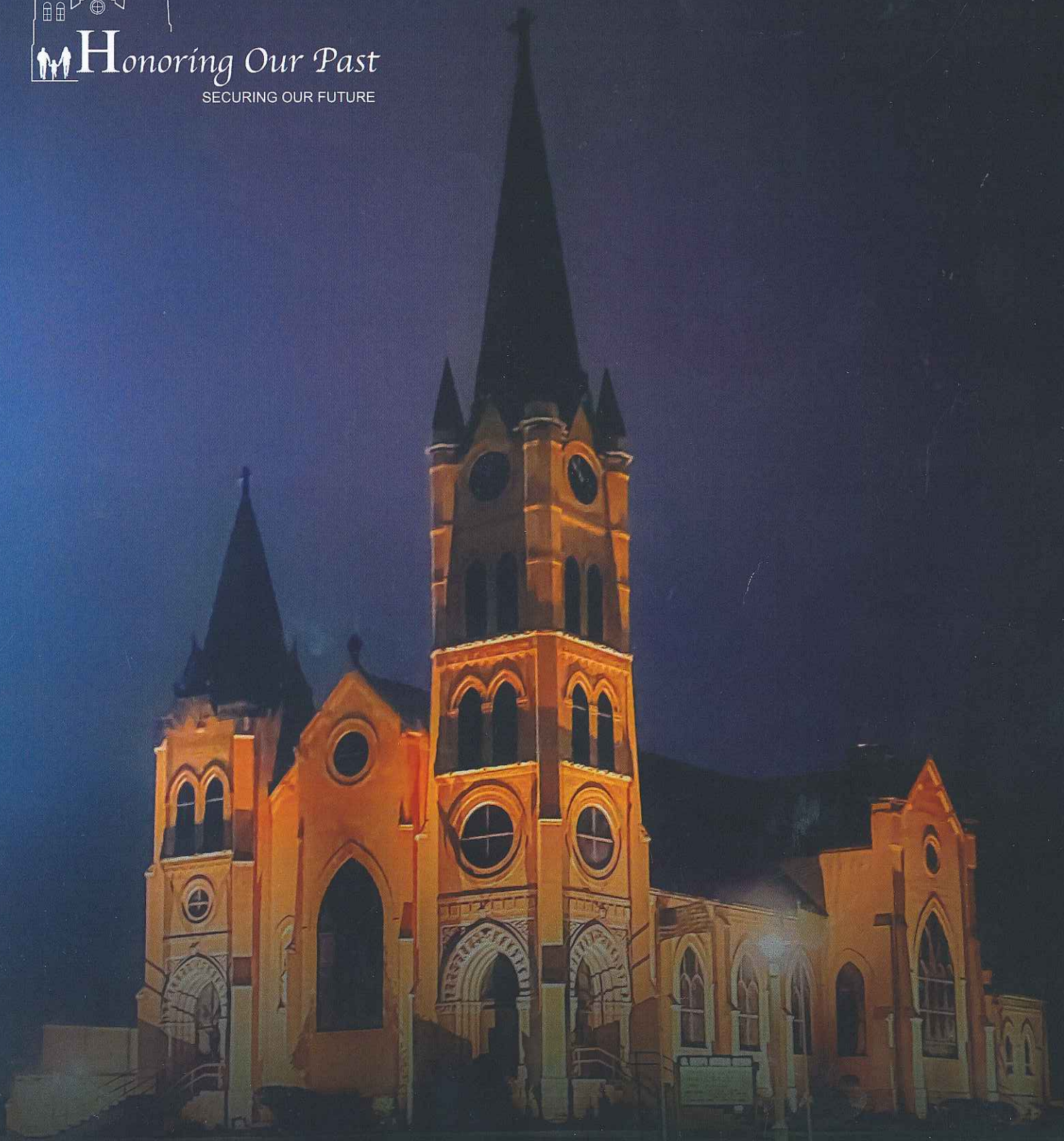




Honoring Our Past

SECURING OUR FUTURE

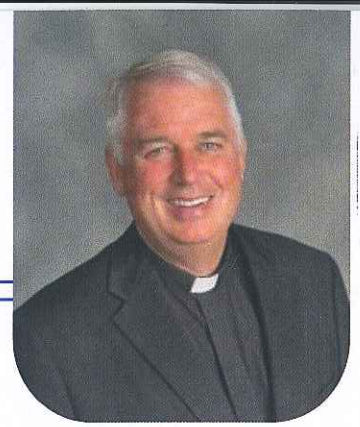


CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

St. Mary's Catholic Church
David City, Nebraska

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FROM FATHER CONNOR



Dear fellow parishioners,

We are never disappointed when we hope in God. His faithfulness to us throughout our history gives us the confidence to hope for a great future here at St. Mary's.

