



WITH
ARMS OPEN WIDE

A CAMPAIGN FOR THE
SAINT MARY COMMUNITY



A rendering of the new Community
Center from our architect, Cytergy

THE CHURCH OF SAINT MARY | TULSA, OKLAHOMA

CAMPAIGN PRAYER

Our Lady of Grace, mother of the Word-made-flesh and Source of all graces, your outstretched arms show us a message of welcome and love. We ask that we may model our lives on you. As you welcomed the Son of God in your life and received from Him a heart on fire for His people, we pray that He may find this same warm welcome in our lives. In flame in our hearts a growing desire to meet the needs of others in our faith community and beyond.

Our Lady of Grace, pray for us!

Inspire our efforts during this time of renewal, and may the Holy Spirit guide us to give glory to God in all we do.

Amen.



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The Church of Saint Mary is a vibrant parish full of people eager to use their gifts to help those in need. Upgrading our facilities will enable the parish to coordinate larger service projects that will touch more lives in the parish and in the surrounding community. And the more we use our talents for the benefit of others, the more our own lives will be changed by the grace that comes from service.”

JOHN HANISCH

To our Church of Saint Mary family,

IT'S TIME.

We have heard that from many of you: It's time for our parish to move forward with a plan to build a new Community Center.

We couldn't agree more, and your support and encouragement have led us to this step: A parish capital campaign to raise \$4.5 million (or more!). Details about the Community Center and its featured pieces are inside this booklet. Please take time to review it.

But it is the campaign's theme – *With Arms Open Wide* – that we want to reflect upon here. Our parish has grown over the years and our ministries have flourished. Thanks to so many generous stewards of God's gifts, we have what amounts to a good problem: Instead of just making do with the space we have (and we do that well), how do we make room for more – more parishioners, more youth, more ministries, more neighbors in need ... more blessings?

We do that with arms open wide. The image of our namesake, Saint Mary, as Our Lady of Grace, her arms outstretched, serves as an inspiration to us.

Our new building will not be just a social hall. It will be a Community Center – for our faith community and our neighborhood community. It will give us the room to focus less on scheduling and more on ministry. It will allow us to open our arms wide and say, "Come, be a part of Saint Mary." It might be for just a day if they are attending a reception, or it could be for the rest of their lives, as so many have done for over sixty years. Either way, we want people to know that we are glad they are here.

Combined, the two of us have been a part of Saint Mary's for more than thirty years. Whether you have been a part of the parish for sixty years or six months, we invite you to join us in this important moment in parish history. Let's open our arms wide!

It's time.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Jack Gleason
Pastor

Monsignor Dennis Dorney
Pastor Emeritus



LET US WELCOME ALL WHO COME TO OUR PARISH TO SEEK HELP, TO NOURISH THEIR FAITH, TO SERVE OTHERS, AND TO SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS.



For nearly 35 years, Saint Mary has been the cornerstone of all aspects of our faith life. Giving back to this community, through support of the capital campaign, will promote growth, encourage participation and continue to enrich our faith life."

PAT AND JEANNE MANDEVILLE

We are very excited about the capital campaign and the new facilities at Saint Mary's. With all of the activities taking place across the church and school, we believe a new multi-faceted facility is badly needed and can create a great venue for any occasion. This campaign is dependent upon all of us participating. We look forward to helping with the campaign and then watching the new construction!"

CHRIS AND KATHY SCALET
GENERAL CHAIRS

DISCOVERING — AND FULFILLING — OUR PRIORITIES

The Church of Saint Mary capital campaign to build a new Community Center is the culmination of years of parish planning.

In 2012, Fr. Jack Gleason created a Priority Planning Team that set out to discover what parishioners and parish staff saw as the projects most needed at Saint Mary. As part of that process, listening sessions were held in 2013, church staff and lay leaders were interviewed and a Master Plan was developed. The bottom-line goal: to enable parishioners to engage more fully in their faith.

The priorities that were made clear to the team started with the need to upgrade parish facilities. A Facilities Committee was formed in 2013, the church sanctuary renovation was completed in 2015 and a flooring project for the church in 2017. Other recent facility enhancements include a hearing loop in the sanctuary and fresh paint in the Activities Center, along with updated lighting, flooring and scoreboards there.

The focus on facilities is now taking a major leap with the plan for a new Community Center, which will include a social hall and kitchen suitable for larger gatherings. The space will also address other priorities – including formation and service and outreach – that were set forth through the Priority Planning Team's work. The new center will include spaces for youth ministry, music ministry and community outreach.

