



Campaign Newsletter

St. Luke the Evangelist Parish

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A Message From Fr. Larry



Parish capital campaigns are a lot of work and time on everyone's part. There are dozens of meetings, newsletters and letters to parishioners. It could

be very exhausting for campaign leaders and pastors. However, I am seeing some positive things coming about as a result of our campaign already.

- A large number of parishioners are involved, working and praying together and getting to know each other better.
- It is forcing us, as a parish, to ask difficult questions like who are we and what is God asking us to do to better serve Him.
- It is an opportunity for us as a parish (and for individual households) to explore in more

depth how God has gifted us and to discover how God wants us to use our gifts to build His Kingdom. What has become front and center for many through this campaign is the understanding that we are not in this just to recruit members to our parish or to build larger facilities. We are in this ultimately, to invite people to be better stewards and to bring about God's Kingdom.

We at St. Luke's have so much to be thankful for. God has blessed us immensely and as a result, God asks much from us. I know we are up for the challenge. If we keep Christ at the center and keep each other close, we can do anything.

Peace,

Fr. Larry Hoffmann

Saint Luke the Evangelist's Capital Campaign Prayer

Loving Father, help us thankfully remember the past, plan for the future, and build for today.

Jesus, walk with us, be our strength and guide, unite our sacrifices to yours.

Holy Spirit, grant us wisdom, generosity, and perseverance to build God's kingdom.

Blessed Mother, we place our hopes and petitions in your arms as you present them to your Son.

Saint Luke, patron saint of our parish family, pray for us.

Amen.

How will our campaign money be spent on Phase II?

We will not borrow any more money to complete Phase II of our long-range plan. Once we know how much money we will raise in our campaign, we will outline our plan more completely. Below is our list of priorities.

- The first \$1.5 million will be spent on the school expansion. We will be able to construct four classrooms, a multipurpose room and three offices.
- The next \$1.1 million will be spent on the church extension adding overflow room north of the altar that will double as meeting rooms, and we will add 80 additional parking spots.
- Every dollar over \$2.6 million will be spent on completing Phase II of our planned school expansion and fulfilling our parking.

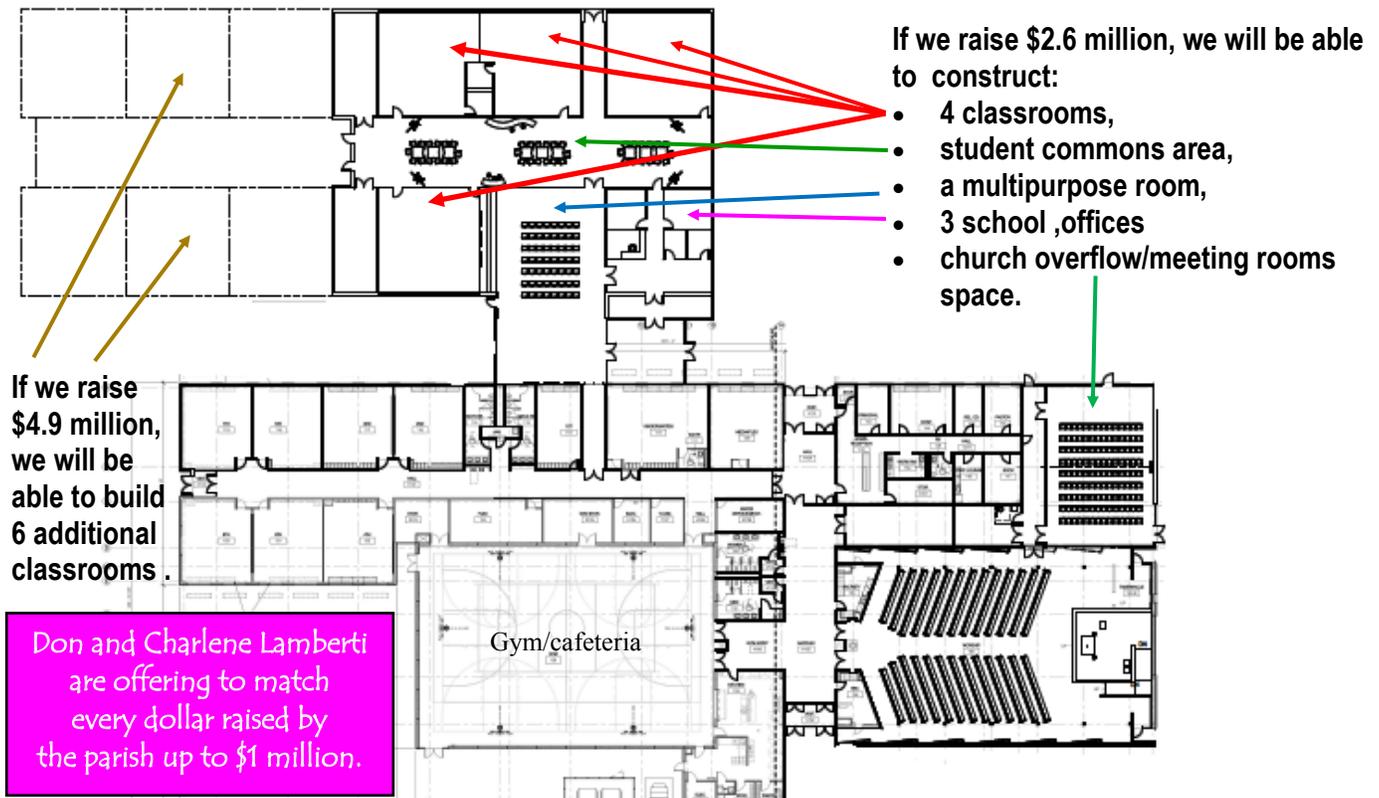
Where will the money come from?

