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Join all of us in daily prayer...

Campaign Prayer:

Gracious God, giver of all good gifts, we thank you for your blessings bestowed upon us. "Grounded in Faith, Growing to Serve," we live out your love as we build your kingdom. With Jesus as our foundation, we continue faith's legacy, "on the ledge," drawing others close to You. Mindful of you, Lord God, I ask, "What is your will for me and Holy Cross Parish? How am I to be a steward of the Holy Cross Campaign?" Help me to be open to your will,so that your glory may be at work in all of us. We ask this in the spirit who with You and your son Jesus are One God, now and forever. Amen.



A Letter from Our Pastor

Dearest Holy Cross Parish Family,

We are blessed to be a parish family that is richly embedded in deep faith and feels God's absolute presence in our lives. God has abundantly provided for us and our blessings have been plentiful. We are a strong and active parish, continually welcoming God's people to join in our united mission to share His message. I feel the excitement of our parish's commitment to *The Campaign for Holy Cross* and know that our campaign theme, *Grounded in Faith, Growing to Serve* reflects the mission of our faith community. This is not just a building *Campaign* but a crusade to continue the legacy of our Catholic faith and willingness to serve the Lord. Our ancestors gave us a strong spiritual and material foundation and it is our time to respond to God's call to build His kingdom with faith and courage.

Prayer is the very foundation upon which we are conducting this *Campaign*. I encourage you to have many conversations with God and ask "What is it, Lord that you want to do-through me- for my parish?" Listen intently to His response with your heart and offer a sacrificial gift to this campaign in the spirit of Christ's unending love.

It is stated so beautifully in 2 Corinthians 9:7

Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

Not everyone will be able to share at the same level, but every contribution will help this spiritual community prosper in serving the Lord. My hope is that you will participate in *The Campaign for Holy Cross* by praying for its success and by financially contributing to the very best of your ability.

We pray that we can emulate the very words of John 1:16

For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.



In Christ, through Mary,

Father Dane

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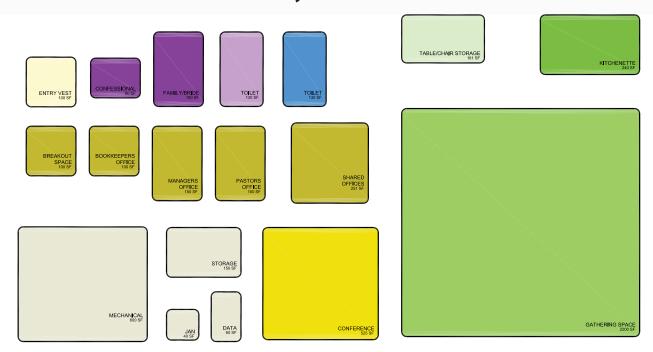
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Preliminary Architectural Renderings