Beyond Fr. Jack and the parish staff, our guides for this ongoing effort are the Pastor's Team and the Building Committee. They will monitor the campaign and construction processes and ensure that parishioners are kept informed about progress.



NEEDING ROOM TO WELCOME THE FUTURE

The Church of Saint Mary is blessed with more than 4,000 parishioners and 70 ministries. Our faith community is growing, and much of that is coming from families with children under age 5 and adults in the 31-40 age group. How wonderful! This growth brings with it some challenges:

SOCIAL HALL WITH KITCHEN

If you've ever run into snags with scheduling or coordinating a meeting or event at Saint Mary, you're not alone. A more expansive gathering space and a new kitchen are needed to accommodate events such as larger parish celebrations and funerals, wedding receptions and anniversary celebrations. As the number and vitality of our parish ministries and organizations grow, we need more options for meeting space.

YOUTH MINISTRY SPACE

We anticipate a rise in the number of youngsters participating in our middle school and high school youth programs, and a new space would allow us to open our arms wide to all of them!

MUSIC ROOM/CHOIR PRACTICE AREA

Our parish is alive with the sound of music! Our wonderful choirs and music ministries need a dedicated space to continue to grow. The room would alleviate space constraints during rehearsals and address storage concerns.

OUTREACH SPACE

Our mission isn't limited to our faith community. Our vibrant outreach ministry to our neighborhood community needs more room to serve its clients. It shares counseling rooms, waiting rooms and a pantry with other ministry offices, and volunteers struggle to find room to work.

IMPROVED/RELOCATED OFFICES

The parish staff is split between two buildings, and those in the office annex face struggle with cramped, inefficient arrangements. They're good sports about it, but it's time to make improvements.



I am so excited for the opportunities that a community center would provide the Saint Mary community. I believe it will be a wonderful opportunity to strengthen the faith and school community. How wonderful to have a place for my family to deepen our faith and love of Christ with our fellow parishioners."

MAGGIE GABEL

A DESIGN FOR GROWTH

The Community Center project is still in the design phase and will undergo a substantial review process. Here's a look at major pieces of the possible design.

A CHANGED CAMPUS

The new, two-story Community Center – shown on the cover and at right in renderings from our architect, Cyntergy – is to be a free-standing building to the west of the church and to the south of the parking lot. It would not include a basement because the church is in a flood zone, making a basement cost-prohibitive.

ANNEX OUT, COURTYARD IN

Under the current design, the Annex would be demolished. That space, together with the two large, mature trees that we intend to save immediately to the rear of the Annex, will become a courtyard for prayer and meditation and an entrance leading to the church and Community Center for pedestrians.

ENHANCED ENTRANCE

The west church entrance will get a new look and additional space to provide a place to gather, a more welcoming area, and a place to protect us from the elements.

IMPACT ON PARKING

With the expected demolition of the Annex, we hope to add parking along 49th Place. Another small lot across South Quaker Avenue is possible. There will NOT be a loss of parking, except perhaps during the construction period, and we will work to minimize any disruption then.

SOCIAL HALL

A long-awaited social hall is the centerpiece of the new Community Center! The hall will seat 250 guests, include a kitchen to handle larger events, and feature a hearing loop similar to the new one in the church.

MORE OUTREACH

All outreach ministry functions are expected to move into the Community Center and allow us to serve more of our neighbors in need. This space will be segregated from adjoining space in the center.

FOCUSING ON YOUTH

A new and larger youth ministry space on the second floor of the Community Center would allow for an exciting expansion of the vision for the programs for middle school and high school students.

NEW OFFICES

Offices that are in the annex now would be relocated as part of a renovation of existing meeting space in the main office building.

