



Together **We Build**

Holy Cross Catholic Church



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A Note From
Father Phil

"Lord, I love the
refuge of your house,
the site of the
dwelling-place of
your glory"

- Psalms 26:8



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

When I arrived as pastor of Holy Cross in June, 2020, it was obviously under unique and strange circumstances. We were travelling down an unknown road dealing with COVID. But even in those challenging times, I was so impressed to find our parish be an active and vibrant community. It is filled with so many young families, lots of kids and faithful members who have served as our foundation for decades. It is truly a family of faith.

As we continue to grow, we are now the largest parish in our diocese! The demands and needs for our expanding parish of over 1,850 households points us in the direction of building our new church, additional office and meeting space. Our facilities allow us to serve the people of faith at Holy Cross and continue the mission of Christ in our lives.

Our next challenge is to respond to the blessings of God with generous hearts and lives dedicated to faith and action. Many sacrifices have been made by the families of Holy Cross during the past two campaigns that put us in the position we are today. It is because of your financial support and commitment to our parish, that we now stand at the doorstep of building our new church. It is in that spirit that we embark upon our **Together We Build** Capital Campaign.

The decision to enter this next campaign has come after continuous prayer, consultation and study. It is with great enthusiasm that we present to you the plans in this brochure to meet our needs, both today and the many tomorrows to follow.

I ask you for your generosity, support and prayers as we launch our next campaign. May the Lord bless and prosper the work of our hands as we join together to build a church worthy of God. Let us commit ourselves as **Together We Build**.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr Phil Ackerman

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Our Challenge

After much prayerful discernment, study and discussion among the staff, various parish leadership committees and council, countless parishioners of our parish and the Diocese of Fargo, it has been decided to undertake a parish-wide capital campaign, **Together We Build**, to continue to raise the funds necessary to build our new church. The new church will be the cornerstone of the campus. It will have a humble yet inviting presence and become a beacon to the Catholic faith community.

New Church

- Seating capacity for upwards of 1,000 people
- Choir loft with seating for upwards of 70 people
- Large entrance to provide a gathering area for families before and after Mass, overflow/ additional seating for Mass and connects the new church, offices, Parish Center and Trinity School
- Two (2) confessionals/Reconciliation rooms

Parish Office extension

- Bride's/Family room (in close proximity to the narthex & church)
- New restrooms
- Four (4) additional offices
- Large conference/classroom room
- Additional storage

Parking

- 152 new parking spaces

Campaign History

Brick by Brick Campaign (2008-2017) Phase I

Holy Cross moved into its new facilities in 2015, investing approximately \$3,500,000 in the parish offices, the church parking lot and the shared spaces with Trinity Elementary School: the social hall/school lunch room and kitchen/storage areas and gymnasium. These areas were paid for with the sale of the old church, together with the funds raised by the **Brick by Brick** campaign.

Last Brick Campaign (2016-2021) Phase II

This campaign kicked off in 2016 to begin raising money for the new church. Please visit the parish website for up-to-date financial information on the **Last Brick** campaign.

