

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PARISH

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

OUR TIME

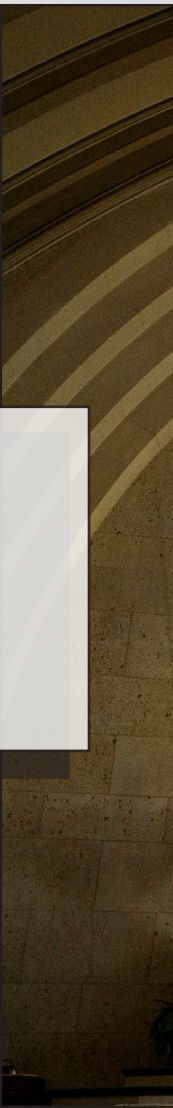
OUR COMMUNITY

OUR FUTURE

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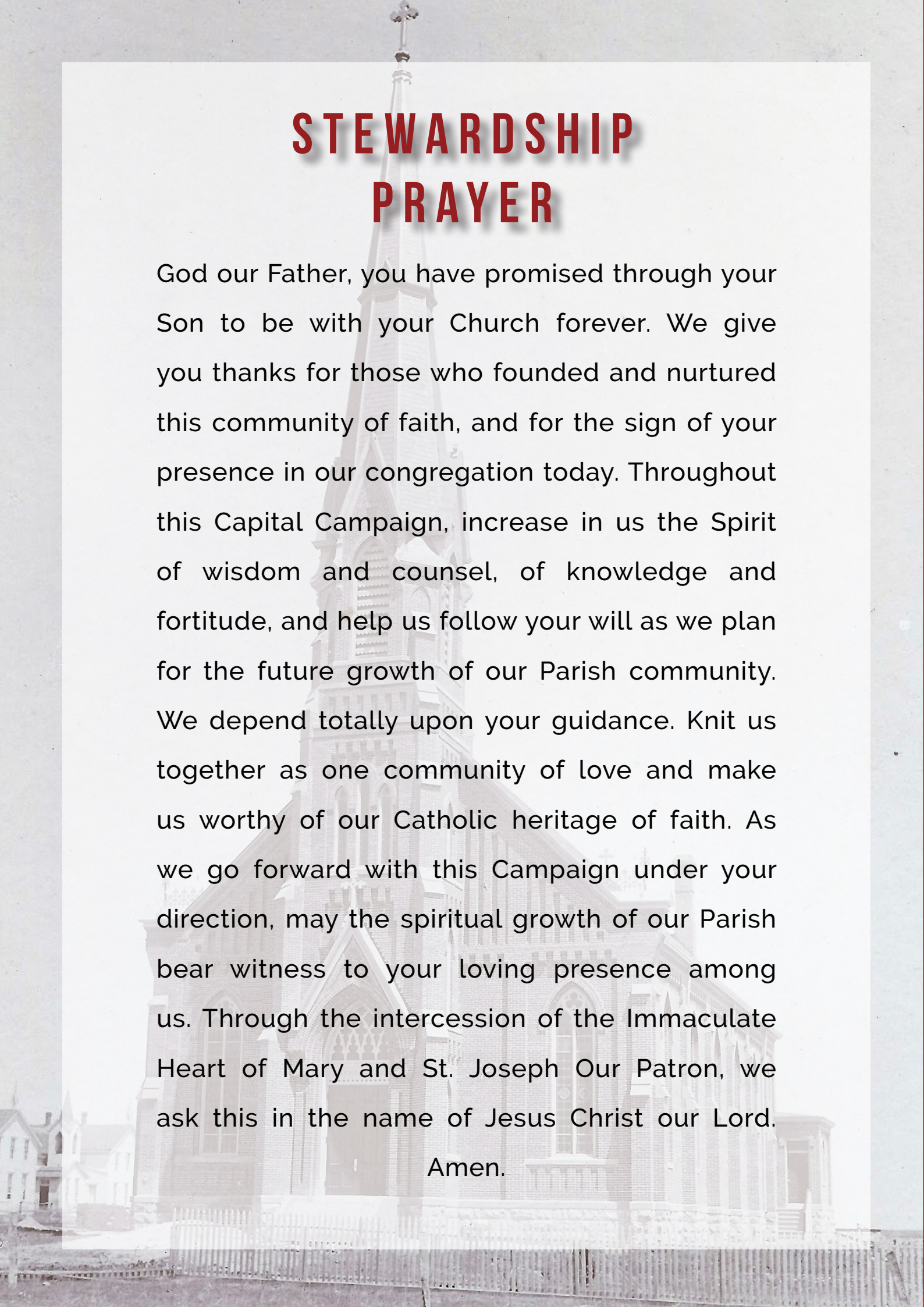
BY BUILDING OUR FUTURE.





