



Pre-Kickoff FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why is Blessed Sacrament launching a campaign now?

We are participating in a diocesan-wide initiative to strengthen every parish in our diocese. Now it is our turn at Blessed Sacrament to invest in our church and school facilities so they remain strong, vibrant, and welcoming for years to come.

How does this campaign fit into the larger diocesan effort?

Every parish in the Diocese of Springfield is being asked to conduct a campaign. Like all other parishes, 90% of the funds raised at Blessed Sacrament will stay here for our local needs, while 10% (up to \$90,000) will support broader diocesan priorities. These funds will help cover worthy and worthwhile projects, including restoration and renovation work at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. This element of the campaign is a powerful reminder that the Church goes beyond the borders of Blessed Sacrament and that we are all connected to our broader diocesan family.

How were the projects and priorities identified?

Fr. Tom worked closely with the Pastor's Cabinet, Finance Committee, Building & Grounds Committee, and a core group of parish leaders and campaign volunteers to carefully evaluate and discern parish needs. Together, they identified three clear priorities:

- **Church Restoration & Maintenance** – repairing and preserving our spiritual home.
- **School Improvements** – upgrading restrooms, classrooms, interior finishes, and improving safety and accessibility.
- **Campus Facilities** – building a new garage and storage facility and making other needed improvements across our parish campus.

These projects are not about expansion or new construction. They are about being faithful stewards – renewing, restoring, and maintaining what we already have so our parish and school remain welcoming, beautiful, and mission-driven for future generations.

What is the campaign timeline?

The campaign is officially kicking off this weekend, and campaign packets will be mailed to every registered parish household in the coming weeks. Active fundraising will take place through the end of this year, with pledge commitments fulfilled over the next three years.

Will my campaign pledge replace my regular offertory giving?

The simple answer is “no.” Your offertory support covers our parish's daily operations, ministries, and staff. We are very grateful for the ongoing generosity of our parishioners. Campaign gifts are *extraordinary* – above and beyond your regular giving – and dedicated only to the projects outlined in the campaign. We recognize the remarkable generosity of our parish families and understand that this campaign is calling us to even higher levels of stewardship and sacrificial giving.

How much are we asking each family to give?

We are asking every family to prayerfully consider a sacrificial pledge, according to their blessings and circumstances. Leadership gifts will set the pace, but our goal is 100% participation – every gift matters, and every family's involvement is important. We will be inviting you to consider a sacrificial gift over the three-year pledge period for this campaign. Everyone can do something, and every sacrificial gift will help us reach our goal!

Who can I contact if I have questions about the campaign?

If you have questions, please don't hesitate to reach out. You can contact Fr. Tom directly, speak with any of our campaign volunteers, or call the parish office at (217) 222-2759. We'll be glad to provide more information about the projects and priorities, campaign plan and timeline, or how this effort will benefit our parish family.

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