The Campaign Steering Committee has set a **parish campaign goal** of \$1.5 million. Don and Charlene Lamberti are offering to match every dollar raised by the parish up to \$1 million. A committee has been assembled to raise additional outside-the-parish funding for Phase II.

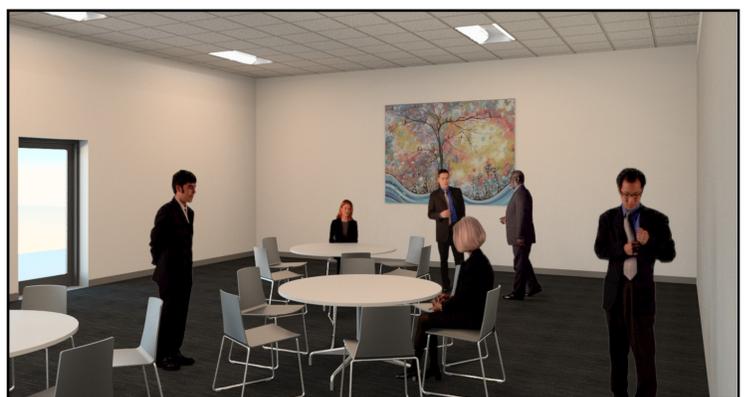
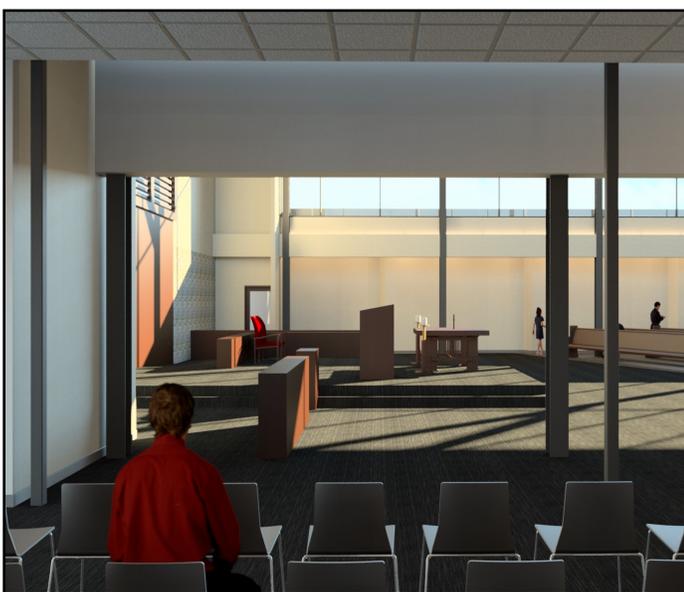
Campaign Steering Committee has set the parish goal for the campaign at \$1.5 million.

Phase II Facilities update:

Below is our parish footprint and renderings of the Phase II expansion. These are provided as samples of what they could look like. We will not be able to make final determination of the specifics until we can determine how much money we will have available to spend. We will not go further into debt with Phase II; therefore, we will be limited to spending only what we raise through this campaign.



Total parish footprint showing the new construction if we raise a total of \$2.6 million and if we raise the total \$4.9 million.



Left represents our **overflow area** and what you will see during Mass. It can seat 250 additional people for Masses and double as two extra parish meeting rooms. (1,972 sq. ft.). Above is one of the **overflow/meeting rooms**.

