

*“Fulfilling Our Vision”*

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## Campaign Announced



## FULFILLING OUR VISION

*Saint Hubert Parish • Hoffman Estates, IL*

We are pleased to announce today the launching of a very special campaign here at St. Hubert Catholic Church. It's entitled the **“Fulfilling Our Vision”** Campaign and has as its aim, raising the funds required to renew our worship space and to make other enhancements to our Parish and School facilities.

Our goal is to raise a minimum of \$3,000,000 over a period of 5 years, which will help us to meet these special needs. The campaign will officially commence with a special “Kick-Off Celebration” scheduled for Sunday, February 18

at 7:00pm and will culminate on Sunday, March 18 – Commitment Weekend - where members will be asked to indicate their gift commitments.

The pages that follow provide additional details about our needs, our plans and our campaign.

Through the prayerful, volunteer and financial support of many, we will succeed in our task and in so doing, help to make St. Hubert Catholic Church an even better place to go and grow in God's name.

## Campaign Cabinet Enlisted

Our campaign leadership or “cabinet” have now been enlisted. This core group of leaders will give guidance to and drive the campaign.

Serving as overall Chairpersons are Roger and Zee Malinski, who will assume primary responsibility for the Advance Gifts Committee and phase of the campaign and Ken and Lina Szott, who will oversee the Community Gifts Committee and phase.

In addition, we have also been blessed with an excellent supporting cast who are tasked with leadership of the various special support committees needed. They are Cindy Byrd and

Linda Connor who will lead the Communications Committee; Stacey Ruben and Sue Wysocke, who will lead the committee for Hospitality and Special Events; Yvonne Cassa and Joan Reinert , who will lead our committee for Spiritual Direction and John & Laura Moynihan and Tom & Mary Porte, who will lead our committee for Creative Giving.

Many more leaders and workers are also needed to help with this important effort, so please say “yes” to volunteering when you are asked!

## Our Needs

The ten-year plan that was developed in 1995 called for building a unified campus. While we accomplished much of that vision, we were unable to complete our spiritual home, our church. Because we planned to eventually build a new church, we repaired only what was absolutely necessary to keep the current church functional and safe. Eventually, we decided that it would serve our parish community better to renovate our current worship space rather than build a new church. There are numerous improvements that need to be made to bring our church up to date.

### Updating Our Church Infrastructure and Accessibility

Our current church heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems are in dire need of updating. The mechanical systems are failing, deteriorating and obsolete. Currently, we are unable to upgrade our mechanical systems due to space constraints. To protect our Church from water damage, the roof is in need of replacement. The spalled perimeter sill beam of the foundation, which was in poor condition, has been repaired.

We also need to make our facility more accessible to ensure that the elderly and those with disabilities can fully participate in parish life. Presently, some individuals hoping to take part in liturgical ministries find it difficult to access areas of the sanctuary. Others find the stairs to the lower level difficult to maneuver, keeping them from meetings and activities held in that area.

### Updating the Church Interior for Liturgical Reasons

In addition to renovating our church for structural, safety, and accessibility reasons, we also need to create a more beautiful and functional worship space in keeping with the vision of the Second Vatican Council. The general plan should convey an image of the gathered assembly and foster full, active and conscious participation in the liturgy. Our Catholic identity as the baptized, gifted and called to ministry must be reflected in the design of the worship space. The church's understanding of its liturgy should be clearly expressed in the setting where God is praised, the stranger is welcomed and all are fed with the rich fare of God's word and Eucharist.

Our current worship space, built during the beginning years of liturgical reform and restoration, met the basic principles for designing new church buildings. Though it is challenging to meet the needs of the gathered assembly of every time and place, we can improve on several areas of the church building, furnishings and symbols to best serve the liturgical action. Decisions about the nave and its related areas are guided by the nature of the liturgy, the needs of those who assemble for worship and any limitations governed by the existing structure.

Another area we need to address is the fact that our current church building doesn't provide adequate gathering space for funerals, weddings, or other special events; nor does it offer a sheltered outdoor entrance in case of bad weather.

### St. Hubert School Needs

We also need an air conditioning system so our school children, teachers, and staff will be able to function in an environment conducive to learning. Additionally, an Education Sponsorship Program is needed to provide tuition assistance where financial hardship exists.

### **Campaign Prayer**

Creator God, renew all of us as we enter upon the project of restoring and renovating our church building.

Give us the fortitude to endure change,  
and the courage to step into tomorrow unafraid.

Guide us to listen and reverence each other.

Impart to us your wisdom to make good decisions,  
and the insight to recognize that apart from you we can do nothing.

Grant that our church may become an even more warm and inviting home  
for all of us, together, with you.

We pray this in the name of Jesus our Brother,  
and through his Spirit.

Amen

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# Our Plans

To address these various needs, we have an exciting and essential plan. It calls for improving the infrastructure and accessibility of our church and making some modifications to the church interior for practical liturgical reasons. A baptistery allowing for immersion, a narthex large enough for fellowship before and after Mass, a seating arrangement that puts us in view of one another and a Eucharistic Chapel for reservation and adoration are among the plans for our renovation. We will also transform our lower level area into a more useful and much needed meeting and storage space. St. Hubert School will benefit, too, with the addition of an air conditioning system and the creation of an Education Sponsorship Program.

## Church Improvements

### Improved Infrastructure and Accessibility

The mechanical systems in our church will be repaired and/or replaced with more efficient systems. Our plan includes replacing the roof, in addition to the repair of the spalled perimeter sill beam of the foundation and tuck-pointing the brick walls that was completed this fall.

