

# Christ King Parish's Vision for the Future

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to live Jesus' mission. We are called to grow our faith journey in an intentional community, we are called to proclaim and witness the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all people, we are called to worship God in the Eucharist and be fed by the Sacraments, and we are called to serve the poor and needy as Jesus served.

Committed to living Jesus' mission in today's ever-changing culture, faith-filled energy, and good news abound at our parish:

- Parish leadership actively discerns a sharper focus on intentional discipleship with prayer, small groups, scripture study, adult education, retreats, devotions, and a deeper understanding and love of the Sunday Eucharist.
- Our parish is growing as newly married couples, new neighbors, and energetic babies and children fill our Masses, sharing joy with our many devoted longtime parishioners.
- Our recently expanded Catholic school is a growing community of academic excellence with high standards for Catholic formation.
- Our religious education program is charting a bold and exciting new direction.
- Our parish outreach caringly ministers to those in need.
- Our parish community is charitably responding to the changes of clustering parishes and sharing a pastor.
- Financial stewardship has increased, and the parish is financially living within our means. This financial increase has enabled the parish to gradually take on improvements, develop reserves, pay debt, give outreach gifts, and fulfill all operating needs within a responsible budget. Fundraisers have been gradually reduced, and there have been no second collections or emergency requests for parish needs. And for the past four years, we have exceeded our goal in the Catholic Stewardship Appeal.
- Time and talent stewardship has increased as growing numbers of parishioners participate in parish councils, committees, and ministries.

Christ King Parish was founded 80 years ago to proclaim and grow Jesus' mission in the Wauwatosa and Milwaukee area. At that time individuals like us gave deeply of their limited resources to build our beautiful church, school, and ministry spaces. Today we humbly enjoy the sacrificial gifts of those who came before us as we boldly answer Jesus' call to mission and discipleship.

Like any 80-year-old home, increased parish activity, mission growth, and physical aging require attention, a responsibility which the entire family must share. It has been more than ten years since we have been asked to commit a substantial investment in our parish home. Parish leadership and collaborative bodies, with trust in a capital appeal as a moment of parish unification and spiritual growth, have carefully identified several areas requiring critical care.

## **Sharing the Gospel with Our Youngest Disciples – School and Religious Education**

- **School Infrastructure Updates \$300,000** - Various improvements (paint, carpet, furniture) are needed to sustain a healthy school environment and marketability.
- **School Windows \$150,000** - A portion of the school windows are inoperable.

- **“Atrium” for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd \$15,000** - A major transformation of our religious education curriculum will require dedicated spaces and materials.

### **Sharing in Beauty Through the Eucharist - Sacred Worship and Sacraments**

- **New Pipe Organ to replace failing instrument \$1,250,000** - Our 65-year-old organ is near failure, requiring expensive repairs. After two years of extensive study with experts, our Organ Study Committee and Prayer and Worship Committee has concluded replacing the organ with a well crafted, tracker style pipe organ is the most financially prudent option. This instrument, built to last centuries rather than years, will enliven our worship, and catalyze drawing people to worship through evangelization connected to beauty.
- **Church LED lighting upgrades \$250,000** - The 1956 electrical wiring and fixtures are inefficient and failing. An improved lighting configuration and fixtures are recommended.
- **Intergenerational Seating on North and South of Church \$100,000** - Erection of glass and wood partitions to create two child-friendly quieting spaces and flexible seating for those with mobility limitations.
- **Church Air Conditioner \$350,000** - The original air conditioning system is long outdated, inefficient, and uses a rare and expensive form of Freon.

### **Financial Responsibility and Campus Operations**

- **Parking Lot and New Fence \$800,000** - The parking lot has long needed reconstruction. Replacement of deteriorating chain link fence with brick and wrought iron style enclosure.
- **New Phone System for the Office and School \$75,000** - The decade’s old church and school phone and voice mail system needs to be replaced and unified.
- **New Boilers \$350,000** - The original campus boilers need significant maintenance or replacement.
- **Roof Repairs \$500,000** - The original slate and gutter system for the church and school requires extensive repairs.
- **Other Campus Improvements and Deferred Maintenance \$250,000**
- **Capital Improvement Fund Maturity \$250,000** - This fund was established at the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. When the capital balance reaches \$500,000, the interest will be used as supplemental income for buildings and grounds improvements.
- **Loan Repayment \$1,263,000** - Continue to pay off Parish Center and School improvements to free up funds from repayments to build new ministries.

### **Sharing Our Love - Service and Outreach**

- **Gift to Saint Vincent de Paul Society and Other Outreach \$300,000** - approximately 5% or \$300,000 of campaign proceeds to be shared in outreach.

## **Total to Renovate and Improve Key Ministry Areas and Spaces - \$6,000,000**

On Sunday, October 13, 2019, at a celebration with Archbishop Jerome ListECKI, we will rejoice and give thanks on our parish’s 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary. As we look to this moment, we are called now to strengthen our community and ministries, prepare for the future, and to joyfully express a *deep and sacrificial* act of love, in leaving a gift both for today and for the future. Together, and only with God’s help, Christ King will continue the mission of growing Jesus’ parish for many generations to come.