



ST. ANGELA MERICI CATHOLIC CHURCH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

During the recently completed planning study, parishioners raised a variety of questions about the upcoming campaign. This document addresses some of the most common questions about the Capital Campaign. Additional Q&A may be found at www.stamerici.org. If you have additional questions, please contact the parish office.

General

1. What is the parish paying to lease the current office?

\$67,000/yr.

2. How many classrooms do we currently have?

3

3. How many classrooms will we have in the new religious education building?

7

4. Will we have kneelers in the new church?

Yes, pews are wood seats and backs, kneelers are padded

5. What is the seating capacity in church?

1000+

6. What is the capacity for the Nave?

988

7. What is the capacity of the Quieting Room?

30

8. What is the capacity of the Multi-purpose Hall?

120

9. What is the capacity of the Music area?

26

10. What is the capacity of the Sanctuary?

6

11. What is the parking capacity?

134 additional parking spaces

12. Will the new church have a Cry Room?

Yes, seats 30

13. Where will the Baptismal Font be and what does it look like?

It will be in the back, middle of the aisle and will be full immersion pool

14. Will there be a Bridal Suite?

There will be no dedicated Brides Room but multi-purpose spaces are available for this use

15. Will there be Confessionals? How many?

Yes, 2

16. Will there be stained glass windows?

Yes

17. Will there be handicap access in church (where are the HC seats - front row or back?)

Handicap seating will be dispersed throughout nave

18. Will we have a Parish Life center?

The gathering room in the new church (adjacent to the kitchen) will be about twice the size of the current donut room and the capacity will depend on how the room is set up.

There will also be a large gathering room in the renovated PLC with a capacity of 308 chairs. This will not only be available for Faith Formation, but this building will also be scheduled by Ministries of the parish at times when faith formation is not going on.

19. Will there be a kitchen in the new church as well as the PLC?

The Kitchen in PLC will remain. The Kitchen in Church will be very similar to PLC. There will be standard appliances, not commercial. There will be a 4 burner residential stove with an oven, refrigerator and freezer, ice maker and a microwave. It will have deep well kitchen sink.

20. Why is a worship space necessary?

The center of our lives as Catholics is the Eucharist, and Sunday, the “Lord’s Day,” is the principal day for the celebration of the Eucharist. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us, “it is the pre-eminent day of the liturgical assembly and the day of the Christian family. “(CCC #1166) Liturgy is the action of the whole community, the Body of Christ united with Jesus, its Head. When the community gathers, they are the “living stones,” the “temples of the living God.” Our worship space is not simply a gathering space for the Body of Christ, but a visible sign of God dwelling in the midst of His people. Our worship space is where we will gather to hear the proclamation of the Word of God and be invited around God’s Holy Altar - the Table of the Lord – to be fed and sent to glorify God in the way we live our lives. The worship space is also where we will situate the tabernacle to reserve the Eucharist for the sick and for Adoration. The worship space is also home to the Baptismal Font, reminding us each time we enter and bless ourselves of the baptismal promises we made that immersed us into Christ’s Paschal Mystery. The worship space will be the place where we gather, as the Body of Christ, and through the power of the Spirit and the grace of the Eucharist, become more fully the Body of Christ.

21. Why are we not building a school? When might we have one?

Exploring the possibility of a school is a high priority for us. When we took our parish survey the building of a new worship space was given a higher priority, but this actually works out very well. Starting a school will require considerable planning and preparation because we certainly want to do it right. This way the parish will have grown and the new families who join us will be a part of that process. As to when, that will depend on you the generous parishioners of St. Angela Merici. First we will need to complete our current construction which, God willing, will be a year from now. Next we will need to pay off our loan to the Archdiocese. Once we have done that we can start planning for St. Angela Merici Catholic School.

Campaign

22. What is the goal of this campaign?

CURRENT CAMPAIGN GOAL:

SILVER GOAL: Halfway Mark - Building Our New Church \$4 MILLION

- Total cost of new church is \$8 million
- Church will have 20,930 square feet
- Church will seat more than 1,000 people.