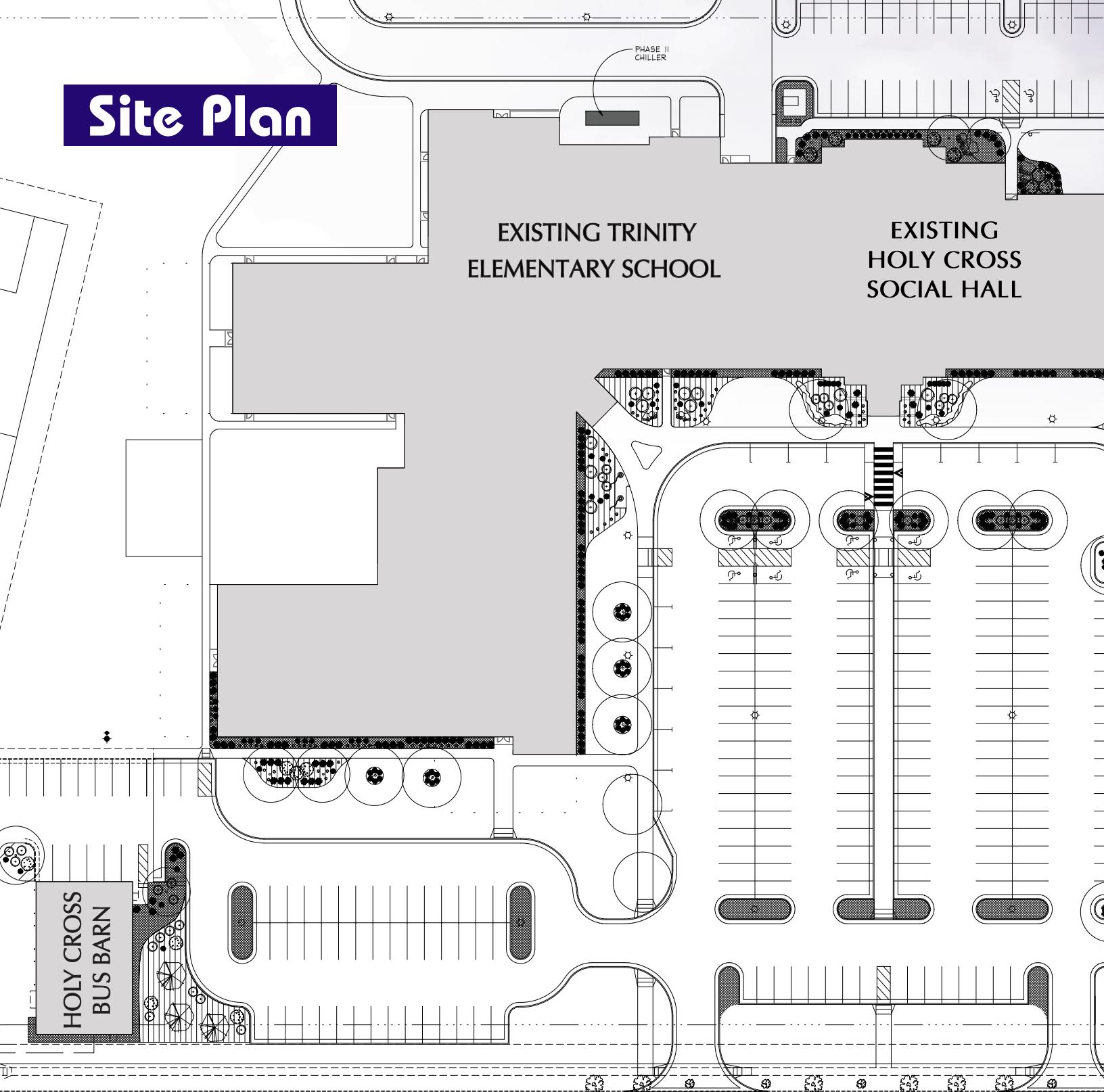


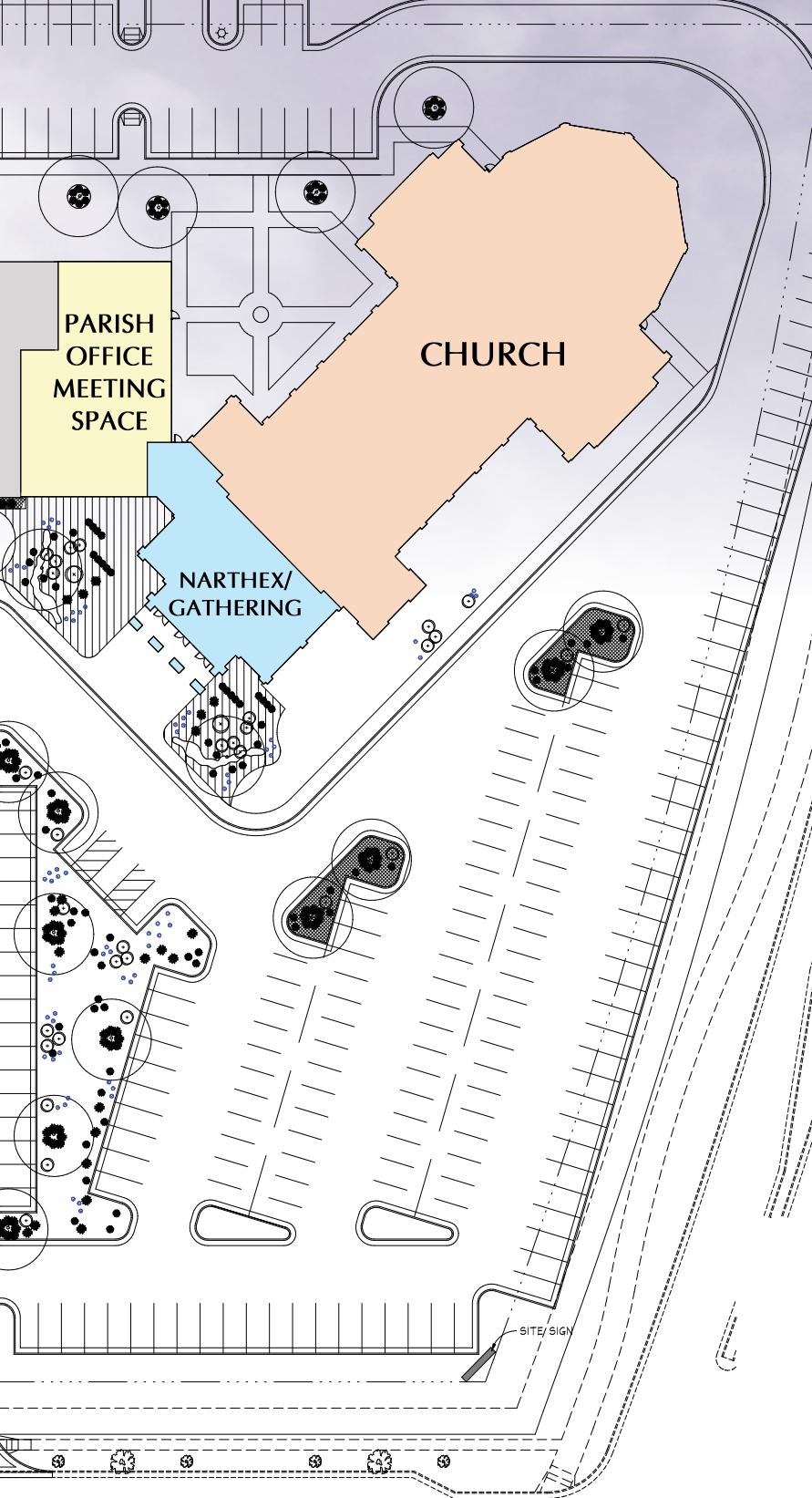
Our Vision

Seizing the opportunity will not come without sacrifice. Throughout the history of our parish, the people of Holy Cross have made the necessary sacrifices in all aspects of parish life and Stewardship to further the mission of Christ. Over the past ten years, it is because of the dedication and sacrifices of the families of Holy Cross that have put us in the wonderful position we find ourselves today. We now have a path forward and we are confident that this campaign effort will be met with the same degree of commitment and participation.



