

STAPROJECT2025

Preserving the Past & Building the Future



WHY ST. AUGUSTINE SCHOOL NEEDS TO EXPAND

Lack of Adequate Space

- Critical services like speech therapy, Title I classes, occupational therapy, tutoring, counseling, and individual testing lack designated spaces, causing disruption and inefficiencies.
- Parent meetings are often held in the parish center or the principal's office, which is too small to accommodate more than a couple of people.

Challenges with Scheduling and Shared Spaces

- Special classes (art, computer, music) share one room, leading to scheduling conflicts and holding classes in unsuitable locations like hallways, the cafeteria, and even outdoors.
- Spanish classes are conducted in the cafeteria, while Title I tutoring is done near the gym entrance.

Impact on Teachers and Staff

- Teachers and aides work at small desks in hallways due to a lack of proper workspaces.
- There is no teacher workroom for class preparation, collaboration, or conferencing, impacting staff effectiveness.
- Teachers / Staff do not have separate restrooms and must share facilities with students, which consist of just two restrooms (6 stalls total) for 157 students aged 5-14 and for 32 of Teachers and Staff.

Student and Facility Overcrowding

- Overcrowding forces students to use hallways or the Augustine Center as makeshift classrooms, including an 8th-grade study hall outdoors during good weather.
- Counseling sessions require the principal to vacate her office and use a standing desk in the hall.



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WE ARE FAMILY

SCHOOL FACILITIES AND UTILIZATION HISTORY

First Hundred Years

1876
St. Augustine School opened. Thirty students attended in a small building which later was turned into a home.

1878
The school was moved into a two room frame building behind the church.

1889
St. Augustine Church was built. School children moved into the old church building that had been built in 1878. School enrollment was 75 students.

1902
Three story new school built. It had a chapel in the basement, eight rooms for sisters residence and four large classrooms.

1968
Chapel removed from basement to add two more classrooms.

Last 50 Years

1974
Current School Building and Gymnasium.

1974 -1990s - 140 STUDENTS
New school building opened. Classrooms doubled up two grade levels per classroom.

1990s - 06' - 130 STUDENTS
In the 90's students started being offered PE, Music, and Art. These activities took place in their classroom except PE. It was not as robust as the programs we offer today. Started to departmentalize 6th, 7th and 8th grades. They needed to have their own separate classes. Proposed building on to the end of the building. Requested classrooms and all purpose space. School was denied due to lack of funds. Opted to turn the cafeteria into two classrooms instead.

BY 2012 -163 STUDENTS
Early 00's Nuns moved out of the *Ruma Center*. The parish bought *Care A Lot* and started Kindergarten and PreK programs. Kindergarten eventually moved to the big school and Library Moved to *Ruma Center*.

BY 2018 -156 STUDENTS
The *new Cafeteria* and kitchen addition were complete. Kindergarten moved to a new room. Library moved back to the main school building. Independent two year old classroom opened in *Ruma Center*.

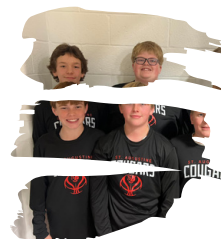
BY 2023-24 - 220 STUDENTS

- Infants, one year olds, and two year olds move to *Ruma Center* basement.
- Computer, Art and Music move out of *Ruma Center*.
- The Library moved to *Ruma Center*.
- Art, Music and Computer, share one room and use the gym, foyer, and outside when schedules clash. Spanish uses the cafeteria for class.
- No place for therapy, counseling, tutoring and special help.
- Counseling is done in the Principal's office. She works in the hall on those days.
- For one year, the rectory basement was used for music classes making movement to and from school difficult, especially during inclement weather. Thoughts of additional spaces such as converting a shed to classrooms, portable trailers, and crossing Hwy 61 using the Parish Center were found not feasible for student's learning environment and safety.

THE REALITY...

