



## Building Our New Parish Church

Embarking on the construction of a new parish church is both an exciting and challenging endeavor. This process requires careful planning and the input of many individuals, each contributing their expertise and perspectives. Naturally, as we work toward this goal, a variety of opinions have emerged regarding the church's design. While many of us have ideas about how we envision our new church, it is important to prioritize our financial resources. Our aim is to create the most beautiful church possible within our budget.

Many of you have been contributing to our New Church Fund for several years. Those funds have been invested through the St. Louis Archdiocesan Fund, and together with resources available in our parish reserves, we currently have approximately \$1 million to apply toward the campaign. Financial analysis indicates that these funds—combined with the anticipated proceeds from the sale of the St. David property and new gifts to the capital campaign—will total approximately \$7.5 million.

This budget will cover all necessary expenses, including fees, permits, construction, and furnishings. We are collaborating closely with Musick Construction and Chiodini Architects to ensure that our costs remain within this financial plan. Our primary focus is to construct a high-quality, noble church that will serve as the spiritual home for Catholics in Arnold into the next century.

The renditions for our new church are nearly complete and will be presented to the entire community during our Kickoff celebration on February 1. We invite everyone to join us as we embark on this significant and historic journey together.

God bless,

Fr. Blessing