

Building Bright Futures FAQs

With more than 3,000 families and 500 school children on campus, our parish home is used from 6 am to 9 pm at least six days a week. Thanks be to God for such a vibrant and active parish! This constant use means constant upkeep, cleaning, and repairs. We have had a lot of construction in recent years and it's important to us that you understand "the why" behind St. Vincent de Paul's recent building projects.

Why a new education building?

The new Catholic education building will be the first classroom building to be built in thirty-one years at St. Vincent de Paul! The intermediate building was built in 1948 (and is the oldest building on campus), the primary building, gym and cafeteria were built in 1958 and the middle school building was built in 1992.

St. Vincent's started solidifying plans to replace the 75-year-old intermediate building in 2016 when we were advised by architects and engineers not to renovate. We felt a sense of urgency to prioritize the replacement of the building when we stopped being able to repair the infrastructure. One example is parts are no longer made for the electrical system.

We launched the Building Bright Futures campaign in 2018, renovated the locker rooms in 2020 and will finish the education building in 2023. The new education building has sixteen classrooms on two floors and is elevated eight feet. It will be used by our day school and Under Thy Roof students six days a week.

How does this affect meeting space for parishioners?

With classrooms moving, we will have additional adult meeting rooms available in the primary hallway next to the MJFC. These can be accessed by parishioners each weekday after 6 pm or on weekends.

What happens to the old classroom building we are replacing?

We will demolish the intermediate building and build a covered pavilion on the site. The parish and school explored the possibility of renovating and repurposing meeting rooms and determined what we really need is an additional large room, like a gym or family center main room to accommodate large gatherings. Our architects and engineers determined we could not renovate the building inside by removing the support walls. In fact, we found all electrical, plumbing and HVAC needs to be removed and replaced.

We then explored building a new building as a second gym or large meeting space, but it needed to be elevated eight feet and would only accommodate a halfcourt gym. It is also difficult to access during the school day so could only be used by the parish in the evenings or weekends. Without an option that truly met all our needs, we continued with our original campaign plan to build a covered outdoor pavilion on the site of the intermediate building.

Why a new field?

A large portion of our field is currently used as a "lay down yard" for our contractors so rehabilitating the field has been a known need following construction. The field is used by all ten grades of school children five days a week and on the weekends for parish and school

events. Although we didn't think this would ever be a possibility for St. Vincent de Paul, we have a lead gift from a parish family to help install an artificial turf field.

An artificial turf field is essentially a large drain and can be used almost immediately after a rain. It has minimal upkeep, a softer fall surface for safer play, no underground wasps and ants and requires no irrigation, fertilizer or mowing. Artificial turf fields last about ten years and we know we will get our money's worth as we use it constantly throughout the school day and on weekends.

We're looking forward to a pavilion and field becoming our parish and school's "outdoor community complex" to bring us together all year long.

What is the timeline?

June – anticipated completion of new education building
June/July- anticipated move classroom supplies and furniture
July- anticipated demolition of intermediate building
August – school reopens
November-February - anticipated construction of covered pavilion and field

How did we pay for this?

The reason why we've been able to do all of these campus updates is thanks to the support of our donors. Parishioners made gifts and pledges to the Building Bright Futures campaign in 2018 that went above and beyond their annual giving to the parish and/or school. We have raised over \$10 million from over 1,000 donors.

How can I help?

We want to finish the funding push for this campaign by the end of May. Thanks to several parish families, we have a \$1 million proposed matching gift. That means all gifts or pledges from now until May 31st will be matched up to \$1 million. Please make your first gift or additional gift to finish the campaign today!

Even more background...SVdP's historical building timeline

1941-parish founded
1943-school founded
1948-intermediate classroom building built
1953-current church built
1956-rectory built next to the church
1958-primary classroom building, gym and cafeteria were built
1992-middle school classroom building with library, administration and scout house were built
1996-MJFC was built
2000-church gathering space added
2011-gym, cafeteria and interior of church were renovated
2017-new rectory built
2019-Our Lady of Lourdes chapel built
2020-locker rooms renovated
2023-new education building built