

St. Mary, Our Lady of the Lake
“Cherishing Our Past, Growing Our Future”
Capital Campaign

As we prepare to celebrate our 45th anniversary as a parish, we give thanks to God for His grace and abundant blessings. Since our earliest days, we have expanded and flourished. We gratefully acknowledge our past and our present by building for our future.

Our members continue to be increasingly active in liturgical, social, catechetical and spiritual ministries. The parish and our community continue to grow, with retirees and young families alike moving to the area. To meet the long-term needs of our Catholic community, we have been working on a Master Plan to address our needs.

Feedback from all the parishioners who participated in the Feasibility Study conducted by Lynch Development Associates revealed overwhelming support for enlarging the Parish Activity Center (PAC), adding multi-purpose classrooms, creating space for our youth, and expanding the Narthex. The study also uncovered the need to scale the project to serve the most parishioners and ministries while remaining within a feasible financial scope. Therefore, parts of the original proposal will now be considered in future phases. To make the most use of space, the new Ministry Center design includes parish offices, multi-purpose classrooms with movable walls, and a place for our youth to gather.

Construction of a Ministry Center & Expanding the Parish Activity Center

Construction of a Ministry Center: Space for offices, classes, storage, and our youth

To meet the growing needs of our community, we'll construct a 2,500 square foot building adjacent to the PAC. This facility will include four offices for parish staff, six classrooms with movable walls which can expand to a large room, restrooms, storage, and a small kitchenette to provide hospitality. The addition of the Ministry Center, in combination with the PAC expansion, will allow the parish greater flexibility in scheduling religious education classes, ministries' meetings, and also serve as space for youth to gather. In fact, we will even regain the opportunity to have parish fellowship simultaneous with RE classes on Sunday mornings. We will build this first in the construction process; the parish has accepted the donation of the underlying steel building.

Enlarged Parish Activity Center: Increases large group gathering space and classrooms

We plan to enlarge the Parish Activity Center thereby expanding the opportunities to host numerous social, spiritual, educational and ministerial events, which are critical to our growth as a family of faith. A larger gathering hall will make it possible to gather our community together for parish retreats, missions, concerts, “Garden of Eat’n” breakfasts, spaghetti dinners, and many more activities. The expansion will also add eight additional multi-purpose classrooms and storage room. The new classrooms will have movable walls with new soundproofing technology to offer greater flexibility with room setup and the scheduling of groups.

Enlarged Narthex and Entrance Area (which will relocate the offices)

We all know how difficult it is to get out of the church after Mass or how hard it is to gather before or after Mass in the entrance area. Part of our plan relocates the two offices, removes the kitchenette/storage room, and remodels the entrance area to alleviate this problem. The remodeling also includes moving the sacristy, freeing up that room for storage space or a future office.

More about The Construction Project: Construction will be completed in phases to minimize the impact of ministry scheduling. To ensure that we are good stewards of God’s creation, our new and expanded spaces will feature “green” elements. This will also help save on long-term maintenance and operational costs.

Estimated Cost of Constructing a Ministry Center and Expanding Parish Activity Center

Initial quotes for the capital improvements are approximately \$1.5 million, which includes soft costs of 20% (fixtures, furnishings, equipment (FF&E), consultant fees, permits, assessments, and contingencies). The finance council has reviewed the proposals and estimates that the parish can fund the improvements with \$1 million raised from this capital campaign, \$300k from parish funds already set aside in savings, and by obtaining a \$200k loan. Anything raised above the campaign goal will be allocated to reduce the mortgage or for other capital improvements.

Estimated Breakdown of Project Costs

Estimated Funds from the Campaign	\$1,000,000
Allocated Parish Funds already Saved	\$300,000
Construction Loan	\$200,000
Total Estimated Construction Costs	\$1,500,000

Estimated Campaign Goal: \$1,000,000