

Building Community in God's Kingdom



ST. JAMES BASILICA

Capital Campaign

Campaign Prayer

Loving God, at this time in the life of our parish,
we turn to you with grateful hearts for what we have
and with great anticipation for what is yet to be.

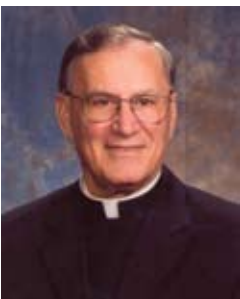
Bless us with a sense of unity, a spirit of cooperation
and a generous heart as we face the responsibilities
and challenges of our project,

*“Building Community
in God’s
Kingdom.”*



We
know
there
is much to
do. We believe
our goals are rooted
in Your word and in Your
work. Please guide us, strengthen us
and bless us with Your presence, now and through
the years to come. In the Name of Jesus we pray.
Amen.

Dear Parishioners,



We are truly blessed to worship at our Basilica! As the 34th Basilica in the United States, it's a magnificent structure with a beautiful worship space and amazing history. When combined with the scriptures and the celebration of the sacraments, it provides a wonderfully inspiring worshipping experience. Those who came before us took great pride in the building; they were careful to pay attention to its needs by updating and renovating when it was needed. As a result, St. James Basilica remains a centerpiece of pride for the entire Jamestown region.

Now, nearly 100 years after its initial construction, and 21 years since earning its current title, St. James Basilica is on the verge of an exciting, new venture. Parish leadership has diligently identified the needs in our long range plans. To meet those needs, we are conducting the *Building Community in God's Kingdom* Capital Campaign. The success of this three-year pledge drive will allow us to address the needs that are outlined in this case statement.

This campaign does not rest upon the shoulder of a few; it's the responsibility of all of us. It will take the commitment and sacrifice of all of us working together to reach the goal. In the next few weeks a capital campaign volunteer will contact you to ask for your consideration of a gift. It is my hope that you will take time to visit with your fellow parishioner and prayerfully consider how you may assist. Our commitment ensures St. James Basilica will continue to remain a source of pride for Jamestown, the region and all of North Dakota.



Sincerely,

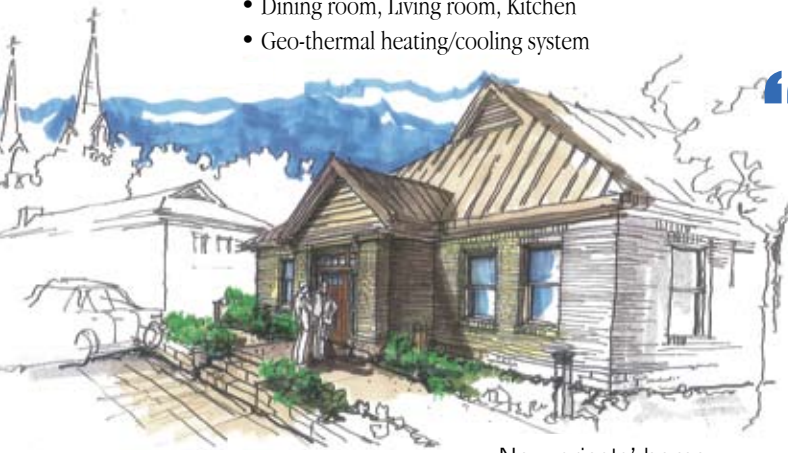
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Al Bitz".

Fr. Al Bitz
Pastor

New Priests' Home

Since the rectory was built in 1956 the priests at St. James Basilica have lived in the same building in which they work. While convenient, this arrangement can be uncomfortable and counterproductive. It offers only a minimal chance to allow one to refresh mentally after a difficult day and provides little privacy. In 2008 Bishop Aquila issued a diocesan-wide directive calling for all parishes to provide separation between the parish office and the priests' living quarters. Fulfilling this directive will provide the privacy and offer the daily spiritual refreshment our priests require and deserve in order to best serve their parishioners. These new living quarters will include:

- Three (3) priests' suites (bedroom, bath and sitting room)
- Two (2) guest rooms
- Dining room, Living room, Kitchen
- Geo-thermal heating/cooling system



New priests' home

“ This is a good plan for our parish community, and its time has come. ”

*Chuck Axtman
General Chair*

Parish Office Renovation

The interior demolition and renovation of 1,165 square feet of office space is designed to better serve parishioners and visitors. For years office visitors entering through the west doors have come into the vestibule; gone back outside; headed down the sidewalk; and then back into the office through the southeast door. By moving the reception area/parish office to the northwest portion of the rectory—currently Sister Michaelleen's office—that unusual traffic flow will stop. That area, including the northeast and northwest entrances, will be remodeled and become the new reception/parish office.

Two family accessible restrooms will be added immediately across the hallway from this location. The block stairway leading to the sanctuary and parish center will be replaced with brass railing to create a more open feel and allow light into the steps going to the Parish Center. Once the improvements are complete, the rectory will become only a parish office used for administrative work and storage.



New east side parish office/church entrance

Our Campaign Needs

Community Room

The idea of a community room at St. James Basilica has been discussed since the 1990's. The time has come to move forward and build a space that will help foster the sense of community for current and future generations of worshipers. This space-which will offer seating for 100-will help create a sense of belonging. Parishioners may use it to gather for bite and beverage after Sunday Eucharist; for Bible study; luncheons; retreats or other parish-related events. It will also become a place for comfort, allowing families to gather before and after a funeral; thus eliminating the traffic congestion that often exists at the bottom of the stairs in the parish center. The community room will feature a kitchenette for preparing food and drink, a storage area and a geo-thermal heating/cooling system.



