



Beyond a New Church

A frequently asked question concerns the inclusion of a lower level in our proposed church building. While we hold a sincere desire to meet as many parish needs as possible, the significant additional cost—estimated at approximately \$3 million—along with the challenges of excavating through bedrock, have led us to discern that constructing a lower level is likely not a practical option at this time.

At the same time, we trust that the Holy Spirit continues to guide us toward creative and responsible solutions. In that spirit, the Building Committee, mindful of our call to good stewardship, has prayerfully explored alternatives. One such possibility is the addition of a parish hall, which could be constructed more easily and at a substantially lower cost. This space would provide a welcoming place for fellowship, gatherings, and dedicated storage—addressing many of the needs often associated with a lower level. We recognize the importance of having a place where our parish family can gather throughout the day to grow together in faith and friendship.

Early commitments to the capital campaign have been generous and are a source of both hope and gratitude. We are confident that, through God’s providence and your continued support, we will reach our fundraising goal for the new church. Should we be blessed with contributions beyond that goal, parish leadership and the construction team would carefully discern how best to address additional community needs, whether through a parish hall or another viable option.

At this moment, our primary focus remains clear: to build a sacred home where we, as living stones, may come together for worship and receive the sacraments. It is our deepest desire to provide a spiritual sanctuary where all may encounter Christ and grow in holiness. Let us continue to pray, trust, and work together—united in faith—as we look forward to the blessings God has in store for our parish family.

“Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.”

— **1 Peter 2:5**

God bless,

Fr. Blessing