HONORING OUR PAST...





STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

God our Father, you have promised through your Son to be with your Church forever. We give you thanks for those who founded and nurtured this community of faith, and for the sign of your presence in our congregation today. Throughout this Capital Campaign, increase in us the Spirit of wisdom and counsel, of knowledge and fortitude, and help us follow your will as we plan for the future growth of our Parish community. We depend totally upon your guidance. Knit us together as one community of love and make us worthy of our Catholic heritage of faith. As we go forward with this Campaign under your direction, may the spiritual growth of our Parish bear witness to your loving presence among us. Through the intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and St. Joseph Our Patron, we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

FROM THE PASTOR

I write to you today in a time of great excitement for our Parish. By launching this Capital Campaign: “Our Time, Our Community, Our Future,” we are pursuing the evangelical mission of Sacred Heart. Our excitement flows from the reality that we are literally building upon a shared heritage – a shared faith – and in today’s world, finding commonality is anything but common.



This Campaign affords us the opportunity to revitalize our Parish in a variety of ways, from the way we worship God in the Holy Mass to the way we form our children. It will enable us to proclaim our Catholic Faith to the world and honor the legacies of those who have come before us in establishing, cultivating, and protecting this vibrant Parish community. It will create a renewed soil from which roots may grow that will stay strong for generations to come.

The following pages describe our plan in much detail, but our best laid plans are only that – words on a page – without your financial help. In writing this, I’m reminded of a quote by Fr. Henri Nouwen, “Fundraising is proclaiming what we believe in such a way that we offer other people an opportunity to participate with us in our vision and mission.” As you read further, I ask that you prayerfully consider joining us through your financial support. I pray that through this Campaign, our Parish may more deeply participate in a shared vision and mission, which is always to bring others more deeply into a relationship with Our Lord Jesus Christ.

May His Providence, together with the prayers of Our Lady and Our Patron, St. Joseph, bless you and this Campaign abundantly. Know of my prayers for you. I am sincerely grateful for your support of this Campaign. This is our time, our community, and our future!

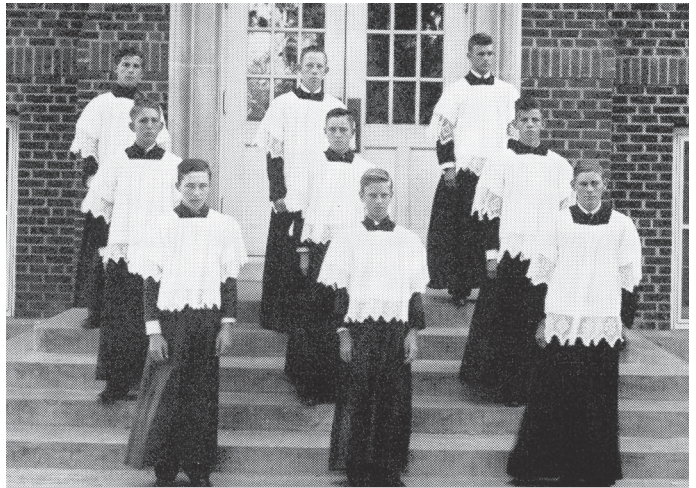
- Fr. Joe Keating, Pastor

OUR STORY

The story of Sacred Heart Parish is synonymous with the story of Muenster itself. On December 8, 1889, the first Catholic Mass was celebrated in Muenster, and this is considered as the date of the town's founding. Soon after, the school, rectory, and church were built, and the origins of Sacred Heart Parish took root. The early years saw numerous setbacks, with the first two church buildings being destroyed by multiple tornadoes in the 1890s. Each time, however, the community banded together to rebuild and restore their beloved Parish. That fledgling community out on the prairie has endured and grown to become the faith-centered town we know and love today.



