

The parish share

What a history we have at Holy Family Parish! Our past dates to 1840 and the original St. Joseph Church. What is now Sts. Mary & Joseph Church was damaged by a tornado in 1876, but what a sight it remains all these years later for all of Fort Madison! Sacred Heart Church was built in 1893 as more Catholics came to town with the arrival of the Santa Fe Railroad. The 2009 merger of Sts. Mary & Joseph with Sacred Heart Church resulted in the vibrant parish we are today.

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 the 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 \$914,000.
- We will keep 80 percent of anything we raise beyond \$914,000.
- 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 parish projects.

WHERE OUR FUNDS WILL GO

Parish goal | \$914,000

- For priests' retirement, health care: \$548,400
- For seminarians' education: \$182,800
- For parish projects: \$182,800

PARISH CAMPAIGN PROJECT

Hire a parish music director

The pandemic has been a challenge for our music ministry, and we have been without a director for more than two years. We hope singing is back to stay, and we want to put new life into this way of glorifying God! We envision this position also carrying responsibilities in other areas, such as evangelization and stewardship or with the homebound. It's intended to be a full-time position, and the *Upon This Rock* Campaign would provide for seed money while we work this position into our operating budget.

Replace church roof

The roof on Sts. Mary & Joseph Church is around 30 years old, and we expect to need to replace it within three to five years. This would be a significant project – a roof like this one would be a challenging and expensive job. The campaign would help us set aside money for the project when it becomes necessary.



Holy Family Parish Fort Madison, Iowa



"The generosity of you, the faithful, means so much to us as priests, especially when a campaign like this has such a direct impact on the church. Paving the way for seminarians to replace us is vitally important, too, and the parish share will be a blessing as we look to the future."

Fr. Joseph Phung,
Pastor of Holy Family



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