



REBUILD *My Church*

A Campaign for St. Francis of Assisi

Frequently Asked Questions

The weekend of Aug. 28 - 29 St. Francis of Assisi kicked off the public phase of the *Rebuild My Church* campaign – an extraordinary stewardship effort to provide funding for critical updates and renovations to our campus buildings. To date we have raised **over \$3.6 million** in pledges and gifts in hand.

All registered parishioners were mailed a packet of materials about our campaign. Included in the packet were a case statement booklet along with a letter from Fr. Jarrod requesting a pledge to the effort. Our team of volunteers are reaching out to families to discuss the campaign, answer questions and seek your support. Due to our limited numbers of volunteers, we may not be able to personally contact every family – but we do hope that all families will choose to participate in this important campaign.

The launch of this effort also brings to light some common questions. Here are a few worth addressing:

How did you come up with my request amount?

The amounts are based on a number of factors, including giving history and answers shared in the planning study. Our goal is to challenge everyone to consider supporting St. Francis of Assisi in a meaningful and sacrificial way, in a manner that works for each family.

*“Now I say this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows generously will also reap generously. Each one must do just as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”
2 Corinthians 9: 6-7*

What is the timeline on the projects?

Campus improvements will be done at a pace approved by parish leadership. The Facilities Committee, Operations Council and parish leadership will determine a prudent timeline to complete all funded projects.

We do not wish to borrow money, and will direct funds as they are received to the most urgent projects on campus.

Who is being asked to support the campaign?

Answer: Every registered parish family will be asked to participate in the campaign.

Why should I/we consider supporting the campaign?

Support for the campaign promotes the mission of saving souls as well as forming and educating our children at the highest level of excellence. Moreover, all of us benefit from the generations of parishioners who came before us – those who pioneered the Stewardship Way of Life, while building our great parish and outstanding school. We all have a responsibility to continue the Stewardship Way of Life, AND to ensure our parish is well positioned to meet its mission with vigor and strength for years to come.

This project doesn't fall on the shoulders of one family or a few. It is the responsibility of everyone at St. Francis of Assisi to hear God's call and to continue to grow His ministry. The obligation rests with everyone to do their part to raise the necessary funding. We all need to identify and make sacrificial and meaningful donations to ensure the campaign is a success.

Will my pledge be legally binding? Will it be confidential?

A pledge is not legally binding, but it is a gift which you consider to be meaningful. We ask that you do your best to fulfill your pledge and advise the church of any financial changes that will impact your commitment. All pledges will be kept confidential.

For more information about the *Rebuild My Church* campaign, go to stfranciswichita.com and click **“Rebuild My Church”** beneath “Stay Connected”, or reach out to Pat Burns, Director of Stewardship and Finance (316) 722-4404 ext. 107 or pburns@stfranciswichita.com.