St. Mary's Catholic Church in Muenster, TX (our 2nd Church) - 1892



Sacred Heart Altar Boys- 1939

Over the years, many groups and individuals have played a part in writing our story. The pioneers made do in the early years until the arrival of Benedictine priests from Subiaco Abbey in 1893. They served our Parish until the 1990s, with the Benedictine Sisters continuing to support the school until this day. Sacred Heart Catholic School was started in 1890, with the definitive red brick building first holding classes in the 1925-1926 school year. In 1949, our Parish set out to rebuild the church once again. The current church building was finished in 1954 and sits upon a foundation cut more than 20 feet into the bedrock... a literal and figurative strong foundation for our Parish community.

Now, it's our turn to take on the mantle from our forefathers and ensure that the mission of Sacred Heart Parish continues to thrive and prosper well into the next Millennium. Our Parish community, 800 families strong, is embarking upon this Capital Campaign to rebuild and restore our Parish in the same way our namesakes did back in the 1890s. The same rallying cry we are using today may just have well been used back then... this is Our Time, Our Community, Our Future.

OUR NEEDS

Many of the Parish buildings are at least 70 years old, with the elementary school building nearing its 100th year of service. As a result, there exists a great need to update and upgrade many of the facilities of Sacred Heart Parish. This Capital Campaign will focus on addressing these needs for two main arms of the Parish: our worship and our mission.

WORSHIP

Our Catholic faith has a rich history and robust understanding of Sacred Music. We find references to Sacred Music in scripture (Col 3:16) as well as Magisterial documents (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*). Sacred Heart Parish has also shared this rich history, as many Parishioners may still remember the old organ in the choir loft. As recently as the Second Vatican Council, the Church specifically mentions including the pipe organ in worship: "In the Latin Church the pipe organ is to be held in high esteem, for it is the traditional musical instrument which adds a wonderful splendor to the Church's ceremonies and powerfully lifts up man's mind to God and to higher things." (Second Vatican Council, *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, 120). Because of this, installing an electronic organ will be one of the major projects in the Campaign. In the future, God-willing, we may be able to install a full pipe organ to assist in our liturgy.

MISSION

While the primary classroom of Catholic education and evangelization is reserved for the home, a primary mission of Sacred Heart Parish is to assist in the building up of future generations of Catholic saints. Sacred Heart Parish achieves this mission through our Catholic school. Sacred Heart School is the only remaining K-12 Catholic school in the Fort Worth Diocese, and we thank God for that blessing. Our buildings may be getting older, yet our zeal for our mission only continues to grow. Therefore, it is our time to invest in the long-overdue projects to bring our school facilities up to date. A large renovation of the grade school (including bathrooms and modern air conditioning and heating), a permanent replacement to the high school field house that was destroyed in the 2011 downburst, and various updates to the football field, high school, and community center will be the major projects of the Campaign.



Rendering of new bleachers and field house.

OUR PROJECTS



Football field bleachers and sound system

Legend has it that the football bleachers predate the founding of the town itself, so it's well past time to install new bleachers that are both safe and comfortable. Also, Sacred Heart does not currently have a dedicated sound system for football games.

Grade school HVAC installation

HVAC installation will provide a more comfortable learning environment, helping both teachers and students to focus better in the heat of summer and cold of winter.

Fire alarm installation for high school and community center

The current fire alarm system in both the high school and community center are in urgent need of proper updating to be compliant with the modern fire code.

Grade school restroom renovation

Renovations to two restrooms in the grade school will make them ADA compliant and allow for increased privacy for students.

OUR PROJECTS

Install organ in choir loft

Installation of an organ will assist greatly in the celebration of the Mass. Modern electronic organs sound much like traditional pipe organs, but for a fraction of the cost.

Painting of Parish facilities

A fresh coat of paint will be added to multiple Parish facilities, including the basketball gym and Montessori building.

Field house (weight room, dressing rooms, bus barn, and storage)

The field house will allow for an expanded weight room, dedicated dressing rooms for away teams and referees, and proper storage to protect school buses and athletic equipment.