### Improved Accessibility

An elevator will also be added to make the lower level more accessible to all, allowing for participation in activities in the church lower level. Accessible restrooms will also be added, and ramps to the choir area and sanctuary will complete our efforts to be more inclusive and accommodating, as God calls us to be.

## Liturgical Changes

### Narthex/Gathering Space

A reconfiguration of the entrance and gathering space will allow us to triple the size of our Narthex. The remodeled church will have a covered entrance leading into a larger gathering area. This expanded outdoor and indoor space will provide us room to greet one another and guests with a spirit of welcome. The increased space will be useful for processions, weddings, funerals and other rites. Access to the Reconciliation Chapel will also be through the Narthex. This larger gathering space is needed to create an environment that fosters community building within our faith family.

### Baptistery

In keeping with the vision of the Second Vatican Council, we will also be creating a baptistery at the entrance of the worship space. Signing ourselves with this blessed water as we enter serves as a reminder that it is through the waters of baptism that we first enter our faith. The size and design of our font will allow for baptism by immersion and permit the assembly and family members to participate in the rite.

### Sanctuary and Seating Space

One of the most valued aspects of this project will also be our ability to conform our worship space to meet the needs of how we worship. The planned semi-circular seating arrangement will allow the assembly to be in full view of one another, creating a greater sense of belonging, unity and closeness as a faith family. By adding a glass partition with doors between the Nave and the Narthex, we can actually add 200 more seats for the holidays and other special celebrations that draw larger crowds. This area, with visibility and audio capability, will also permit anyone with young children or other needs, to step out of the Nave and take care of their needs, yet remain connected to the assembly in prayer.

In the present worship space, there is a great distance between the altar and the assembly beyond the first few pews. In the new design, the altar platform will be only a few steps above the main level and closer to the assembly seating so that no one is further than a few rows away.

### Music Area

Near the sanctuary, we will reposition our musicians and music ministers, increasing their visibility to the liturgical action and to the assembly.

### Sound System

As the National Council of Catholic Bishops' document on church design states "Liturgical celebrations call for the clear transmission of the sung and spoken responses of the liturgical assembly, as well as of the words of the individual ministers such as the priest celebrant, the deacon, the readers and the cantor and leader of song." The new sound system that we plan to include will provide quality sound throughout the entire church – the sanctuary, the nave, and transitional spaces such as the narthex and the area around the baptistery.

### Eucharistic Chapel

The tabernacle will be located in a place of reverence – a Eucharistic Chapel – separate, yet visible, from the main worship space. There, through personal and communal devotion, people can come and pray before the Blessed Sacrament. Making this space available on a regular basis will also allow us to save the expense of heating and lighting the entire Nave all day for those parishioners coming for Eucharistic Adoration and prayer.

### Lower Level Improvements

The meeting space throughout our campus is well used on a nightly basis, and many ministries, like our youth program and school, see the improved layout in the basement as a desirable place for their meetings and activities. The basement is now accessible only by stairs, but with the installation of an elevator, more individuals will be able to participate in the many activities offered by the ministries and organizations of St. Hubert. As we move the existing mechanical room into a smaller area filled with more compact and energy efficient equipment, we will also gain valuable meeting and storage space. A modernized warming kitchen and accessible bathrooms will fill out this drastically improved part of our building.

### St. Hubert School Improvements

#### Air Conditioning

At St. Hubert School, a much needed air conditioning system will be added to the school so that our students, teachers, and staff can be comfortable throughout the year.

#### Education Sponsorship Program

Many families make great sacrifices to send their children to a Catholic School. For some families, however, the financial stretch makes the choice impossible. St. Hubert School will receive one time funding in the amount of \$50,000 through this campaign effort to begin an Education Sponsorship Program which we hope will continue to be funded in future years. This would allow any qualifying family who cannot afford Catholic education to receive critically needed tuition assistance.

## Our Campaign

To address our needs and plans we are initiating an intensive fund raising effort titled the ***"Fulfilling Our Vision"*** campaign. Our aim with this important effort is to raise the funds required to renew our worship space and to make other enhancements to our Parish and School facilities.

Our minimum goal is \$3,000,000 which will enable us to make these improvements and enhancements. A miracle goal of \$4,600,000 has also been set which, if met, will enable us to make the improvements and enhancements without incurring any debt .

The campaign will officially commence with a "Campaign Kickoff Celebration" scheduled for

February 18 at 7:00pm. All members are invited and encouraged to attend. The campaign will culminate on Sunday, March 18- a special day that we're calling "Commitment Sunday," when campaign volunteers will be visiting with members (at or after) services, in their homes and/or by phone to explain our efforts, answer questions and invite your investments.

**Goals:**  
**Minimum \$3,000,000**  
**Challenge \$4,600,000**

## How You Can Help

In preparation for this important event, we ask that you do three important things.

First, please pray for our campaign's success. Our future depends on your prayers.

Second, please volunteer your time to the campaign effort. Over 450 volunteers will be needed to assure that the campaign runs as efficiently and effectively as possible and that the job of volunteering is a relatively easy and enjoyable experience for everyone.

Finally, please consider a generous financial contribution to the campaign. Long-term subscriptions, or pledges payable over five years in addition to your annual stewardship offerings are encouraged and essential to meeting our ongoing and this special project need.

**Your support will assure our campaign's and church community's future success!**