SHARING SPACE

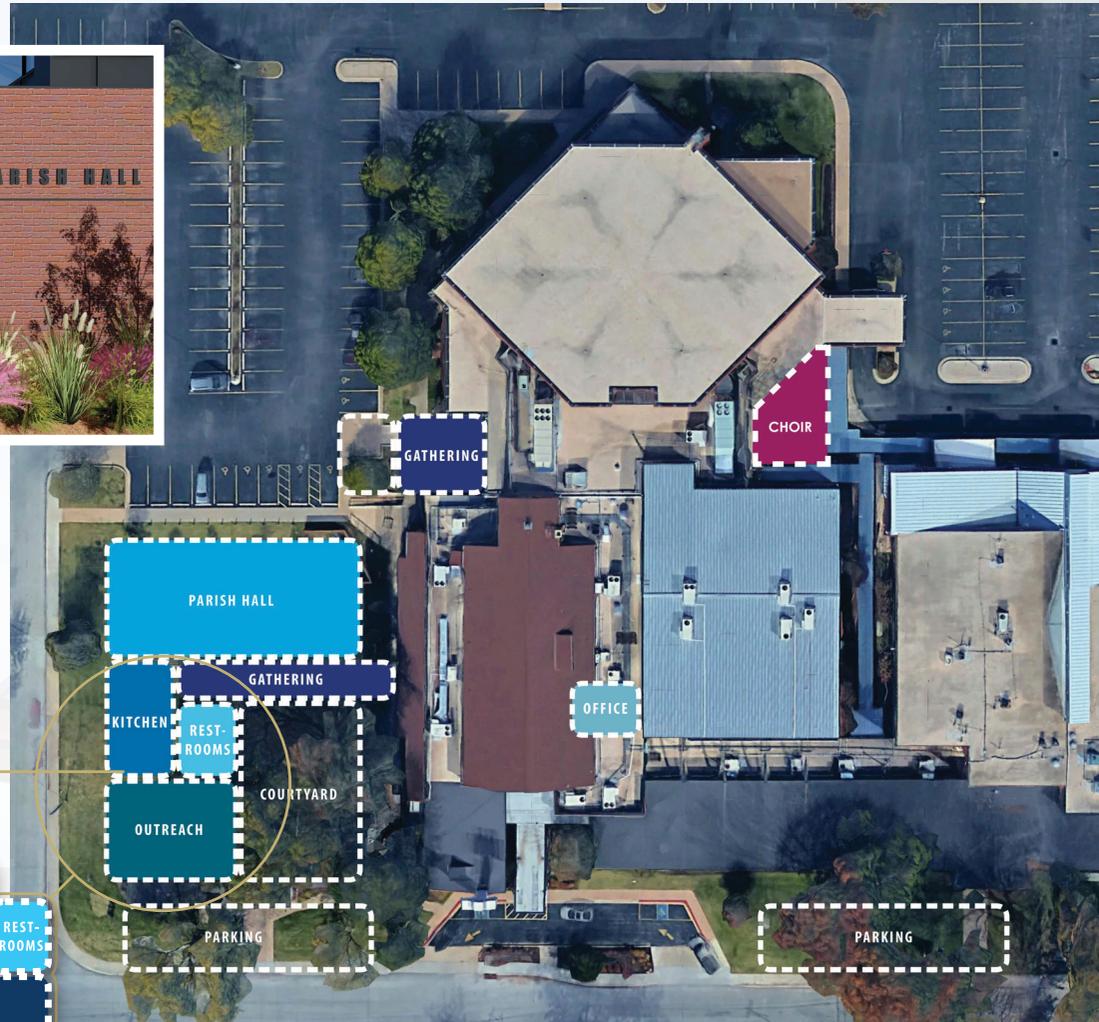
The primary objective is to develop as much of the center as possible for more than one use, even if a space's primary use is focused on one area, such as with youth ministry. However, a music room will likely be a dedicated space because of particular seating and storage needs of the choir and other musicians.



Hospitality – that is a strength of our parish. We want to be welcoming to current parishioners but even moreso to people looking for a parish and those visiting. We are all different in how we can give of our time and money, but we can be the same in our commitment and sacrifice for the Lord. A parish hall and kitchen will help our parish provide hospitality for generations to come.”

GEORGE AND DIANE ERBACHER
GENERAL CHAIRS





**COST OF THE
TOTAL PROJECT:
\$4.5 MILLION**

1st Floor



2nd Floor

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What an exciting time to be involved in youth ministry at the Church of Saint Mary! Lots of prayers and work have been put in to growing our youth ministry program and now we're seeing fruit being borne. We've got a good problem – we're outgrowing our youth space! The vision of our pastor and the generosity of our parish make the prospect and potential impact of a new, improved and better-suited youth space come within sight.”

BLAKE LAWSON
YOUTH MINISTRY DIRECTOR



MUSIC ROOM

Under this plan, the music room/choir practice area would be new construction outside the east end of the vestibule and north of the Activities Center. This location would give the choir a place to rehearse that is near the church and has easy exterior entry. Improved Activities Center access would be a bonus.

UPGRADED VESTIBULE

The gathering space at the west end of the vestibule may continue on the east end. We hope to enclose the entryway from the east parking lot leading into the church, creating considerable new space to further extend our hospitality. We will retain the handicapped-accessible ramp and hope to bring more light into this entryway.

