

The parish share

What a history we have at St. Mary Parish! The first Catholic Church in Sigourney was built in 1873 – that's 150 years ago! The second parish church was built in 1889 and was enlarged three times before it was replaced by the current church in 1953.

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 \$125,000 over the three-year pledge period.
- We will keep 80 percent of anything we raise beyond \$125,000.
- 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 | \$125,000

- For priests' retirement, health care: \$75,000
- For seminarians' education: \$25,000
- For parish projects: \$25,000

PARISH CAMPAIGN PROJECT

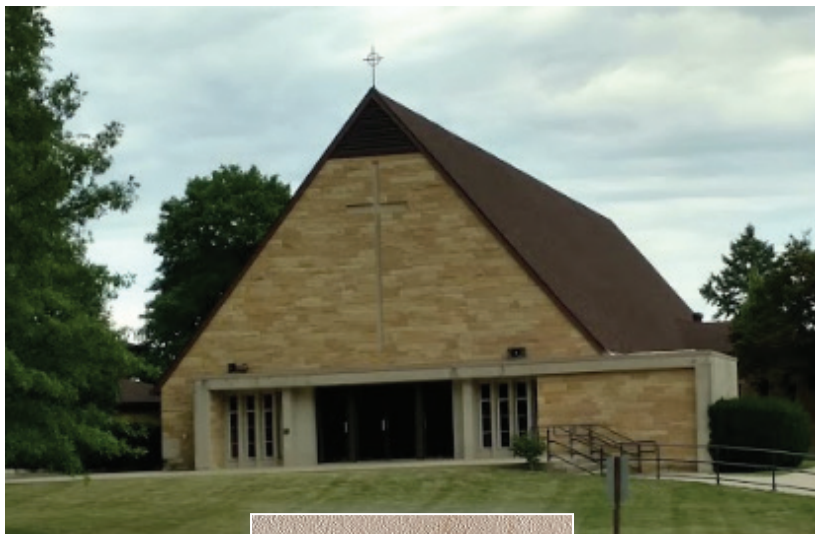
Repair or replace boiler pipe system

Our boiler was replaced in 2021, but the work had an unintended consequence. The increased pressure exposed the weakness of the aging boiler piping underneath the church, which has produced leaks since. The *Upon This Rock* campaign funds will allow us to repair or replace the boiler pipe system to prevent further damage.

Parish campaign leadership

Mary Sue Votroubek
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St. Mary Catholic Church Sigourney, Iowa



"Giving to meet the needs of me, my brother priests and our seminarians is a blessing, of course, and the Upon This Rock Campaign offers a valuable opportunity to address our parish's needs, too. 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. Robert Lathrop,
Pastor of St. Mary's



Supporting Our Priests • Strengthening Our Church