

St. Joseph Parish

10 North Long Street, Farmington, MO 63640

Campaign Case for Support



Parish History

St. Joseph Parish celebrated its 125th anniversary this year, carrying forward a legacy of placing the Eucharist at the center of our faith. Our community remains vibrant and growing as we look to proclaim the Kingdom of God. We strive to live our baptismal calling through prayer, worship, teaching, sharing our faith and serving others. Our journey of faith brings Christ's presence to our parish, our community, and our world.

St. Joseph Catholic School was founded in 1897 and seeks to place Christ at the center of our students' lives. As our community knows, educating students involves more than mere knowledge. It also calls for being formed in the Christian faith and cared for in a nurturing environment.

As we look to the future of our parish community, St. Joseph Parish has a tremendous opportunity to fulfill our baptismal calling to serve those in need.

Our Parish Needs to Serve the Larger Community

With gratitude, our parish community and ministries continue to grow. We intend to use funds raised through this campaign to construct a new **St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry**, enabling our parish to fulfill its mission of serving others. Additionally, a portion of this campaign will be allocated to an Archdiocesan-wide effort to create an Education Fund to support our Catholic schools.

In order to address our parish's needs, we as the community of St. Joseph Parish have a challenging yet attainable goal of \$700,000. Because each individual in our parish community is integral to the success of this fundraising endeavor, we turn to you, a valued member of our community, and ask you to prayerfully consider a generous pledge to our campaign.

Our Plan

With generous *Beyond Sunday* campaign funding, St. Joseph Parish plans to:

Invest in St. Joseph Parish

Purchase the two homes adjacent to St. Joseph School (pictured below) to **build a new St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry**. This will provide many benefits to our local community and parish, including:

- Expanding the pantry to further meet the needs of this growing ministry;
- Providing additional parking for parishioners and visitors; and,
- Repurposing the existing Lober Building for meeting space and possibly establishing a Knights of Columbus meeting room.

Transform Catholic Education in the Archdiocese of St. Louis

Supporting the Fund will transform **Catholic education** in the Archdiocese of St. Louis in three important ways:

- Financial help for middle-income families through **scholarship support** to enroll more children in our Catholic schools;
- Funding to schools to develop **more competitive educational programs** in the STREAM disciplines (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Arts, and Math); and,
- **Innovation** grants for system-wide implementation of groundbreaking ideas that will enhance the operational and business models of our schools.

<i>Beyond Sunday</i> Campaign Summary		
Parish Expansion	40%	\$280,000
Education Fund	60%	\$420,000
TOTAL		\$700,000



A small portion of *Beyond Sunday* campaign proceeds will be used to offset expenses of the campaign, which is being led by the Roman Catholic Foundation. Campaign expenses will be paid out of the Foundation's share.