GOLD GOAL: Balance - Completing Our New Church \$8 MILLION

PLATINUM GOAL: Build Our New Administrative Building

And Renovate Parish Life Center \$11MILLION

- New administration building
 - Total cost of the administration building is \$2.4 million
 - Administrative building will have 4,630 square feet
 - Provides administrative personnel offices on campus
 - Saves more than \$67,000 a year on renting office space
- Renovation of Parish Life Center into a religious education building
 - Total cost is \$600,000
 - Religious education building will have 13,536 square feet
 - Proposed renovations and additions include:
 - Secure lobby within the narthex/lobby space.
 - Four new classrooms.
 - Large break-out room.
 - Teachers' workroom.
 - Storage.
 - Existing large meeting room will become the youth room

TOTAL PROJECT GOAL \$11 MILLION

FUNDS RAISED FROM PREVIOUS CAMPAIGNS:

- \$5.1 MILLION
 - \$4.2 MILLION UTILIZED TO COMPLETE PAYMENT FOR PARISH LIFE CENTER
 - \$900,000 CURRENTLY INVESTED
- \$10.1 MILLION STILL NEEDED

23. Is there a realistic chance that we will meet this goal?

The Steier Group projected, based on our planning study that we could raise between \$3.5 million and \$4.5 million in this campaign.

24. When will we raise the other funds needed to re-pay the Archdiocese?

Following this current capital campaign, "Realizing our Vision", any balance of the loan to the Archdiocese will be serviced by an additional capital campaign. The goal of that campaign will be determined by the success of the current campaign.

25. Why do we have to repay the Archdiocese?

The loan from the Archdiocese is just like any other loan...it has to be re-paid with interest.

26. Are we going to be getting participation from all parishioners in the campaign?

This is a priority of our campaign.

27. What is stewardship? Is tithing part of Catholic teaching?

Theologically, Christian giving is premised on four concepts:

- God's ownership: "*The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it.*" [[1 Corinthians 10:26](#)]. God made the world and so it and everything in it belongs to Him. The goods of the earth have been given for all. Therefore, we are to share those goods for the good of all God's children and for the common good of the Church. Giving is based on the example of God himself who gave to us by creating us and dying for us.
- Our stewardship: We, as children of God, are merely stewards of all we possess --- all that God has given us. Biblically, a steward is akin to our modern concept of a trustee. The property held by a trustee is held for the benefit of another, the beneficiary. The trustee has possession, title, control, and discretion over the property, but the trustee is obligated to use the property in the interests of the beneficiary. As stewards, we possess and control the things we "own", but everything ultimately belongs to God. Stewardship is the commitment of one's self and possessions to God's service, recognizing that we do not have the right of control over our property or ourselves. The Code of Canon Law formalizes our obligation to give for the spread of the God's kingdom: 222 §1. The Christian faithful are obliged to assist with the needs of the Church so that the Church has what is necessary for divine worship, for apostolic works and works of charity and

for the decent sustenance of ministers. While God has graciously entrusted us with the care, development, and enjoyment of everything he owns as his stewards, we are responsible to manage his holdings well and according to his desires and purposes.

- Our Solidarity: *We are one body*. The needs of another are not just the other's needs; they are ours. We are one. St. Paul teaches, "*The body is one and has many members, but all the members, many though they are, are one body; and so it is with Christ...God has so constructed the body...that there may be no dissension in the body, but that all the members may be concerned for one another (1 Cor. 12:12, 24-25)*"
- Final accountability: We will be held accountable for our stewardship. "For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil." [[2 Corinthians 5:10](#). See also [Romans 14:10-12](#)] we will be called to give an account of how we have administered everything we have been given, including our time, money, abilities, information, wisdom, relationships, and authority. We will all give account to the rightful owner as to how well we managed the things he has entrusted to us.

