

FAITH IN OUR FUTURE

A Campaign for
St. Nicholas Catholic Church

"Remember that nothing is small in the eyes of God. Do all that you do with love" –ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



As we prepare for our *Faith in Our Future* campaign, we will be publishing a *Frequently Asked Questions* series to answer questions that surfaced during the planning study. These *FAQs* will be published in the bulletin and available on our website (www.stncc.net) along with additional campaign materials.

Why do we need an elevator lift?

The addition of an elevator lift to our church will provide handicapped access connecting the church, basement, and parking lot so that all parishioners can easily participate in our Masses and events.

What is the difference between an elevator and an elevator lift?

An elevator has a cab that is usually completely enclosed and requires an elevator shaft, while a lift often has an open cab save for small panels on the sides of the platform. We chose the lift because it is far less expensive than a full elevator and will require minimal change to the floorplan of our church. The lift we have decided upon is the largest lift that is currently manufactured to accommodate a variety of wheelchair sizes. It can accommodate one wheelchair and one or two additional people.

Where will the elevator lift be located?

The lift will be in the northwest corner of the church and will require the removal of a few pews. In addition to the elevator lift, we will also create a new handicapped accessible entrance on the north side of the church and add stairs next to the lift to provide safer access for all parishioners to both the church level and the basement level of the building.

Are there a lot of maintenance costs for the lift?

We do not anticipate a significant expense for operating the lift. The costs it will require are a dedicated phone line, emergency service, and basic electricity and lighting.