

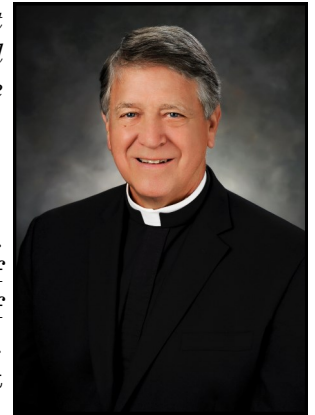
# ST. IGNATIUS

## CATHOLIC PARISH

*"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit."* 1 Corinthians 12:4-7

Dear Friends:

The desire of every pastor is that his parish be beautiful for God. At St. Ignatius, the members of our community of faith are blessed with gifts of every kind, yet each of us wants to offer our lives for the praise and glory of God. "There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit," St. Paul tells the Church in Corinth. "There are different forms of service but the same Lord."



Never has this type of unity at St. Ignatius Parish been more evident than three years ago when St. Ignatius Parish boldly embarked on a \$20 million capital campaign to build something beautiful for God. The focus of our first campaign was the construction of a beautiful new church where hearts and minds would be lifted in praise to God. Your generosity was overwhelming. In less than twelve months, we raised more than \$16.2 million of the \$20 million we estimated that we will need to build an entire parish that is beautiful for God.

Now, with our beautiful house of worship in its rightful place at the very heart of our campus, it is time to work together to complete our vision for St. Ignatius Parish. With tremendous excitement for the future of our parish, I am announcing the second phase of our Building Something Beautiful for God capital campaign.

The monies raised in this capital campaign will fund the construction of a much-needed Early Learning Center, the renovation of our former church into our Parish Hall, the renovation and upgrade of the Middle School to accommodate grades six, seven, and eight, and a redesign of the Marian Center to serve as a church home for LifeTeen. At the same time, Archbishop Rodi invites St. Ignatius Parish to play a pivotal role in Generations of Faith, a campaign which will provide funding for seminarian education, priest retirement, and youth ministry. None of these projects stands alone. But, taken together, they complete our vision of an entire parish where all we do and all we are is for the praise and glory of God.

Our vision that St. Ignatius be a parish that is beautiful for God is a bold one. I am asking each of you to pray with me that Building Something Beautiful for God Capital Campaign II will be a success. I am asking each of you, once again, to sacrificially consider a gift that will make our vision for St. Ignatius Parish a reality. I am asking that we join together with our many gifts to serve the same Lord. Together we will build a parish that is beautiful for God.

May God bless you and your families, and may He continue to work with each of us as we answer the call to serve Him.

Sincerely,

Fr. Bry Shields

*Building Something  
Beautiful for God*

The projects of **Building Something Beautiful for God** Capital Campaign II are listed below. Our campaign is already a success. After only a few months of fundraising, nearly 200 parishioners have already committed more than \$4.4 million of the \$8 million we need to ensure we can build a parish that is beautiful for God. To be truly successful, however, we need everyone in St. Ignatius Parish to join together to help us reach our goal. Take a minute to read the thoughts of five of our parishioners as they describe the individual case elements of this exciting campaign. We are building a parish that is beautiful for God.

## ***Early Learning Center***

### **More than a daycare, a foundation to lifelong faithful learning**

-Kathy Wilkins-Jones

Parish Life at St. Ignatius is full of activities and learning opportunities for every member of the family! That is important for the youngest of our parishioners as well. The Early Learning Center at St. Ignatius is a vibrant and wonderful place. The faculty and staff love and nurture the students while providing academic and spiritual instruction. The importance of the Early Learning Center cannot be overstated. It is so much more than a “daycare.” A child’s early years are the foundation for his or her future development, providing a strong base for lifelong learning and learning abilities, including cognitive, social, and spiritual development. Well-established research continues to emphasize the importance of early childhood education as an essential building block of a child’s future success. For us, at St. Ignatius, it is also the building block for the future of our parish and our faith. We know our faith is often passed down from generation to generation with the family providing young children with the fundamental instruction, and the daily care-givers providing support to the family.

We are blessed that so many parents choose to place their children in the Early Learning Center. Our current facility is in four different buildings and will not allow for collaboration between teachers. Our new building will have a secure single-point of entry for all parents and will still ensure them easy access to their child’s classroom. With all of the classrooms in the same building, collaboration among teachers will enable them to better utilize the facility and supplies. This collaboration produces a more consistent approach to teaching. Being in the same building will provide the children an easier transition from one age group to the next. The structure will have an indoor play area and reading room specific for 4 months to 4 years of age. The ease of collaboration and transition ensures that our integrated curriculum is successful at every level of the ELC. With your prayers and support, the plans for that new facility will soon come to fruition.