Is tithing part of Church teaching? The Church has a precept, stating in both the Catechism and Canon Law that:

"The faithful also have the duty of providing for the material needs of the Church, each according to his own abilities." [CCC 2043; CIC 222]

The key is "each according to his abilities." There is no fixed percentage or amount stated, and the Catholic moral theology tradition has always upheld that we may provide for families, and pay bills, before we fulfill this obligation. Certainly, a person who is generous and gives a "tithe" does a blessed thing, but he does it not out of obligation to a law, but out of love of God, Church and neighbor.

28.What happened to the funds that have already been donated in previous campaigns?

Together we Build raised	\$2,672,557.61	
Continue the Vision raised	\$2,649,126.29	
TOTAL RAISED FROM TWO CAMPAIGNS		\$5,321,683.90
Loan paid back to Archdiocese for PLC	\$3,773,000.00	
Building fund tax paid to Archdiocese	\$ 478,561.64	
Interest, capital campaign & other misc.	\$ 146,373.61	

expenses

BALANCE IN DSL SAVINGS

\$ 923,748.65

29. We are still paying on the previous campaign. If we make a pledge to this new campaign, how will that work?

Continue the Vision...our last campaign runs through December, 2016. Realizing our Vision...payments for our current campaign begin January, 2017.

30. Will we have memorials like bricks, plaques, etc. as well as naming opportunities in this campaign?

Yes, there will be many opportunities, such as pews, altar, ambo, stained glass windows, statuary, baptismal, etc.

31. Are corporate sponsorships available for this campaign?

Yes, the pledge card simply needs to be completed with the name of the company.

32. I thought we were currently in a campaign. Is this a new one?

Yes

33. Will there be a payment link to make it easy to pay the pledge?

Pledge payments can be made through Auto Pay at your bank or online through our Faith Direct account. If you are interested in any of these options, please contact the Parish Office.

Proposed Project/Building

34. We currently have no building maintenance staff and we will need that with new buildings, what will be the estimated extra operational expenses?

A Maintenance position is included in the 2018 budget.

35. Are we going to hold a town hall meeting to discuss the inside of the buildings?

We have actually already had a number of these, though they were not advertised as "town hall meetings" exactly. The first ones were after the Masses on August 22 & 23, 2015, when we invited questions and comments on the church design. We made several improvements to the plans based on the input we received. Most recently in June 2016 we had one on the interior of the church and from this we received great input into the design of the art and environment of the interior, particularly our stained glass windows. We are not currently planning any further meetings (that may change) but we always welcome any input or suggestions on the design.

36. Why are we not incorporating a large commercial kitchen in the design?

Due to budgetary constraints and the results of the parish wide survey, the Building Committee decided to incorporate a kitchen, but without commercial appliances.

37. The dome on the new church design looks like a mosque. Can you explain the background of this design?

Domes are actually a Roman invention that pre-dates the religion of Islam by hundreds of years. Early Christian churches were built in the Roman style with domes and arches. When Christianity spread east Christian churches were built in the Holy Land and they were built in this style. Then when the religion of Islam came on the scene around the year 600 A.D. they took over these churches and began building their own mosques in this style. So really it's the mosque that looks like the Catholic Church rather than the other way around. Our own church will actually reflect this Roman style with a dome and arches. For a good example of domes in Catholic architecture check out St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, the Pope's church, it has one of the tallest domes in the world!

38. Why do we not have a community gathering area?

Once again, we followed the parish survey results, so due to budgetary constraints, the Building Committee decided to incorporate a room approximately twice the size of our existing large meeting room. A large gathering area will be part of phase II construction.

Organization

39. Some people are coming to church here and are members at St. Laurence and give there. Is there any way we can change this?

One of the ways we will be changing this is by the construction of our new church and administration buildings and the renovation of the parish life center. In some ways St. Angela Merici has had a kind of "temporary" feeling to it because of our limited facilities. This is especially true when compared to larger, more established parishes like St. Laurence. The new look of our campus, along with our traditionally inviting and welcoming atmosphere will give these "visiting" parishioners a greater sense of St. Angela Merici as their home parish.