NURSERY IMPROVEMENTS

The move of youth ministry to the Community Center would potentially allow the nursery for older children to move from the Motor Skills Room in the preschool area to the youth loft in the main office building. The nursery for younger children would stay in its current location.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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We have a large parish staff to assist Fr. Jack in leading our community. A buzzword that a few of us have been throwing around is 'breaking out of our silos.' This capital campaign will allow us an opportunity to adjust our office layout so that we can more easily combine our gifts and talents to provide impactful formation and volunteer opportunities.”

JAKE SZOEKE
DIRECTOR OF CONTEMPORARY MUSIC,
YOUNG ADULTS

The Church of Saint Mary has been our spiritual home for 25 years, a place for worship and fellowship as our family has grown. The church's mission of parish and community outreach and assistance to those in need has grown, but the facilities to support them have not kept pace. The church is in desperate need of facility enhancement, and the With Arms Open Wide campaign comes at a great time to accomplish this. With everyone's help, the Church of Saint Mary will have the tools it needs for many years to come.”

TIM AND PATSY HEPNER
GENERAL CHAIRS



WHY ARE WE CONDUCTING A CAPITAL CAMPAIGN?

The reason for a capital campaign is captured by its theme – *With Arms Open Wide* – and the accompanying Marian image of Our Lady of Grace. Our mission as a Catholic parish to bring souls to Christ encourages us to make room for and welcome all who would want to worship and serve here. Our ministries are feeling a space crunch, and the parish priority planning process identified key areas that need attention – areas such as the addition of a larger social hall, a new youth ministry space and outreach space. A planning study found there was tremendous support for the project, and parish leadership decided to move ahead with a campaign.

WHAT IS THE PARISH'S FINANCIAL SITUATION? WILL WE TAKE ON DEBT BECAUSE OF THIS CAMPAIGN?

The parish is debt-free at this time, and there are no plans to incur long-term debt from this project. The pledge period for the campaign will be three years, so it's likely the parish will take out a short-term loan to begin construction as pledges are redeemed.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE REGULAR OFFERTORY?

Any pledge that is made to the *With Arms Open Wide* campaign is meant to be above and beyond what a parishioner is already giving. Regular giving generally is what keeps a parish functioning on a day-to-day basis. A capital campaign is a separate initiative intended to make improvements beyond normal maintenance and repairs. In the short-term, offertory giving is expected to remain at its current level, with only modest growth likely. In the long term, similar campaigns have led to increases in parish offertory by raising the sights of parishioners and their commitment to the church.

HOW WILL THIS BENEFIT THE SCHOOL?

Although none of the projects is directly aimed at school needs, the school should see a positive domino effect from the construction. For example, the gym will be used for parish events much less often, opening up time for school activities there. Also, rooms like Beckerle Hall should become more available for school events because of the events that are now held in Beckerle but will move to the Community Center. Also, the new youth space will be available for use by the school, and the center itself will be available for some school gatherings.

ISN'T OUTREACH CATHOLIC CHARITIES' ROLE?