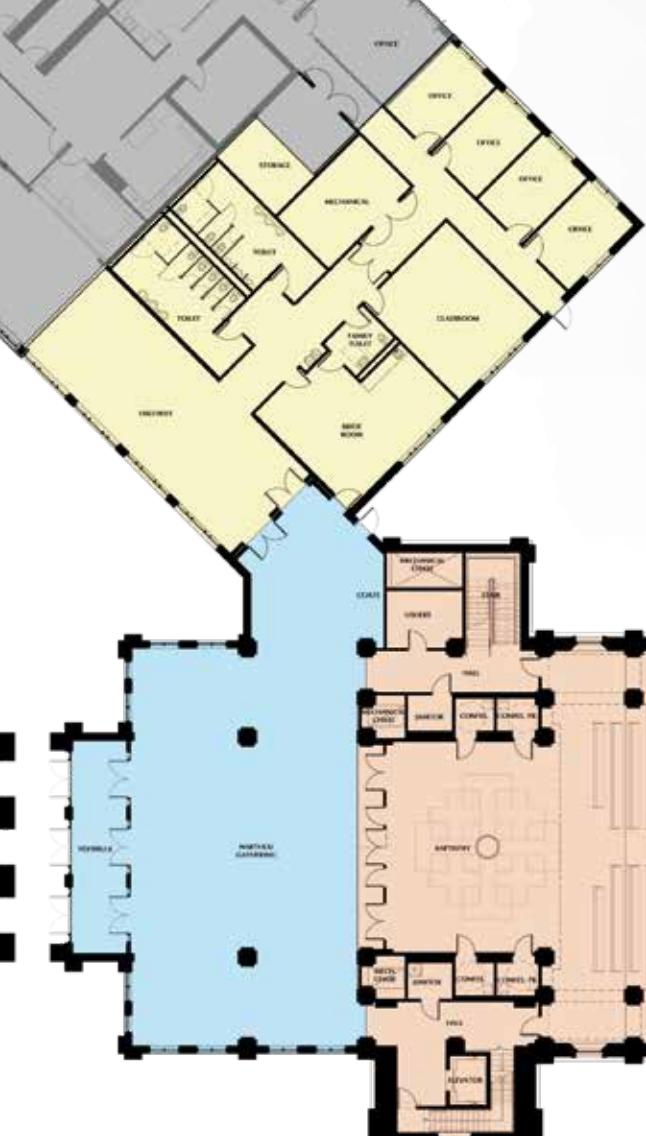
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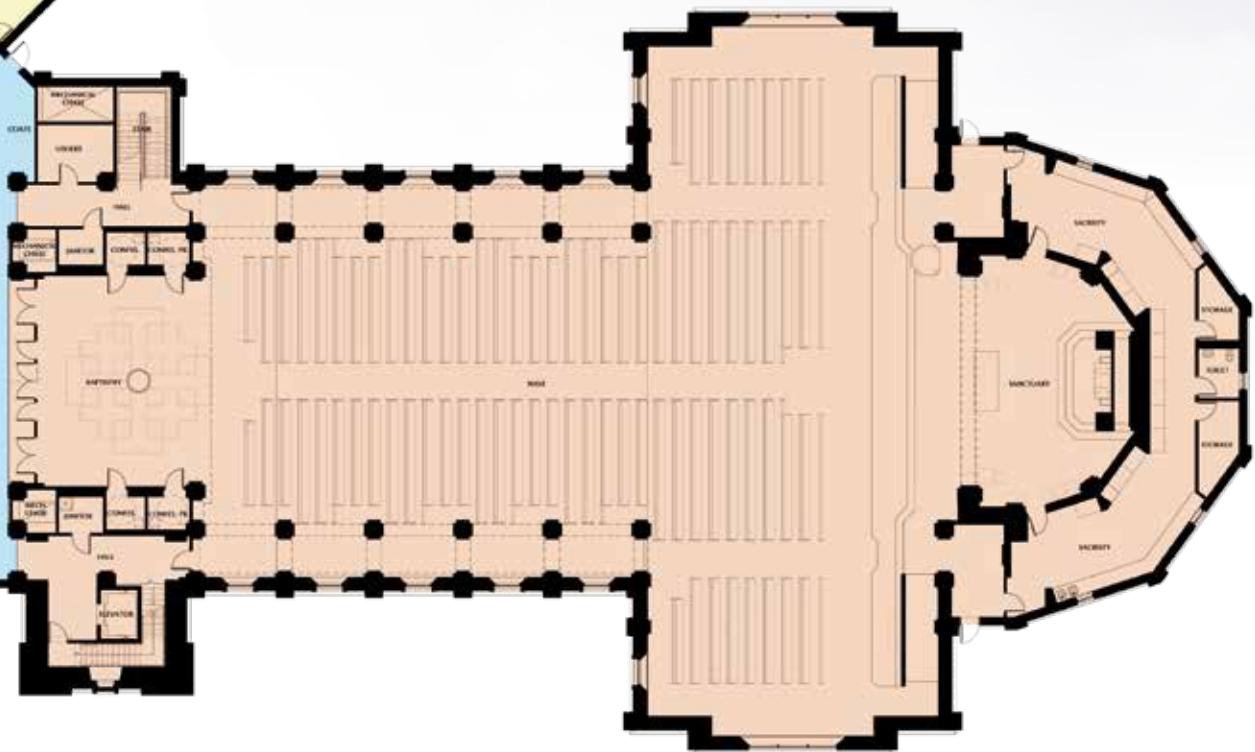