It is in this confident hope, and through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, that I encourage everyone to participate in our **Honoring Our Past - Securing Our Future** Capital Campaign.

St. Mary's is the spiritual home for over 450 households. In my years here, I have come to know you as a community firmly grounded in our Catholic faith and committed to sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with others.

This is a legacy that you share with the very early Catholics that settled here. They, like you, put their trust in God, stayed true to a vision, and committed to a Catholic future together.

Unlike our previous campaigns, there's no construction or renovation this time. But just like those efforts, this campaign is certainly about our future.

In this effort, addressing and attacking our financial objectives is paramount. Our finance council has developed a three-step plan to reach our objectives. I appreciate this vision and applaud their conviction.

I want to thank each of you who have served on our campaign teams. Your effort and commitment during this process has been outstanding. Our campaign theme, **Honoring Our Past – Securing Our Future**, beautifully reflects who we are as a parish family and what we are called to do.

I invite you to read this brochure and to review the campaign objectives. Please spend time in prayer with your family and discuss with them how you can make a sacrificial gift over the next three years.

Please join me in making a sacrificial commitment to this campaign and this shared vision for the future of our St. Mary's family.

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Brian Connor

Fr. Connor

P.S. The success of this campaign will require the participation of each of our parish families. I believe this can be a great defining moment of who we are as a parish. Please return your pledge card on or before "Commitment Weekend," December 7-8, 2024.

"Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us"

Romans 5:5

FROM OUR FINANCE COUNCIL

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Ours is a parish family truly united in the eucharist. We've shared so many successes together: a beautifully restored church; 125 years of catholic education; countless vocations; a vibrant, engaged parish family – to name a few.

Like any family, we also have challenges. Our primary challenge today is debt - about \$410,000. Part of this (\$280,000 owed to Aquinas) has accumulated over several years. About \$130,000 is operational debt – which fluctuates with our Sunday tithe.

The overriding objective of this campaign is to mitigate the effects of cash flow fluctuations, which we will do in three steps.

1. Eliminate Debt	\$ 410,000
2. Establish Cash Reserves (3 mos.)	\$ 240,000
3. Grow the Endowment	\$1,000,000

The first two will stabilize our finances and reduce the need to borrow when cashflow is tight. The endowment subsidizes the budget, has averaged a 9% annual return, and has provided over \$1,000,000 to the budget over the years. The endowment is about \$2.25 million; growing it will provide even greater stability.

This is our challenge.

We are the beneficiaries of the vision and commitment of those who have gone before us in faith. We benefit from their legacy. As we honor that past, let us accept this challenge together and secure our future.

Your Parish Finance Council,

Rob Daro, Jackie DeWispelare, Kasey Kadavy, Deb Svec.

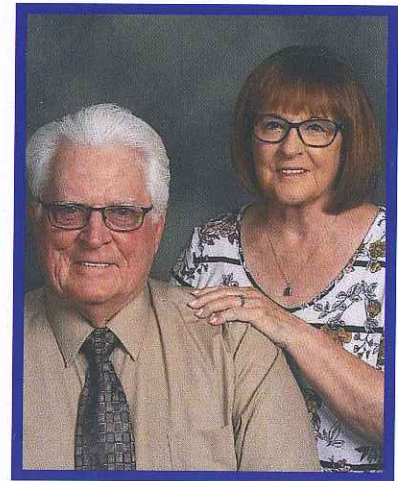


Finance Council member Jackie DeWispelare presents during campaign events.

Our Campaign Objective

Our goal is to faithfully plan and ensure the financial future of St. Mary's, enabling us the ability to continue our pilgrimage of faith as one family bound together by the Holy Spirit. We will achieve this by:

- **Asking every parish family to prayerfully consider a sacrificial gift of 3% to 5% of their annual income for each year of the campaign or if retired, 3% to 5% of their assets over three years. This is in addition to regular Sunday giving.**
- **Eliminate debt, build cash reserves, grow the endowment.**



"Our family has been attending St. Mary's church for 5 generations and my great-great grandfathers name is even on one of the stained-glass windows. We can't imagine being a part of any other parish. I graduated from Aquinas in 1963, and my wife Sue and I were married right here at St. Mary's in 1968. I feel very honored to have been a part of the school and parish council through the years. There is always something new going on here, we feel we are part of a great community, and so proud of the next generation stepping up to make the future of St. Mary's Catholic Church even better!"

