generation a parish community for which they can feel equally blessed. The *Upon This Rock* Campaign gives us an avenue to honor our past while brightening the future of our parish.

Special features of the campaign will enable us to maximize the positive effects of our fundraising:

- First, we keep 20 percent of what we raise up to our goal, which is \$255,000.
- We will keep 80 percent of anything we raise beyond \$255,000.
- There are virtually no costs to the parish for the campaign.

The Catholic Foundation for the Diocese of Davenport is paying those costs.

This is an opportunity to support our priests and seminarians while also undertaking important parish projects.

WHERE OUR FUNDS WILL GO

Parish goal | \$255,000

- For priests' retirement, health care: \$153,000
- For seminarians' education: \$51,000
- For parish projects: \$51,000

PARISH CAMPAIGN PROJECT

Preserve and upgrade facilities

Wear and tear are facts of life with our facilities, and projects – expected and unexpected – are a natural outgrowth of that. The parish share of funds from the *Upon This Rock* Campaign will enable us to tackle projects to maintain and upgrade our buildings. The projects could include items such as renovating the restrooms, recarpeting the church or putting new flooring in the entryway.

SUPPORT FOR PRECIOUS BLOOD PRIESTS

The Missionaries of the Precious Blood have served the Diocese of Davenport for decades, including at St. Mary's for nearly 25 years! Since the order's priests are not covered through the Priests' Aid Society in the diocese, 20% of the funds raised at St. Mary's through the *Upon This Rock* Campaign will go to the Precious Blood order for the benefit of the order's retired priests. This 20% does not come out of the parish's 20% share. It reduces the amount that goes to the Priests' Aid Society for diocesan priests.



St. Mary Catholic Church Albia, Iowa



"Giving to meet the needs of my brother priests, our seminarians, and myself is a blessing, of course, and the Upon This Rock Campaign offers a valuable opportunity to also address our parish's needs. Even more important is our own need to give as a part of our faith journey. May we respond in gratitude for all that God has given us."

Fr. Mark Yates, C.P.P.S.
Pastor of St. Mary's



Supporting Our Priests • Strengthening Our Church