



ST. JOHN LALANDE RENEWING GOD'S HOUSE CAMPAIGN



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

For 86 years, St. John LaLande Church has been a beacon of faith, gathering as God's family to worship, sharing the Gospel and serving those in need. Our cherished campus is showing signs of wear that we can no longer ignore.

As we embark on the **RENEWING GOD'S HOUSE Campaign**, we have a unique opportunity to renew both our physical spaces and our spiritual lives. Our vision includes revitalizing our campus and creating a purpose-built adoration chapel—a space dedicated to deepening our connection with God.

This fall, we will invite you to join us on this important journey. We ask you to prayerfully consider how you can support this campaign, representing a significant but necessary investment in our parish's future.

Please stay informed about our goals, share the vision with friends and neighbors, and pray daily: "Lord, what do You want to do through me for my parish?" Through the **RENEWING GOD'S HOUSE Campaign**, let us unite to renew our hearts and our campus, paving the way for continued service to God and our community.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Sean McCaffery
Pastor



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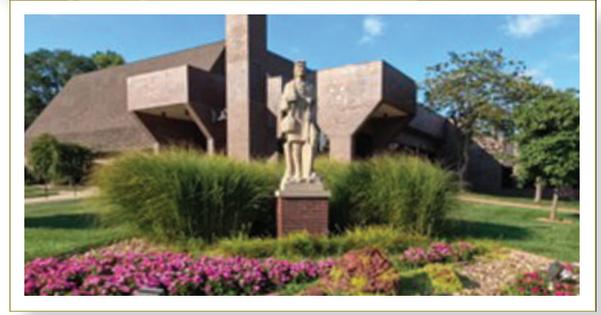


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OUR HISTORY

OUR LEGACY

- St. John LaLande Parish was canonically established by Bishop Thomas Lillis in early May 1938, and Father James Walton was appointed first pastor.
- The first Mass was held on Friday, June 17, 1938.
- The parish was originally established to serve Catholic weekend visitors to Lakes Tapawingo and Lotawana.
- In 1948, the parish built a church a few blocks away from Stanley Hall, still on Main Street, that could seat 300.
- In 1961, the parish site moved to 805 NW R.D. Mize Road, and the school added 6th and 7th grades. The eighth grade was added in 1962. A year later, parish membership had grown to more than 900 persons.
- In 1976, ground was broken for the present church. The parish census showed 900 families that year. The first Mass was celebrated in the church on Dec. 11, 1976, and it was dedicated in Feb. 1977.
- A parish center, complete with kitchen, was ready for use by 1979. The school cafeteria was moved to the parish center that summer.
- The parish continues to grow and expand. Now 86 years old, it has matured into a vibrant, faith-affirming parish.



OUR VISION

For 86 years, St. John LaLande parishioners have generously given their time and resources to create the beautiful campus we now call home. We are blessed to enjoy the sacrificial gifts of those who came before us—those who boldly answered Jesus' call to discipleship.

Now, we face an aging home with significant physical and structural challenges. The time has come for us to make a major investment in the life of our parish, the kind of gift that is rarely asked for but desperately needed. We have dedicated much time and energy to assessing our challenges and developing a comprehensive plan. This plan is built around the four pillars below.

All Buildings, Grounds and Administration - \$2,840,100

- Roofs - Parish and School
- Windows - Parish and School
- HVAC - Parish and School
- Floors - Parish and School
- Bathrooms - Parish and School
- Gym Upgrades
- Painting - Parish and School
- Bell Tower
- Other Capital Improvements and Reserves



Sharing the Gospel with Disciples of All Ages - \$224,900

- Mary's House Upgrades
- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd - School, ECLA, PREP
- ECLA Equipment
- Youth & Young Adults
- Adult & Family Life



Loving Service and Action - \$235,000

- Approx 5% of campaign proceeds to St. Vincent de Paul and Other Charities
- Helping Hands - Works of Mercy
- St. Joseph House and SVDP Upgrades



Sacred Worship and the Sacraments - \$700,000

- Adoration Chapel and Landscaping
- Church Updates, Hymnals, Choir Carpet



CAMPAIGN GOAL: \$4 MILLION

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Why are we doing a capital campaign now?