We believe the capital campaign is important for the Basilica of St. James. The proposed gathering space will provide the room that is needed to promote and encourage community in our parish. ”

*Gregg and Tracy Schweitzer
General Chairs*



The community room



A new living quarters is long overdue. We need to offer our priests a place of privacy, and a place to refresh spiritually. It's time to give back to our priests who have given so much to the parishioners of the Basilica of St. James. ”

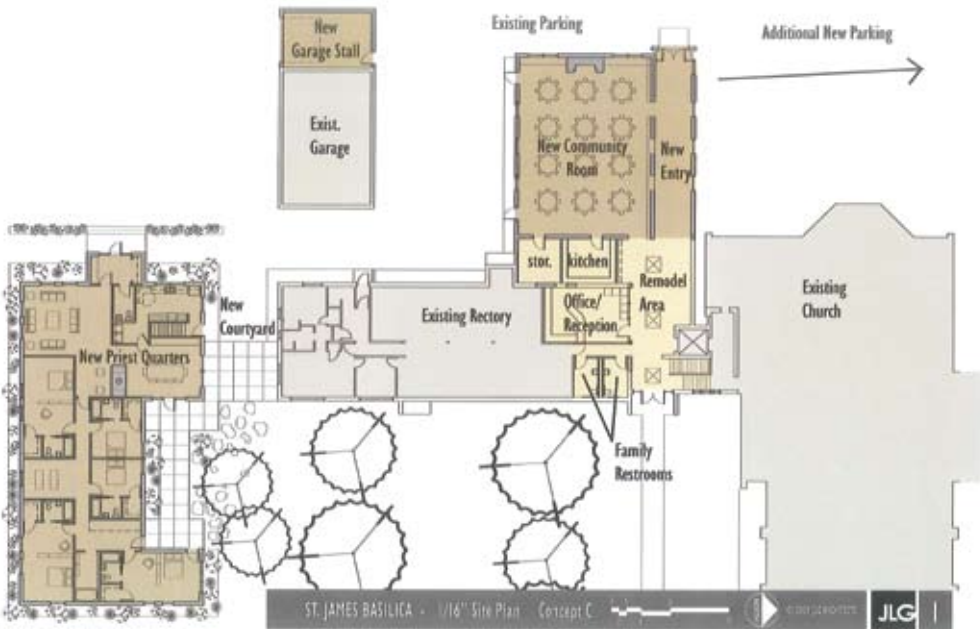
*Tim and Nancy Exner
General Chair*



Additional Campaign Needs

Additional Parking

To ensure St. James Basilica offers ample parking for Eucharist, funerals, weddings and other events, additional parking is needed. Two lots immediately north of the Basilica will be purchased and turned into parking providing about 50 more spaces. Leadership is hoping to buy a third lot which would connect our parking to Main Avenue providing immediate access to that road and the KC's. (The cost of this purchase is already included in the estimated project total.) Along with being used for Basilica gatherings, all of the new lots will be available for functions at the Knights of Columbus.



Maintenance Garage

St. James Basilica has run out of storage space for the equipment used to maintain the parish grounds and to store large items like the Nativity display. A 25' X 25' garage attached to the current three-car garage will provide extra room, and help to alleviate that problem. This heated, wood-framed addition will also provide much needed space for staff members who work on parish equipment year round.



Estimated Project Costs: \$1,624,385

Making Your Gift



Selecting the best gift plan depends on one's personal financial situation and goals. As tax laws are always changing and each individual's situation is unique, donors are encouraged to consult with financial advisors to determine which method of contributing is most beneficial.

Diocesan requirements state that before breaking ground, St. James Basilica must have one half of the construction costs in hand. To help meet these requirements and to receive the best possible construction bid, we gratefully ask all donors consider this in making an initial payment to begin your commitment.

Gifts made by cash or check are the most common and will allow St. James Basilica to address its immediate needs. Checks should be made payable to St. James Basilica. However, while the needs of the *Building Community in God's Kingdom* Capital Campaign are urgent, we will gratefully accept gifts in various forms, including those described below:

Gifts of Securities (*Stocks, Bonds and Mutual Funds*)

Corporate Matching Gifts

Will or Revocable "Living" Trust

Gifts of Life Insurance

Gifts of Real Estate

Deferred or Planned Gifts

Charitable Remainder Trust

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

Budgeting your Campaign Gift

| Total Gift | PAYMENT PLANS | | | | | |
|------------|---------------|---------|---------|-----------|-------------|---------|
| | Daily* | Weekly* | Monthly | Quarterly | Semi-Annual | Annual |
| \$25,000 | \$21 | \$144 | \$625 | \$1,875 | \$3,750 | \$7,500 |
| \$20,000 | \$18 | \$128 | \$555 | \$1,666 | \$3,333 | \$6,666 |
| \$15,000 | \$14 | \$96 | \$416 | \$1,250 | \$2,250 | \$5,000 |
| \$10,000 | \$9.13 | \$64 | \$278 | \$833 | \$1,666 | \$3,333 |
| \$7,500 | \$6.84 | \$48 | \$208 | \$563 | \$1,250 | \$2,250 |
| \$5,000 | \$4.57 | \$32 | \$139 | \$416 | \$833 | \$1,666 |
| \$4,000 | \$3.65 | \$26 | \$111 | \$333 | \$667 | \$1,333 |
| \$3,000 | \$2.73 | \$19 | \$83 | \$250 | \$500 | \$1,000 |
| \$2,500 | \$2.28 | \$16 | \$69 | \$208 | \$417 | \$833 |
| \$1,000 | \$0.91 | \$6.4 | \$28 | \$83 | \$167 | \$333 |
| \$500 | \$0.45 | \$3.2 | \$14 | \$42 | \$83 | \$167 |

** The daily and weekly figures are provided for illustration only. To minimize administrative costs, we recommend monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annual installments.*

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