

The parish share

St. Joseph Church stands strong and majestically in the skyline of DeWitt, Iowa. The spire points solidly to heaven, and the doors have seen countless generations gather to pray and worship God in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. We have 500-plus families who claim St. Joseph as their home parish. But we are so much more than a building. Church is essentially the People of God gathered into Community. Ever since the early 1800s our past is full of immigrants who with very little built a legacy that is ours to care for and pass on. We are blessed today because of their sacrifice and efforts.

Today, this inspiration moves us to meet the challenges we face in maintaining and improving our spiritual home, even as we also face the challenges that the COVID-19 pandemic has brought to our world. The *Upon This Rock* Campaign gives us an avenue to honor those who have established what we have, our parish, our school and facilities. Let us hope that the future of our parish will be blessed by our efforts today.

Special features of the campaign will enable us to maximize the positive effects of our diocesan fundraiser at the parish level:

- First, we keep 20 percent of what we raise up to our goal, which is \$779,935.
- We will keep 80 percent of anything we raise beyond \$779,935.
- There are virtually no costs to the parish for the campaign. The Catholic Foundation for the Diocese of Davenport is paying those costs. All the money raised will be used for campaign projects that will benefit our diocese or the parishes.

This is a special and unique opportunity for each of us to step forward and give our support to our diocesan priests who are active, the retired priests and seminarians, while we also undertake to cover our needs here.

WHERE OUR FUNDS WILL GO

Parish goal | \$779,935

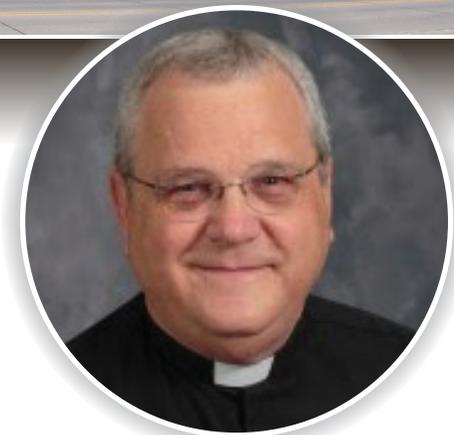
- For priests' retirement, health care: \$467,961
- For seminarians' education: \$155,987
- For parish projects: \$155,987

PARISH CAMPAIGN PROJECT

Improvements to church interior

The history of St. Joseph Parish dates to 1850! As we approach our 175th anniversary in 2025, we hope to undertake improvements to the interior of the church that we can celebrate as part of the anniversary. The top priority will be a noticeable one: the repainting of the church space. Any funds remaining from our "parish share" of the campaign will go toward other basic church maintenance and upgrades.

St. Joseph Catholic Church DeWitt, Iowa



"Our Holy Father Francis specifically chose this name in honor of St. Francis of Assisi. St. Francis urged his followers to 'Start doing what is necessary; then do what is possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible.' I think these are wise practical and spiritual words as we undertake this important task."

Fr. Stephen Page,
Pastor of St. Joseph



HONORARY CHAIRS: Darrell and LaDone Schnurr

**UPON this
ROCK**



Supporting Our Priests • Strengthening Our Church