A: Maintaining and updating the infrastructure of St. John LaLande is crucial for supporting its mission. Like older homes, the church's facilities require timely repairs and updates to remain safe, welcoming and functional. Addressing these needs now ensures the church continues to serve as a strong pillar in the Blue Springs community.

Q: How do we prioritize projects within each goal category?

A: Parish leadership carefully selected diverse projects, prioritizing based on urgency and available funds. The HVAC systems, roofs and windows on the church and school will be addressed first. Other projects will be completed as the pledge results go higher. After all else is done, the final project will be the new adoration chapel.

Q: Have we financially committed to any projects already?

A: After careful consultation with our fundraising consultant and recognizing that 88% of adult parishioners support the campaign, we are moving forward with urgent roof and HVAC repairs.

Q: Do we intend to take on debt to complete these projects?

A: We are approaching the capital campaign without planning for long-term debt, focusing instead on completing projects in a fiscally prudent manner. This approach will help us maintain and enhance the parish's financial stability.

Q: What are the benefits of an adoration chapel?

A: In Catholic worship, the Holy Eucharist is central. Eucharistic adoration, a tradition spanning centuries, extends Christ's presence and graces among us. With a purpose-built adoration chapel for 24/7 access, we invite the community to deepen their faith and sanctity. As Blessed Carlo Acutis said, "When people sit in the sun, they get a tan, but when they sit before the Eucharistic Jesus, they become saints." Join us in basking in this heavenly glow.

Q: What will we be asked to consider through Renewing God's House?

A: For now, we ask you to cherish your parish and its history, think of the generosity of your parents and grandparents, learn about our vision and needs, and pray that God will show you how you can be involved through generously sharing the gifts He has given you.

Q: How will the funds be collected?

A: Funds will be collected through the **RENEWING GOD'S HOUSE Campaign**. One hundred percent of all funds will be restricted for the projects listed in our Vision Statement. Parishioners may make their pledge payments using their bank EFT, checks, credit cards, donations of stocks or bonds, and more.

Q: How do we determine a budget for each project in the capital campaign?

A: To address the aging infrastructure of our campus, significant foresight and preparatory work have been undertaken by the parish staff and the Buildings and Grounds Committee. Despite these efforts, much remains to be done. To ensure that our plans are sound, our estimates accurate and our investments provide the best value, we are actively consulting with experts both within our parish and from external sources.

Q: When will pledging begin for the whole parish?

A: The whole parish will begin its pledging on November 9 & 10. We will enter a “season of giving or pledging.” A season of pledging allows us to consider everyone’s differing circumstances and plans. A few weeks from now, you will receive a pledge packet after you’ve gone through this process. With that pledge packet, you will be asked to consider a gift or a pledge that is a reach and a sacrifice for you.

Q: How can we donate to the capital campaign?

A: As we embark on this capital campaign, we invite you to prayerfully consider how to respond to God’s many blessings. Your pledge is a special commitment, meant to be over and above your regular stewardship to our parish and to the Diocese. You may choose to give through:

- One-Time Gifts
- Three-Year Pledges
- Pledges with a Down Payment
- Stocks, Bonds or Other Assets
- Bequests
- Combination Gifts

We encourage you to reflect on how you might contribute, letting your pledge express your gratitude for God’s gifts.

Q: Can I also consider an estate gift?

A: Yes, you can. An estate gift is a great way to bless St. John LaLande’s mission and ministry today and in the future. A checkbox will be on your commitment card to request estate planning information or indicate an estate gift.

Q: Can I consider a gift of stock or securities?

A: Parishioners of all ages are encouraged to consider making gifts of stock or securities to support our parish. For those aged 70½ or older, this giving offers unique benefits:

- 1) It allows you to make a meaningful contribution without paying capital gains tax, and
- 2) It enables the parish to receive a potentially larger gift. This is a wonderful way for everyone to benefit—both you and our parish community!