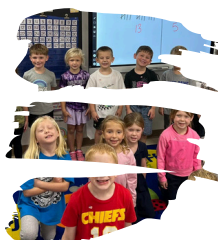
Blessed Growth and Resources

- The school is experiencing consistent enrollment growth, increasing from 174 to 225 students in just three years, demonstrating vibrant community support.
- New services and resources are now available that greatly benefit students but require proper facilities to be delivered effectively.



Community and Mission Alignment

- Kelso's continued growth makes this expansion essential to meet current and future demand for Catholic education.
- Providing adequate facilities will allow the school to fully support its mission of fostering spiritual, academic, and personal growth in students.



A Humble Request for Support

- After years of maximizing existing resources, it's clear the time has come for a new phase of investment to ensure the school can serve its current and future students effectively.
- By investing in this expansion, you will help St. Augustine continue to thrive as a center of faith-filled education.



THE DECISION TO GIVE

Recall all the blessings God has given you

not for your personal use only, but to build the Kingdom of God on earth.

Prayer is crucial to your commitment

to this capital campaign. Pray to discern what sacrificial gift God is asking you to give.

Bear in mind that every gift

regardless of the size, will be an important contribution to the capital campaign.

Discuss your family's participation

and what it will mean to you with all members of your family

How much should I give to the Capital Campaign?

Each family is asked to prayerfully consider pledging 3 percent to 5 percent of their annual income for each of the three or five years of the campaign *over and above their regular giving to the church*.

For those on fixed income, we ask that you prayerfully consider giving 3 percent to 5 percent of your household assets, either as lump sum gift or spread over three or five years. Household assets are items such as property, investments and the like.

Please remember: All pledges, no matter the size are welcomed and all sacrifices are equal in the eyes of God.

Can I give stocks, bonds, IRAs or personal property instead of cash?

Donating appreciated stock or property is an optional way to give. It also may save on capital gains tax and be a tax deduction (*consult your financial advisor*).

These charts show how Your commitment can be fulfilled annually, monthly, or weekly

3 -Year Giving Charts

3% GIVING CHART

Annual Income	Weekly Contribution	Monthly Contribution	Annual Contribution	Total Contribution
\$30,000	\$17	\$75	\$900	\$2,700
\$50,000	\$29	\$125	\$1,500	\$4,500
\$75,000	\$43	\$188	\$2,250	\$6,750
\$100,000	\$58	\$250	\$3,000	\$9,000
\$125,000	\$72	\$313	\$3,750	\$11,250
\$150,000	\$87	\$375	\$4,500	\$13,500
\$200,000	\$115	\$500	\$6,000	\$18,000

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\$100,000	\$96	\$417	\$5,000	\$15,000
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\$150,000	\$144	\$625	\$7,500	\$22,500
\$200,000	\$192	\$833	\$10,000	\$30,000

5 -Year Giving Charts

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WE DO BECAUSE WE CARE

Ut Unum Sint - that they may be one

OUR CAMPAIGN PRAYER

Merciful Lord, please help us to open our hearts and be inspired by Your grace throughout this Fundraising. We have been entrusted with a great responsibility to ensure that St. Augustine School will continue to serve future generations as it has our generation and those before us.

May we fully acknowledge the sacrifices made by those who built and maintained this beautiful beacon of love and hope, and fully understand what our Church and Faith mean to our community and its future.

Guided by the Holy Spirit, help us to see Your Holy Face and hear Your voice as we prepare to spread the word and make our pledges. This we ask through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I give you my heart and my soul.

St. Augustine of Hippo, pray for us. Amen.

OUR CAMPAIGN GOAL

Our **Goal** is to raise **\$2.5 million** for the repairs and new school building outlined in the brochure.

All the funds raised in this campaign will be used exclusively for **StAProject2025**.

We will achieve our goal in **2 ways**:

- **First**, we invite all parishioners and friends of St. Augustine Parish to make a sacrificial gift to preserve the past and gain the future of our school and parish.
- **Second**, we will invite former parishioners, friends and school alumni to join the campaign with their pledges.