Bob & Sue Hilger

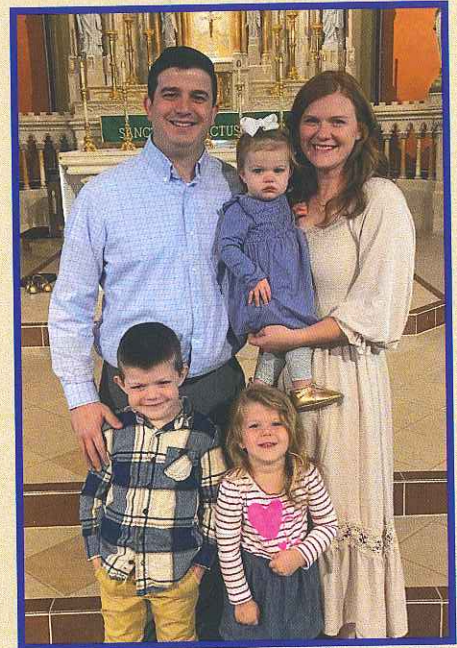
"Faith does not make things easy, it makes them possible." - Luke 1:37

CAMPAIGN FOCUS

Solidify St. Mary's Financial Position

Eliminate Parish Debt	\$ 410,000
Avoid Interest Payments	
Create Cash Reserve	\$ 240,000
3 months	
Mitigate Cash Flow Fluctuations	
Build the Endowment	
Current Balance (approx.)	\$2,225,000
+ Farm sale proceeds (est.)	\$ 750,000
+ Capital Campaign proceeds	\$1,000,000
Potential Endowment	\$4,000,000
With farm sale and campaign proceeds	

Endowment Growth Possibilities
 Land Sale Proceeds, Campaign Revenue, Estate Planning



“Our family has been incredibly blessed to be a part of Saint Mary’s parish. Over the last 6 years we have watched our faith and family grow while participating in activities from bible studies and prayer groups, to 24-hour adoration, Catechesis of the Good Shepard and more. Our favorite part of these experiences has been building genuine friendship and community with other people who are on fire for their faith and looking toward Heaven. We look forward to watching our children grow up with this parish family.”

-John and Malinda Wehrs

Farmland vs Endowment Considerations

Why sell farmland?

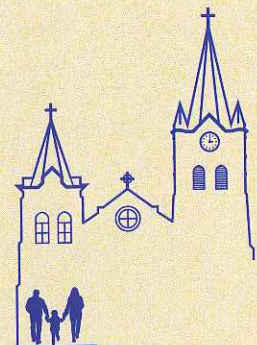
The farm returns approx. 2-3% of its value each year.
 The endowment has averaged a 9% return for several years.
 If the land sells for \$750,000, those proceeds placed in the endowment, would generate approximately \$45,000-\$52,000 more per year.

Are we selling both farm properties?

No. The second property had restrictions when it was donated, including that it would not be sold. We will honor that donor’s intent.

Capital Campaign Objectives

Eliminate Debt	\$ 410,000
Establish Cash Reserves	\$ 240,000
Endowment Growth	\$1,000,000

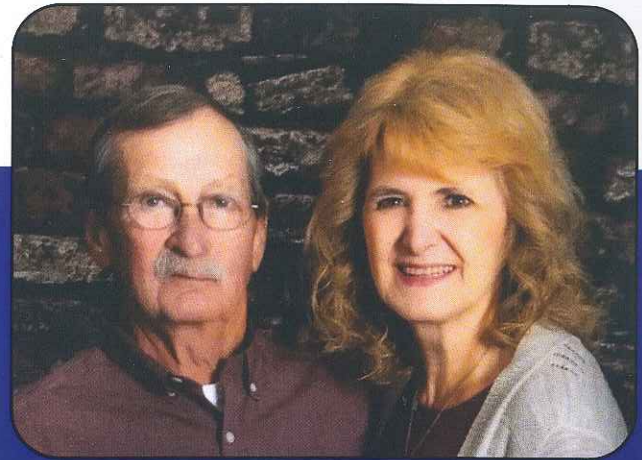


DECISION TO GIVE

How much should I give to the Capital Campaign?

Each family is asked to prayerfully consider pledging 3% to 5% of their annual income for each of the 3 years of the campaign – over and above their regular Sunday giving to the church. For those on a fixed income, we ask that you prayerfully consider giving 3% to 5% of your household assets, either as a lump sum gift or spread over three years. Please remember: All pledges, no matter the amount are welcomed—and all sacrifice is equal in the eyes of God. The charts below show how your commitment can be fulfilled annually, monthly or weekly.

- † **Recall all the blessings God has given you**, not only for your personal use, but to build the Kingdom of God on earth.
- † **Pray to discern what sacrificial gift** God is asking you to commit to this capital campaign.
- † **Discuss your participation and sacrifice** with all members of your family as to what it will mean to you over the next three years.
- † **Bear in mind that every gift**, regardless of amount, will be an important contribution to the capital campaign.