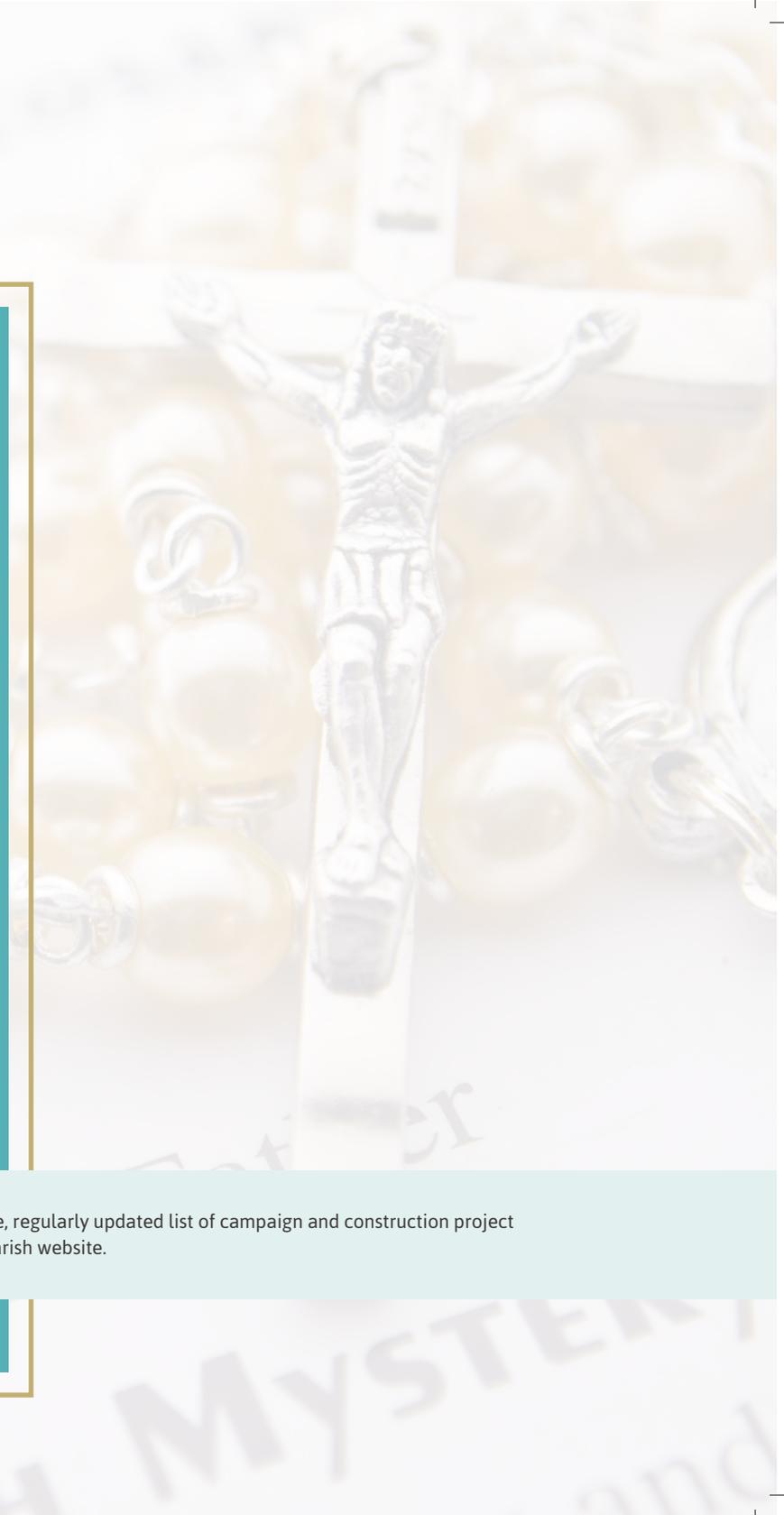
Catholic Charities does wonderful work in our region, but the complex is far from Saint Mary, and not all needs can be met through it. Our outreach project is one of the ways the Church of Saint Mary makes a difference in its neighborhood community – and brings Christ to it. The new outreach space in the Community Center will allow us to meet more needs and to allow more parish volunteers to lend a hand.

WILL THERE BE UPDATES ON OUR PROGRESS?

Yes, regular updates will be shared through all sorts of communication avenues – in the bulletin, at Mass, on the website, through emails, mailings, newsletters, etc. Having said that, if you find that you don't know what's going on, please contact Mike Malcom, our communications director, and he can guide you to the latest information.



NOTE: You can find a complete, regularly updated list of campaign and construction project questions and answers on the parish website.



GIFT GIVING

BUDGETING YOUR GIFT

3-Year Gift	Initial 10% Investment	Remaining Balance	Monthly	Quarterly	Semi-Annual	Annual
\$1,000,000	\$100,000	\$900,000	\$25,000	\$75,000	\$150,000	\$300,000
\$500,000	\$50,000	\$450,000	\$12,500	\$37,500	\$75,000	\$150,000
\$250,000	\$25,000	\$225,000	\$6,250	\$18,750	\$37,500	\$75,000
\$150,000	\$15,000	\$135,000	\$3,750	\$11,250	\$22,500	\$45,000
\$100,000	\$10,000	\$90,000	\$2,500	\$7,500	\$15,000	\$30,000
\$50,000	\$5,000	\$45,000	\$1,250	\$3,750	\$7,500	\$15,000
\$25,000	\$2,500	\$22,500	\$625	\$1,875	\$3,750	\$7,500
\$15,000	\$1,500	\$13,500	\$375	\$1,125	\$2,250	\$4,500
\$10,000	\$1,000	\$9,000	\$250	\$750	\$1,500	\$3,000
\$7,200	\$720	\$6,480	\$180	\$540	\$1,080	\$2,160
\$5,400	\$540	\$4,860	\$135	\$405	\$810	\$1,620
\$3,600	\$360	\$3,240	\$90	\$270	\$540	\$1,080
\$2,700	\$270	\$2,430	\$68	\$203	\$405	\$810
\$1,800	\$180	\$1,620	\$45	\$135	\$270	\$540



MAKING A GIFT THAT IS MEANINGFUL TO YOU
 Selecting the best gift plan depends on your personal financial situation and goals. As tax laws are always changing and each individual's situation is unique, donors are encouraged to consult with their financial advisers to determine which method of contributing is most beneficial.

