

Frequently Asked Questions

How was the decision to move forward with a \$3.5 million campaign reached?

This Spring, we launched a feasibility study in partnership with CCS Fundraising (CCS) aimed at assessing the feasibility of launching a campaign. In late May, a final report was presented to parish leadership reporting on the findings and feedback received through 22 personal conversations and 275 electronic survey responses. This report was then presented Father Paul and the Parish and Finance Councils, who ultimately voted to move forward with a \$3.5 million campaign.

How were the projects in the campaign determined?

In 2020, our facilities team first discovered the deterioration of the precast concrete, both inside the Gathering Space and on the exterior of the parish. We engaged JP Cullen to conduct a thorough review of the building to uncover the source and scope of the damage. When the primary concern was determined to be structural, they recommended we bring in an architectural firm to test and inspect the areas of greatest concern. Upon learning the extent of the damage, we understood it was absolutely necessary to address the issue as soon as possible, and, given the estimated costs, a campaign would be required to fund the project.

In order to avoid multiple smaller campaigns over the next several years, the pastoral council decided to review all our facilities and identify other areas that would need to be addressed within this time period. These projects include repairing roofs over the South Office building and Marian Hall, making the parish more comfortable by addressing the HVAC system and water heater, refurbishing the stained glass windows to protect them, and the church, from the elements, and repairing or replacing the sanctuary floor.

Does St. John Vianney have a strategic plan for deferred maintenance moving forward?

Should we raise more than \$3.5 million in our campaign, we will use any overage to establish a maintenance fund that will address future needs.

Who will be asked to support the campaign?

Every household at St. John Vianney will be asked to participate in this campaign with sacrificial gifts in proportion to the gifts bestowed upon them by God. While not everyone will be able to make the same commitment, all will be asked to make an equal sacrifice. Gifts may be fulfilled over a five-year period to allow parishioners the opportunity to consider their best gift.

Are we being asked to consider a pledge to the campaign in addition to our annual pledge?

Yes. Offertory giving is used for the normal operating expenses of the church and allow us to maintain the church and the ministries and programs we provide. While all families within the church will be asked to give a gift to the campaign, you alone can determine the amount that is appropriate for you and your household. Gifts above and beyond your annual pledge will allow our church to begin the truly projects included in this campaign.

How do I make a gift?

Gifts to the campaign can be made via check, credit card, debit card, automatic withdrawal, gifts of stock or other non-cash gifts. Checks can be made Payable to *St. John Vianney Catholic Church*. Donors fulfilling their gifts via credit card, debit card, or automatic withdrawal can establish payments online at <https://sjv.org/giving>. Gifts of stock and other non-liquid assets, including real estate, should be made by contacting the Parish Office at (608) 752-8708 and are subject to acceptance policies of the Diocese of Madison. Gifts to the campaign are tax deductible as allowed by law. Donors are encouraged to consult with their financial advisors.

How will campaign expenses be paid?

Campaign expenses are built into the campaign plan and will not be deducted from the funds returned to the parishes.

How can I help/do you need volunteers?

We will need many volunteers and welcome all who wish to be involved. Rooted in stewardship principles, there will be opportunities for all who desire to share their talents. Specifics on committees, roles and responsibilities, and anticipated time commitments are forthcoming. If you wish to be involved, please speak with Father Paul or Jeanne Vogt (jvogt@sjv.org of 608-752-8708).