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Floor Plan



Need For Generosity

The parish community of Holy Cross is looking to raise \$4,000,000 through the efforts of this campaign. Every member of our parish community is integral to our success in reaching this goal, and, therefore, each family is asked to consider making a pledge to the campaign to the best of their ability.

Everyone is asked to prayerfully consider how their generosity can reflect their gratitude for the gifts that God has given them. We know that a sacrificial pledge will be a challenge for some of our parish households, therefore, it is vital to the success of our campaign that those who are able to make larger pledges do so.

Individuals who are financially capable of pledging \$25,000, \$50,000, \$100,000 or more, are asked to step forward and become leaders of our campaign. Please review the Suggested Gift Plans on the following page and choose a plan that is right for you and your family.

Each family is asked to consider a minimum pledge of \$5,000 or more, payable over three years. A pledge of \$5,000, after a down payment of \$500, is \$125 per month for three years or \$4.11 a day!



How You Can Get Involved

Throughout the **Together We Build** Campaign, Father Phil, the Capital Campaign Committee and volunteer workers will reach out to all members of our community to convey our parish needs and describe how everyone can get involved.

During this campaign, we are asking everyone who calls Holy Cross home to:

1. Pray for the success of the Campaign.
2. Be an ambassador for Holy Cross by getting involved and by sharing this information with as many people as you can with enthusiasm and encourage them to get involved.
3. Make your sacrificial pledge.



Suggested Pledge Chart

Total Gift	10% Down Payment	3 Annual Payments	6 Semi-Annual Payments	12 Quarterly Payments	36 Monthly Payments	Daily Sacrifice
\$1,000,000	\$100,000	\$300,000	\$150,000	\$75,000	\$25,000	\$821.92
\$500,000	\$50,000	\$150,000	\$75,000	\$37,500	\$12,500	\$410.96
\$250,000	\$25,000	\$75,000	\$37,500	\$18,750	\$6,250	\$205.48
\$100,000	\$10,000	\$30,000	\$15,000	\$7,500	\$2,500	\$82.19
\$50,000	\$5,000	\$15,000	\$7,500	\$3,750	\$1,250	\$41.10
\$25,000	\$2,500	\$7,500	\$3,750	\$1,875	\$625	\$20.55
\$15,000	\$1,500	\$4,500	\$2,250	\$1,125	\$375	\$12.33
\$10,000	\$1,000	\$3,000	\$1,500	\$750	\$250	\$8.22
\$8,000	\$800	\$2,400	\$1,200	\$600	\$200	\$6.58
\$6,000	\$600	\$1,800	\$900	\$450	\$150	\$4.93
\$5,000	\$500	\$1,500	\$750	\$375	\$125	\$4.11

The gift plans in this brochure are provided as a suggested guideline when considering your pledge. Please review the gift plans carefully and select one that fits your household's financial ability. Payment amounts are calculated assuming a 10% down payment for each pledge.

As You Make Your Pledge, Please Remember...

- Payments may be made over a period of three (3) years. A longer period can be arranged if necessary.
- Payment reminders will be mailed to you in accordance with the payment plan you choose.
- Pledge payments are fully deductible for tax purposes.
- Please make checks payable to: **Holy Cross Campaign**



The 3 Facets of Parish Giving:

- † **Offertory:** Your weekly contributions to the general collection support the day-to-day operating expenses of the parish, including faith formation, liturgy, ministry & outreach, maintaining our facilities and personnel.
- † **God's Gift Appeal:** Each year, parishioners of Holy Cross are asked to support the Diocese of Fargo through the GGA in order to supplement the many programs and services offered for the less fortunate, elderly, our parish and the other parishes, missions and schools of the diocese.
- † **Together We Build Campaign:** Your pledge payments to this campaign should be in addition to your regular offertory contributions and annual appeal contributions. Your campaign pledge is a restricted gift – to be used solely for the projects cited in this brochure.