Pledges are commitments made in good faith but are not legally binding. You may want to consider stretching pledges over a three-year period to maximize the total amount of your support to the Church of Saint Mary.

We encourage all donors to consider a 10-20 percent initial payment to begin your commitment.

METHODS OF GIVING

Gifts made by cash or check

These are the most common and will allow Saint Mary to address its immediate needs. However, we will gratefully accept gifts in various forms, including those described below.

Gifts of securities

stocks, bonds and mutual funds

Charitable gifts of stocks, bonds or mutual funds that have been held for at least one year and have appreciated offer special tax advantages.

Gifts of real estate

Donations of appreciated homes, and other real property, are entitled to an income tax deduction equal to the full value of the property and no tax on the capital gain.

Corporate matching gifts

A matching gift program provided through your employer or board membership may allow you to increase the value of your gift. Many companies match charitable gifts made by their employees, retirees or board members.

Gifts of life insurance

The Church of Saint Mary can be named as primary or contingent beneficiary of a life insurance policy.

NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

As plans are developed and finalized, the parish will offer ways to give with the intention of having a name attached to a room or item, perhaps also as a way of honoring a loved one. Watch the parish bulletin and website for more information. *If you're interested in this approach and want to get the conversation started, contact:*

Mike Malcom
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SAINT MARY THROUGH THE YEARS

1953-2018

1953:
The Church of Saint Mary Parish is formed, meeting for Mass in the Brook movie theater (now The Brook restaurant) at 34th and Peoria, with Fr. Frederick Beckerle as pastor.

May 3, 1954:
Ground broken for original church.

September 1954:
Felician Sisters open School of Saint Mary with 78 students in Grades 1-3.

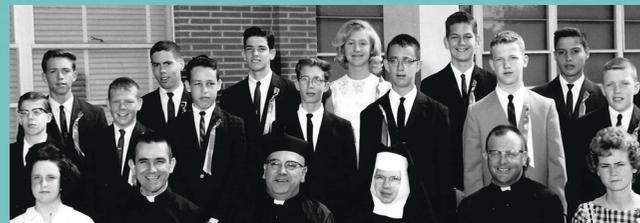
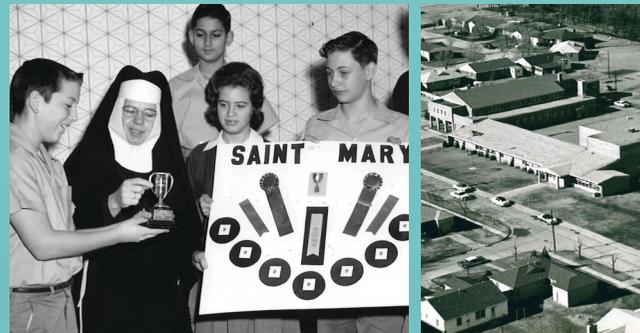
Dec. 5, 1954:
Original church building dedicated.

1960:
School graduates its first class.

1978:
Future office annex building purchased and used as convent.

Dec. 1, 1986:
Current church building dedicated.

1987:
Convent becomes office annex.



2003:
Major school expansion completed.

2012:
Priority Planning Team created.

2013:
Parishioners attend listening sessions, identify facilities as the top goal for improvement, then formation and service and outreach.

2014:
School playground updated.

2015:
Sanctuary renovation completed.

2017:
Church flooring project completed.

2018:
Planning study finds strong support for construction of Community Center.



If it's a place where people can be together as a community, it will help the whole parish. ... We've needed this for 10 years, maybe longer. It will be a great asset to Saint Mary's."

SHELTON HAHN
FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE PARISH

CAMPAIGN LEADERSHIP

Parish team

Fr. Jack Gleason, *pastor*
Fr. Duy Nguyen, *associate pastor*
Kathy Desruisseau, *business administrator*
Mike Malcom, *communications director*
Jennifer Wood, *development director*
Maxine Coats, *church secretary*
Mary Keaney, *bookkeeper*

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