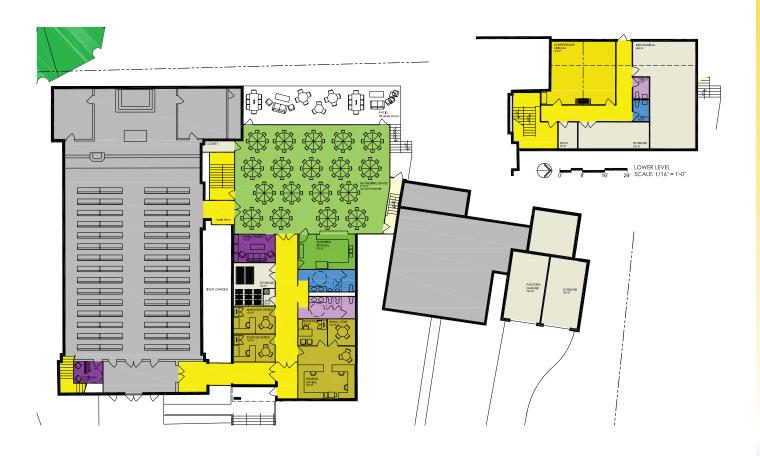


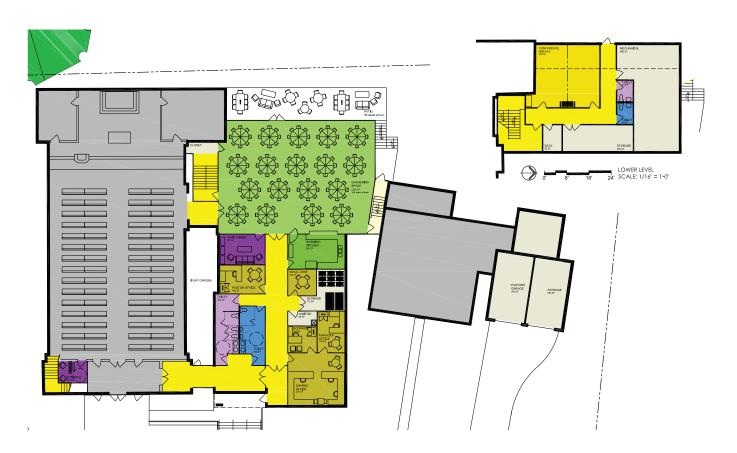


Preliminary Floor Plan Code



Preliminary Floor Plan Renderings







Grounded in Faith, Growing to Serve The Campaign for Holy Cross Financial Plan

The goal of this project is to raise **\$3 million.** Of that amount, **\$2.5 million** will be used to build and furnish a Parish Center to the north of the church building.

The Parish Center will include the following:

- A **social hall**, linked to the church, which will be used for large events, including overflow for large masses, wake services, wedding receptions, and other social events
- An **outdoor deck** that highlights the beauty of our sweeping views
- Conference room/meeting space
- A warming kitchen to be used for food service
- A **family lounge**, to provide space for grieving families at funerals and for bridal preparation
- Office space for the pastor, associate pastor, business manager, and reception staff
- New restroom facilities
- Maintenance and supply storage

The remaining **\$500 thousand** will be used for needed repairs to the church building:

- Creation of a new confessional
- Window repairs
- Refinishing of the pews and other woodwork
- Plaster repair

A portion of the **\$500 thousand** will be used for needed upgrades and repairs to the school building:

- Upgrades to the kitchen facility
- · Structural repairs to the building

Grounded in Faith, Growing to Serve The Campaign for Holy Cross Project Timeline

Fr. Michael Weber commissioned a committee to assess the need

and develop a preliminary plan for construction of a Parish Center

Spring 2017 The Study Committee presented preliminary plans for the

project, and began the process of identifying a consultant for a

fundraising campaign

Fall 2017 The Study Committee hired VisionWorks and consultant Mark

Filips to manage and support the campaign

A feasibility study of the project was completed and approval to proceed was secured from leadership of the Diocese of Green Bay

October 2017 Under the direction of our newly-appointed Pastor, Fr. Dane

Radecki, O.Praem, a Campaign Steering Committee was formed

and began planning for a \$3 million fund raising campaign

December 2017 Campaign Kick-off; Lead Gift solicitation

January 2018 Advance Commitment social gatherings; solicitation of remainder

of the parish

April 2018 Celebrate Success!

Summer 2018 Tentative Construction start date

Our Call to Action

Holy Cross Parish has been the spiritual cornerstone of the historic Belgian community of Bay Settlement for over 180 years. The first church was a wooden structure built in 1852, serving a growing population. In 1931, seventy-nine years later, a new brick church was built on the very same site. This structure continues to serve as our present church. Bay Settlement and its surrounding areas have experienced exponential growth and our parish is home to over 600 families. It is now our imperative duty, as parish members, to build a facility that comfortably welcomes worshippers, allowing for space to be used for church, family and children's activities. A parish office area will provide efficient space to conduct parish business. We have a dedicated troupe of volunteers that has spent countless hours addressing the business of designing an effective and functional building addition while remaining ever mindful of keeping the price tag cost-effective.

Another large group of volunteers has banded together to form *The Campaign for Holy Cross*, a \$3 million Capital Campaign to address the construction of our new Parish Center. A portion of the funds raised will provide necessary repairs and updates to the church and school facilities. It is our unquestionable responsibility to repair and preserve our buildings.

Generations before us gave generously to provide a firm foundation in support of our growing parish. It is now our turn to invest in this building endeavor. As a Christ-centered parish, it is our obligation to embrace our responsibility and provide for those who will follow us.

Each member is asked to prayerfully consider their measure of talent, time and treasure to be dedicated to this project. As those who gave before us, let us promise to give with all of our hearts.

How Can I Get Involved?

A project of this scope requires "many hands to make light work!" If you would like to become more involved in the *Campaign*, contact one of the steering committe members below!

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GO HIGHER, GO FARTHER!