## ***Generations of Faith***

### **Safeguarding our future**

-Fr. Alex Crow

“If we had not the Sacrament of Orders, we should have not Our Lord.” These are the words of the patron of parish priests, the poor and meek Cure d’Ars, Saint Jean Vianney. It truly is that simple: without the priest we do not have Jesus Christ; and this is how Jesus ordained it to be. On the night before He was to suffer, Jesus instituted the priesthood in the Upper Room during the celebration of the Last Supper when commanded the Apostles, “Do this in memory of me.” The THIS Jesus referred to was principally the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, but there is also another dimension—Jesus was commanding His Apostles to offer their very lives as a sacrifice for the salvation of the world just as Jesus did. By celebrating the Eucharist and offering their own lives in sacrifice, the Apostles would literally become living icons of Jesus Himself, and they did. This is the essence of priesthood: manifesting the presence of Jesus Christ here and now, both through the administration of the sacraments and through the daily configuration of his own life to that of the crucified Lord.

Now while the priesthood is a gift from God and sustained by Him, He has nonetheless decided to entrust the formation and education of priests to the Catholic Church; therefore, without the spiritual and material assistance of the Church, we risk not having sufficient men who are adequately trained for ministry. Priests do not grow on trees, nor are they grown in laboratories. They are normal men from normal families, and they require spiritual formation, academic education, and pastoral experience in order to be holy and competent ministers of God’s sacred mysteries. The Generations of Faith campaign helps us secure these ends. By supporting the Generations of Faith campaign, you are doing more than simply donating money, you are actually procuring and safeguarding the future of the Catholic Church in our Archdiocese, which as Saint Jean Vianney eloquently asserts, is contingent upon the sacred ministry carried out by our priests.





## *Middle School*

### **Efficiency through collaboration**

-Amanda Dudeck

My name is Amanda Dudeck and I am the Middle School Science Teacher at St. Ignatius. There have been so many wonderful changes here on our campus these past few years and there are many more to come. As a parishioner, teacher, and parent at St. Ignatius, I have been able to see how much our **Building Something Beautiful for God** campaign has benefited each and every one of our students and families.

With the completion of our new church, I have already witnessed a huge increase in our community around campus in just these last couple of weeks. I believe that having our Middle School renovated would greatly benefit our parish and school community as well. With the way our Middle School is set up right now, our 6th grade classrooms are separated from the rest of the 7th and 8th grade classrooms, our science lab is separated from the science classroom, and our students are too separated by grade level where they are unable to form bonds with other grade levels.

The newly renovated middle school will allow me to have my classroom in the science lab. When I am able to have the lab located inside of my classroom, it will allow me to utilize our students time more efficiently instead of having to travel to and from a separate lab. It would allow me to have more engaging science classes by being able to instruct first and then go straight into a hands-on lab experiment.

In order for us to implement our Middle School Housing system as effectively as we can, we need our 6-8th grade classrooms located together. In my opinion, this would help bring all of our middle school students closer together in their house community and it would make spirit days or other competition days more engaging. Throughout these last few years, our students have absolutely loved being in a house, but I truly believe it would be even more beneficial to their social and spiritual well-being if they were able to feel more like a community. Our younger students would watch our middle school students grow with their houses and become more and more excited as they get closer to 6th grade and house sorting. We truly are “**Building Something Beautiful for God**” and increasing community on our campus and in our parish.



## ***Parish Hall***

### **Opportunities are endless**

-Kathleen & Joey Willis

Spirited. Active. Zealous. Eucharistic. These words all describe the vibrancy of St. Ignatius Parish, a community whose members love our parish deeply and want our neighbors and friends to be a part of it, too. As a Catholic parish, we are called to grow in community and witness our faith through fellowship, both of which are vital to truly living as members of the Body of Christ. After the final blessing at mass, we are dismissed and sent to go out and bring the fruits of the Eucharist to the world. Having a true parish hall will better allow us to fulfill this important task each and every day.

St. Ignatius is alive with opportunities to grow in deeper faith with God and with one another, to evangelize and to serve those in need in our very own community. Parish Missions, Lenten Fish Fries, prayer groups, religious education classes and bible studies, are only a few ways our parishioners witness our faith and share in fellowship. Up to this point in the life of our parish, all these gatherings have been spread out all over our parish campus in various buildings, most of which are not fully equipped to meet all our needs. Having a single location for all our ministries and parish groups to utilize will further unify and strengthen our faith community and the future growth of our parish. What a great way to glorify God!