Our Campaign Commitment Weekend is June 2 & 3, 2018



School commons areas/hall that is looking west. (3,112 sq. ft.). The classrooms (not pictured) will be similar but larger than our current classrooms (650 sq. ft.) and average approximately 1,175 sq. ft.



Multipurpose room connected to the school. This room could be used for larger events for both the school and RE programs such as talent shows, art displays or parent meetings. It can also be used as a lunchroom when the gym is not available, and as our storm shelter. (2,638 sq. ft.)

Q&A

The following are questions addressed during the past dialogue events.

Q: How many families are presently members at St. Luke's? 522

Q: What happens if we are not successful in raising \$4.9 million needed for Phase II?

We will only build what we can pay for through this campaign. We will not go further into debt.

Q: What is the strategy for soliciting big donors that are outside the parish?

We have formed a committee and are currently approaching prospective donors. If you have an individual, company or foundation you think we should consider, please pass your suggestion to Jenifer Mulcahy in the office.

Q: What is the long-term plan to address worship capacity?

A large percentage of land within our boundaries is still undeveloped. As this area is developed, we will be in a



better position to construct our permanent church.

For right now, we are adding the overflow area and we can add more weekend Masses as needed, keeping in mind that we will soon be down

to one priest once Fr. Larry retires this summer.

Q: I don't have children at the school. Why should I help build another educational facility?

Our St Luke's mission is "We Worship. We Teach. We Care." We are committed to building God's Kingdom through each of those actions. When We Teach, that includes not only our parish school, but religious

education and adult faith formation as well. Our parish leadership councils consider the individual needs of each ministry, but we make decisions that advance the broader mission. This plan addresses needs in every area and we believe it is the best next step we can take along our parish journey.

Q: Why is this campaign 3 years instead of 5 years like the first campaign?

We need to raise money quickly because we can't wait 5 years before we start to expand our school. Space is critical.

Q: How will the Diocesan school restructuring affect St. Luke's?

We have been assured by the diocese that the restructuring will not impact our parish plans.

Q: What will happen with the mobile classrooms?

The city has given us a 5-year permit to use them on our property. If we raise the total \$4.9 million to do the entire Phase II, we will sell them. If we can't construct all ten of the new classrooms we need, we will continue to use them and seek an extension to the city permit if needed.

Q: When will we start and finish construction?

Before construction starts, the Diocese requires that we have 50% in cash and the other 50% in commitments.

Q: How can we involve the 40% of parishioners who currently don't contribute to St. Luke's?

The key is engagement. The question should be, "How can we engage the 40% in the life and mission of the parish?" This takes an entire parish orientation of inviting people to participate in the parish, including personal invitations and small encounters.

Q: When do we start fulfilling our financial commitment and how long will we have to complete it?

You can start making contributions the first of July or sooner and will have 3 years to fulfill your pledge.



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 upcoming Campaign
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In thanks and recognition:

Since 2013, parishioners of St. Luke have made the necessary sacrifices to ensure that we have a place where we can Worship, Teach and Care as a community. We continue to thank and honor them for the sacrifices they made on our behalf.

In recognition of the financial sacrifice you are making for our future, parishioners who fulfill their commitment to our *Growing Together, Building in Faith Campaign* by December 31, 2021, will be recognized in a list of names on either a stain glass replica of St. Luke or on a recognition tree that will be prominently displayed in a location within our parish. **People who have fulfilled their commitment to the *Together We Build* campaign ending June 2018, will also have their names displayed.** People will be able to opt out, if



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- Q: Will the new space have storage space?**
 Having ample storage space has been a focus of ours during Phase II.
- Q: How many people currently fit in our church and how many will fit into the church overflow space?**
 We currently can hold 400 people and the overflow space can hold 250 people.
- Q: What are the parish boundaries?**
 State Street to the East, Oralabor Road to the South, Saylorville Lake to the West and Polk County line to the North.
- Q: Who are the architects working on Phase II?**
 INVISION: Planning - Architecture – Interiors, located in Des Moines.

Capital Campaign Spiritual Formation Team Update

As a parish called to stewardship, St. Luke’s capital campaign will also reflect that call with a spiritual formation team. The team’s mission is to keep prayer and spiritual formation as a basis for the campaign by developing a campaign prayer, finding readings and prayers of the faithful, leading prayer and hosting a prayer event. Pray with us that our campaign continues to build our parish community, promotes and develops transformative stewardship, and raises the funds necessary to house and support our growing parish family.