“We’ve been in St. Mary’s our entire lives and have been active in so many ways. St. Mary’s is home – it’s family. With all the blessings that we’ve received, we fully support this effort to secure St. Mary’s future.”

Cork & Sharon DeWispelare

ANNUAL INCOME	Three Percent Pledge Schedule				Five Percent Pledge Schedule			
	WEEKLY CONTRIBUTION	MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION	ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION	TOTAL 3-YEAR CONTRIBUTION	WEEKLY CONTRIBUTION	MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION	ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION	TOTAL 3-YEAR CONTRIBUTION
\$30,000	\$17	\$75	\$900	\$2,700	\$29	\$125	\$1,500	\$4,500
\$50,000	\$39	\$125	\$1,500	\$4,500	\$48	\$208	\$2,500	\$7,500
\$75,000	\$43	\$188	\$2,250	\$6,750	\$72	\$313	\$3,370	\$11,250
\$100,000	\$58	\$250	\$3,000	\$9,000	\$96	\$417	\$5,000	\$15,000
\$150,000	\$87	\$375	\$4,500	\$13,500	\$144	\$625	\$7,500	\$22,500
\$200,000	\$115	\$500	\$6,000	\$18,000	\$192	\$833	\$10,000	\$30,000

HONORING OUR PAST – SECURING OUR FUTURE

Campaign Objectives

\$1,000,000 - \$1,600,000

Stretch Goal

\$2,000,000

Eliminate All Debt • Establish Cash Reserve • Build Endowment

CAMPAIGN GIFT OPTIONS

Cash/Check

The most common campaign gifts are made by cash or check. Checks should be made payable to St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Automatic Withdrawal

Automatic Payments can be made from your bank account. Please contact the parish office for setup guidance.

Real Estate/Land/Property

Homes, land or other property can be donated as a campaign gift.

Securities/Commodities

Charitable gifts of stocks, bonds, mutual funds, gold or grain can offer special tax advantages.

Life Insurance

A life insurance policy can be donated by simply naming St. Mary's as the owner and beneficiary.

Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)

A QCD allows distinct tax benefits for retirees over 70 ½. Under QCD regulations, gifts can be made from retirement accounts, directly to charities, without tax consequences.

Planned Gift

Occasionally, in addition to a campaign pledge, retirees may also include a charity in their estate plan. A bequest made in a will is a common form of planned giving and can enable donors to take full advantage of tax laws.

Please contact the parish office when intending to make these type of gifts.



“Celebrating the sacraments in our beautifully restored church is one of many blessings at St. Mary's. We especially love the peacefulness and beauty of the St. Joseph's adoration chapel, where we can spend time with Jesus at any time. We're blessed to continue our faith journey here, in our spiritual home, with our St Mary's family.”

Mike & Mary Eller

CAMPAIGN Q & A

How Long is the Pledge Period?

We are looking for 3-year pledges.

How often do we pay on our pledge?

At your discretion: monthly, quarterly, annually, or up all front.

Will we get pledge reminders?

Yes. Statements will be sent quarterly.

How do we pay our pledges?

By check or through the parish on-line payment option.

Can we donate stocks, bonds, mutual funds, real estate, gold, grain, or other commodities?

Absolutely. Your tax adviser can explain the benefits.

Is my pledge legally binding?

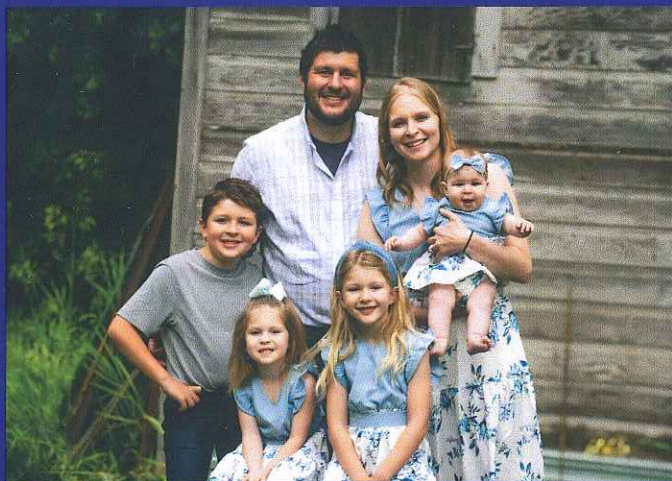
No, it's not. This is not a contract.

What percentage of our campaign gift goes to the diocese?

Zero. It all stays at St. Mary's.

Can we include St. Mary's in our estate plan?

Absolutely. Estate (or planned) gifts are a great way to perpetually support the parish.



“We love St. Mary's for its many opportunities to love and serve the Lord. The beauty of our restored church and the surrounding community are wonderful in helping us grow our relationship with Jesus!”

Bryan & Jennifer Hein