Transforming our former church building into the parish hall will only enhance our parish's vibrancy, and directly change the dynamics of our church family and our neighboring community. The parish hall sits adjacent to our new church whose interior beautifully flows into and connects the two buildings. This connection provides the perfect invitation for our congregation to remain and grow in community, whether our members are on the way to a wedding celebration, a First Holy Communion reception, a donuts and coffee social, or any of many other special events our parish holds. Having a beautiful, multifaceted parish hall filled with lovely religious art, objects and,



people, is such a unique gift to be grateful for and to be shared with all. The opportunities to host parish events, remain actively engaged and grow together in our Catholic faith are endless!

## ***Youth Center***

### **A Cool, Fun, Welcoming, & Safe Place**

Anthony Tobin

In my years as youth director, I have come to the conclusion that a Youth Center--a cool, fun, welcoming, and safe place--is essential to a thriving youth ministry program. That is number one on my list - finding a building that we can decorate and furnish to make a cool, fun, welcoming, and safe space that will attract youth and a place where they will want to be because they consider it their own. This has been a staple for the youth of St. Ignatius Parish for many, many years.

The opportunity for our youth to have a new, updated, and bigger facility is exciting and needed. Fr. Shields recently hosted a luncheon in our current youth center for our altar servers to say “thank you” for their service and we were squeezed tight due to the size constraints of our building. Honestly, we can barely fit more than one grade inside comfortably. But, the youth wanted to be in there. So much so, that a group of students almost forfeited their Foosackly's lunch so that they could hang out and play at the ping pong and pool tables. They love the futons, the big screen, the game tables, and environment. On Sunday nights, if we want all high schoolers present (which we do!), then we are talking about approximately 150 teens! What we currently have for them has become inadequate, too small, and in need of major repairs.

The opportunity for a new, updated, and bigger facility is exciting and important to the future success of the St. Ignatius youth ministry program. Our teenagers need it and your teenagers deserve it!



“God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.” 2 Corinthians 9:8

Today, the parishioners of St. Ignatius Parish have the opportunity to pass on the blessings we have received through this wonderful parish. Generosity has always been a hallmark at St. Ignatius Parish. **Building Something Beautiful for God** Capital Campaign II is our opportunity to give back to God a portion of the blessings that we have received according to how we have been blessed. It is an opportunity to share the wonder of our faith with our children, grandchildren, spouses, friends, and neighbors. **Building Something Beautiful for God** Capital Campaign II is our legacy for our future.

Giving back to our gracious God is not the only opportunity we have with **Building Something Beautiful for God** Capital Campaign II. As St. Ignatius repurposes our old church as a new Parish Hall, builds a new Early Learning Center, upgrades our Middle School, provides a new home for LifeTeen, and supports our priests during their education as seminarians and in retirement, our parish will be able to open our doors wider than ever before. As with all great endeavors which seek to advance God’s mission, this campaign invites us to be generous in order to have lasting impact on our community of faith.

The goal of **Building Something Beautiful for God** Capital Campaign II is \$8 million. Every gift counts. Each gift matters. We are asking all parishioners to be part of this unique moment in St. Ignatius’ history. Gifts and pledges to the **Building Something Beautiful for God** Capital Campaign II may be paid over a three-year to five-year time period. In an effort to accommodate the needs of all our parish families, we are happy to work with individual circumstances.

Through the prayers, generosity, and leadership of the families of St. Ignatius Parish, we are building a parish that is beautiful for God. As we work together, we follow in the footsteps of the faithful St. Ignatius parishioners who walked before us. Our pledge is the same as theirs...to be a family of faith that offers itself to the praise and glory of God, and that leads the way to the future as we follow the light of Christ.

To learn more about **Building Something Beautiful for God** Capital Campaign II please visit our website at [www.stignatiusmobile.org](http://www.stignatiusmobile.org). You may also learn about **Building Something Beautiful for God** Capital Campaign II at Sunday Mass, in our parish bulletin, and via our weekly Around the Parish video. Please prayerfully consider your gift to **Building Something Beautiful for God** Capital Campaign II. We cannot do it without you.





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## Prayer for Generosity

Lord, teach me to be generous.  
Teach me to serve you as you deserve;  
to give and not to count the cost,  
to fight and not to heed the wounds,  
to toil and not to seek for rest,  
to labor and not to ask for reward,  
save that of knowing that I will do your will.  
Amen.

- St. Ignatius of Loyola