*Not everyone can make the same size gift,
but everyone can make the same size sacrifice.*

Giving Options

Pledges Via Cash, Check: Simply complete your pledge card by selecting the amount of your pledge and down payment (optional, but encouraged). Make sure to select your method of payment, i.e., monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annual payments. Please make checks payable to Holy Cross Campaign. You will be mailed payment reminders and a special payment envelope in accordance with the payment plan you choose. Once completed, please return your pledge card in the weekly collection, bring it by the parish office or return it in the mail.

Pledges Online: Please complete your pledge card by checking the appropriate box to indicate that you wish to make your payments via electronic fund transfer from your bank account, debit or credit card. By choosing the electronic method of payment, you will need to set up the automatic payments on the parish website. Please visit holycrosswestfargo.com/giving

Gifts of Stock: Donors can use their own broker/agent or the parish agent to transfer stock. If the stock has been held long-term (over one year), the donor does not have to pay capital gains tax on the stock, and is allowed a tax deduction for the full value of the stock. Donors may also choose to sell stock in order to claim a loss, which may be beneficial for tax circumstances. In either case, the stock must first be transferred to the parish before being liquidated. Please contact the campaign office for more information.

Gifts from qualifying Retirement Accounts: The IRA Charitable Rollover provision of the 2015 PATH (Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes) Act permits individuals age 70.5 or older to contribute up to \$100,000 each year tax-free from a qualifying IRA to charity, called a qualified charitable distribution (QCD). Additionally, the gift will count as your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) but will not be included in your adjusted gross income. Please contact your financial advisor for additional information concerning gifts via qualified retirement accounts as these provisions continue to change year to year.

Gifts of Property, Life Insurance, Annuities, Wills or Bequests: There are different ways to support Holy Cross both today and, in the years to come via planned giving. Families or individuals can make gifts of life insurance, estate bequests, annuities or charitable remainder trusts. For substantial gifts of property other than marketable securities, the IRS requires an appraisal. Please contact the campaign office for more information.

**If you have any questions about the campaign
or making your pledge, please contact
the Parish Office, 701.282.7217.**

Federal and state laws on income and inheritance taxes encourage charitable giving. It may be particularly advantageous for some people to contribute stocks, appreciated securities, annuities, property or other valuables. In many cases, the tax savings may be more than your original investment in the gift. Because each situation is unique, we urge you to discuss such donations with a financial advisor.



Your Decision to Give

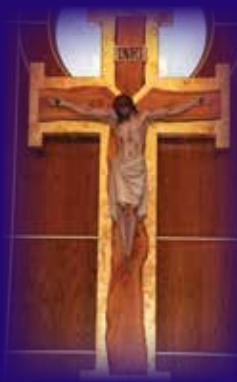
No one can tell you how much you should give. The individual parishioner/family is the only one who actually decides what to contribute, since the financial obligations of each family are different. What you give will be held in the strictest confidence.

In Deuteronomy we are reminded:

"The measure of your own voluntary offering which you will give shall be in proportion to the blessing the Lord, your God, has given you".

Deuteronomy 16:10

Please review the Suggested Gift Plans on the previous page and choose a plan that is right for you and your family.



Loving God,

trusting in Your providence,
we ask You to bless our efforts
in building our new church.

Thankful for the blessings of our past,
we look forward with hope.
We remember the generosity
of those who went before us,
and as we build anew,
we ask Your grace
to renew ourselves in faith and love.

We entrust this campaign
to the Holy Spirit.
Please guide and bless us
as we come together to
build our church.
We make this prayer through
Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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Thank You

Many people contribute to the life of our parish and provide vision for our future. Our deepest gratitude extends to the members of the Parish Staff, Campaign Committee and Campaign Volunteers, who have given the gifts of their time and talents to make this project a success.



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