OUR GOALS

WITH AN ESTIMATED CAMPAIGN COST OF \$3,000,000, WE HAVE SET THE FOLLOWING CAMPAIGN GOALS:

Celebration Goal: \$3,000,000

Reaching this milestone will allow for all Campaign Projects to be completed in full, without incurring any debt



Heritage Goal: \$4,000,000

Achieving this milestone will allow for the establishment of a Building & Maintenance Endowment, which will help maintain these Projects, along with other Parish facilities, well into the future

METHODS OF GIVING

A pledge is a non-binding commitment made in good faith. Pledges are encouraged to be made over a three-year period to make it easier to maximize your support. This commitment maybe fulfilled through monthly, quarterly or annual installments. The entirety of pledge payments will be used for the Sacred Heart Capital Campaign. Pledge payments are in addition to your regular weekly offertory contributions, which support the ongoing needs of Sacred Heart Parish.

Each family has different financial obligations to consider and all pledges and contributions will be held in the strictest confidence. The gift plans outlined below are provided as a suggested guideline when considering your pledge.

*** This information is not intended as legal advice. You are advised to consult your own qualified professional adviser for specific recommendations.*

Total Gift	Initial 10% Gift	Balance	Monthly	Quarterly	Semi-Annual	Annual
\$150,000	\$15,000	\$135,000	\$4,167	\$12,500	\$25,000	\$50,000
\$100,000	\$10,000	\$90,000	\$2,778	\$8,333	\$16,667	\$33,333
\$75,000	\$7,500	\$67,500	\$2,083	\$6,250	\$12,500	\$25,000
\$50,000	\$5,000	\$45,000	\$1,389	\$4,167	\$8,333	\$16,667
\$25,000	\$2,500	\$22,500	\$694	\$2,083	\$4,167	\$8,333
\$15,000	\$1,500	\$13,500	\$417	\$1,250	\$2,500	\$5,000
\$10,000	\$1,000	\$9,000	\$278	\$833	\$1,667	\$3,333
\$5,000	\$500	\$4,500	\$139	\$417	\$833	\$1,667
\$1,000	\$100	\$900	\$28	\$83	\$167	\$333

*** The incremental payment examples are based on an initial 10 percent donation followed by the preferred payment plan for three-years.*

CASH/CHECK

The most common gifts received in a campaign are gifts fulfilled by cash or check. This allows Sacred Heart Parish to address the immediate needs. Please make checks payable to the Advancement Foundation.

SECURITIES

Appreciated charitable gifts of stocks, bonds or mutual funds offer special tax advantages and can be a great way to provide a significant gift to Sacred Heart Parish.

LIFE INSURANCE

Donate an old policy by simply naming Sacred Heart Parish as the owner and beneficiary. Or consider donating a new policy.

REAL ESTATE

Gifts of property entitle a donor to an income tax deduction equal to the full market value with no tax on any capital gains.

PLANNED GIVING

Planned giving is the process of carefully selecting the best method and assets for making a charitable gift. Such a gift can enable a donor take full advantage of the tax laws to accomplish their financial and charitable goals. A bequest contained in a will is the most common form of planned giving.

CORPORATE MATCHING GIFTS

A matching gift program provided through an employer or board membership may allow the donor to increase the value of their gift. Many companies match charitable gifts of employees, retirees or board members.

HOW DO I MAKE MY GIFT?

To give online, please visit:

www.shchurchmuenster.com/capital-campaign



To give by check:

Make checks payable to the *Advancement Foundation*

Checks may be placed in the weekly collection, in the parish drop box, may be delivered to the parish office during business hours, or mailed directly to the Advancement Foundation at 201 Main Street, Ste. 1198, Fort Worth TX 76102-3101.

For assistance with donations to the campaign, including charitable distributions from IRAs, gifts of appreciated securities, corporate matching gifts or planned gifts, please contact Dianna Rhoads: drhoads@adv-fdn.org or 817-533-3174.

What is the Advancement Foundation?

The Advancement Foundation is a qualified 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization separately incorporated from the Diocese of Fort Worth. It serves the long-term needs of the Diocese, parishes, and schools. All funds collected in the name of Our Time, Our Community, Our Future – Sacred Heart Capital Campaign are restricted for the purposes outlined in our Campaign materials.

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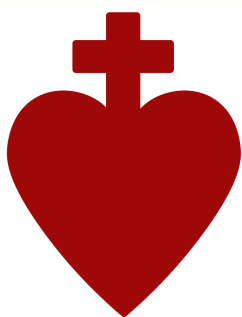
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