Remember, "Not Equal Gifts, But Equal Sacrifice!" is our Campaign's guiding theme. All of us can give like kings, if we give sacrificially. As good stewards, we attempt to be the very best caretakers of all the gifts that God has entrusted to us.

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

- Review the gift chart.
- Let your eyes rest on the largest three-year gift you think you can make.
- Now, consider a sacrificial gift. Consider going one level higher: from the more comfortable level to the more sacrificial level.
- Think of the generous example of your grandparents and pray, "Lord, what do you want to do through me for my parish?"
- Let the Holy Spirit lead you to a place that is satisfying and sacrificial!
- Most of us can go one level higher by giving something up for awhile or putting off purchasing something for a while.

Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Yearly	3-yr
\$228.31	\$1,602.56	\$6,944	\$83,333	\$250,000
\$182.65	\$1,282.05	\$5,556	\$66,667	\$200,000
\$136.99	\$961.54	\$4,167	\$50,000	\$150,000
\$91.32	\$641.03	\$2,778	\$33,333	\$100,000
\$68.49	\$480.79	\$2,083	\$25,000	\$75,000
\$45.66	\$320.51	\$1,389	\$16,667	\$50,000
\$36.53	\$256.41	\$1,111	\$13,333	\$40,000
\$27.40	\$192.31	\$833	\$10,000	\$30,000
\$22.83	\$160.26	\$694	\$8,333	\$25,000
\$16.67	\$115.47	\$500	\$6,000	\$18,000
\$13.15	\$92.31	\$400	\$4,800	\$14,400
\$9.86	\$69.23	\$300	\$3,600	\$10,800
\$8.33	\$57.74	\$250	\$3,000	\$9,000
\$6.67	\$46.19	\$200	\$2,400	\$7,200
\$5.00	\$34.64	\$150	\$1,800	\$5,400
\$3.33	\$23.09	\$100	\$1,200	\$3,600
\$2.50	\$17.32	\$75	\$900	\$2,700
\$1.67	\$11.55	\$50	\$600	\$1,800
\$1.33	\$9.24	\$40	\$480	\$1,440
\$1.00	\$6.93	\$30	\$360	\$1,080
\$.82	\$5.77	\$25	\$300	\$900

The Principles of Giving

by Leslie Temple-Thurston

Giving is a privilege. It is a privilege for both the giver and the receiver. Both are honored and ennobled by the action of giving. Giving is a rare and precious energy resource, the energy of connecting. When we show kindness and generosity towards one another, we connect deeply and are enriched by the connection. The giver and receiver are bonded together in a state of delight and unity.

It is said in the Scriptures that to be a perfect giver, we should give without thought of reward. This is extremely difficult for most people to do. Unselfish giving, if done in the right spirit, has been known to defy gravity and have us walking on air for days.

Why is giving so difficult sometimes? Because it threatens the ego with the fear of loss, scarcity, and deprivation. Logic tells us if we have two apples and give one away, we simply have one less apple. Whereas in fact, it is a spiritual law that to give is to create a flow. Because in giving, we open ourselves to receive as well. Giving and receiving are an act of faith in the limitless supply of divine generosity. They affirm divine support. And in that affirmation a flow is created within us, replenishing the supply. Changes take place in our awareness and our lives when we give and receive graciously.

When we are generous, we stretch ourselves beyond the ego, beyond our usual limits and attachments. This may feel scary and difficult, even impossible at first, but if we take the plunge and deny the impediment, something snaps, and we are freed eventually of the limiting beliefs of scarcity. This breaking of our boundaries leads to unparalleled joy.

There is nothing quite like going the extra mile whenever possible; it is the best therapy there is. It is a therapy that enlarges our spirit and ultimately our material world.

Should we happen to stumble upon these realizations at some point in our lives and resolve to live the art of giving and receiving, this artistry will immediately become far more sophisticated, designating us candidates for the realms of love.

As practitioners of the art of giving, we are on an ever-expanding, ascending spiral of spiritual power, which leads eventually to the realizations of the mysteries of the Universe, way beyond the boundaries of the past and into the Light of Faith.

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The Campaign logo is based on the original Holy Cross Parish Family logo and includes the central cross icon and waves below that acknowledge the church's placement on the Bay plus a stylized rendering of the project's architectural sketch. The yellow, rising sun imagery represents Jesus's resurrection and all it holds for us as Catholics while the blue water iconography is a reminder of our baptism into the body of Christ.

Developed by parish member Nikki Goral, the logo will appear on all information and documents related to the Campaign.