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GO HIGHER GO FARTHER!

God is calling us to something monumental, to the renewing of St. John LaLande – spiritually and physically. And it will take God's help and our collective sacrifices to accomplish this. Large or small, sacrificial giving is an opportunity to exercise our trust in God's providence.

To start thinking about your sacrificial gift, seek to do the following:

HOW TO DETERMINE A SACRIFICIAL GIFT

- Be aware of God's many blessings given to you.
- Select the largest gift level that seems manageable to you.
- Consider a gift that might be a sacrifice for you by going one or two levels higher.
- Reflect on the amazing example of the parishioners that came before us and provided sacrificial gifts to build our beautiful campus.
- Pray often, "Lord, what do you want to do – through me – for my parish?"
- Let the Holy Spirit guide you to the place where you feel you can make the most difference.

GIFT SCALE

Monthly	Yearly	3-Year Pledge
\$6,944	\$83,333	\$250,000
\$5,556	\$66,667	\$200,000
\$4,861	\$58,333	\$175,000
\$4,167	\$50,000	\$150,000
\$3,472	\$41,667	\$125,000
\$2,778	\$33,333	\$100,000
\$2,083	\$25,000	\$75,000
\$1,667	\$20,000	\$60,000
\$1,389	\$16,667	\$50,000
\$1,111	\$13,333	\$40,000
\$833	\$10,000	\$30,000
\$556	\$6,667	\$20,000
\$500	\$6,000	\$18,000
\$400	\$4,800	\$14,400
\$300	\$3,600	\$10,800
\$250	\$3,000	\$9,000
\$200	\$2,400	\$7,200
\$150	\$1,800	\$5,400
\$100	\$1,200	\$3,600
\$75	\$900	\$2,700
\$50	\$600	\$1,800
\$25	\$300	\$900

CONSIDER AN ESTATE GIFT

In life and in death, we are called to be good stewards of the many gifts God has entrusted to us.

One profound way to support the mission of Jesus at St. John LaLande is through an estate gift or bequest. This thoughtful gesture allows you to balance your current needs with the opportunity to ensure the St. John LaLande's future vitality.

Here are some meaningful ways to consider this:

- **A Will:** A will allows you to distribute your earthly gifts according to your wishes. Without one, the State of Missouri will decide for you.
- **Tax Benefits:** Estate gifts can provide significant tax advantages. For example, a bequest is 100% deductible from your estate, potentially reducing estate taxes.
- **Family Consideration:** Think of St. John LaLande as an extension of your family. If you have three children, consider making St. John LaLande your fourth.
- **Residual Giving:** You may choose to remember St. John LaLande by designating a residual portion of your estate—5%, 10%, 20%, or more.

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IMPORTANT DATES

Kick-off and Information Weekends

September 21 & 22 and 28 & 29

With Information Packets after Masses

Stewardship Reflection Weekends

October 5 & 6 — Acknowledging God's Gifts

October 12 & 13 — Being Grateful

October 19 & 20 — Giving Back to God

October 26 & 27 — Giving Back to God, with Sacrifice!

November 2 & 3 — For the Kingdom, for the Saints

Commitment Season

November 9 & 10 — Major Commitment Weekend I

November 16 & 17 — Major Commitment Weekend II

November, December & January

— Commitment Weekends Continue

Campaign Closing Celebration – TBD



CAMPAIGN PRAYER

Heavenly Father,

We thank you for calling us into your family through
Your Son, Jesus Christ.

Help us to spiritually and physically strengthen our
Foundation of Faith through heartfelt service and merciful
love in our **RENEWING GOD'S HOUSE Campaign**.

Let us be a Beacon of Hope through generous stewardship
in our giving and authentic gratitude for your grace, as we
proclaim the Kingdom of God for future generations.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen!

Mary, Mother of God, pray for us!

St. Joseph, the Worker, pray for us!

St. John LaLande, pray for us!



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