

*St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church  
Union Grove*

**Proposed  
Capital Plan  
& Capital  
Campaign**



***Your Input is Important.***

*Ask questions. Share ideas, opinions and suggestions.*



**Please attend one of the following Information Sessions.**

Saturday, July 20  
in church after the 4:30p.m. Mass

Sunday, July 21  
in church after the 10:00a.m. Mass

Monday, July 22  
in church at 7:00p.m.



**Please fill out and return the attached survey form  
to the designated box in the church entrance,  
or [complete the survey online](#), by July 28.**

***Thank You!***



Dear Sisters & Brothers in Christ,

I am so proud to be your Pastor. The service, humility and sincerity in which you minister to one another and the community at large continually inspires me. This parish has both touched and changed the lives of countless people. Baptisms, first communions, confirmations, weddings and funerals have been held in this space. People's lives have been enriched by Mass, education & formation classes, outreach programs, and social events. No doubt, we are a Catholic community building strong faith-filled families and communities.

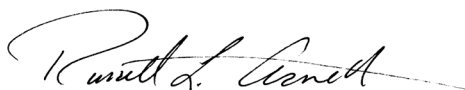
Our parishioners have generously shared their financial resources, vision, talents and time. We would not be here without your faithfulness and I thank you for your generosity and your continuing support. The gift of ministry really does flow through you – the people who have been so committed to this parish. Because of your generosity, our parish is a busy and vibrant place.

Going forward, we are now sharing plans to take care of our church campus... our spiritual home. In this informational brochure we have outlined our proposed Capital Plan, and plans for a proposed Capital Campaign that would occur in the fall of 2019.

We would appreciate your input. Please take the time to read this brochure. We have scheduled information sessions after the Masses on July 20 & 21, as well as an extra session on Monday, July 22 at 7pm. I encourage you to attend one of these sessions so information can be shared and your feedback received. Your input will be helpful as our capital plans continue to take shape.

Just as important is the feedback you share using the brief survey found within this brochure. Please return the survey form, or you can provide your feedback by going to our parish website. Thank you for your feedback!

Grace and Peace,



Rev. Russell Arnett



# PROPOSED CAPITAL PLAN

## PRIORITY 1

### **Church Roof Repair/Replacement** (Estimated cost: \$345,000)

The current sanctuary roof dates back to 1999. Its membrane is shredding and has reached the end of its useful life. As a result, we are experiencing water leakage in many areas of the church. With input from roofing consultants, the Planning Team proposes maintaining the current roof lines and replacing the current membrane with a third generation Sanafil polymer membrane that comes with a 25 - 35 year warranty. The project cost will be impacted by the extent to which there is water damage to the roof underlayment. The roof project will also include the redesign (repair, replacement, or removal) of the transom windows on the north and south sides.

## PRIORITY 2

### **North Flat Roof Repair** (Estimated cost: \$30,000)

The north flat roof, which covers three classrooms, was last replaced in 1997. This roof is beginning to fail, resulting in leaks in the classrooms. The south and west flat roofs are in good shape, having been replaced in the last two years.

## PRIORITY 3

### **Church Interior Repair & Updating** (Estimated cost: \$60,000)

Seven years ago we made several repairs/updates to our Sanctuary, funded by gifts to the Faith in our Future Campaign (painting, sanctuary step, skylight replacement, etc.). We now wish to focus on areas not addressed in the prior projects and areas which have incurred water damage due to roof leakage. Damaged walls need to be repaired and painted. Our worn and dated carpeting, installed around 1980, needs to be replaced.

## PRIORITY 4

### **Electronic Outdoor Sign** (Estimated cost: \$20,000)

A new outdoor digital electronic sign on Highway 45 will serve as an important tool for evangelizing and communicating our Catholic identity.

## PRIORITY 5

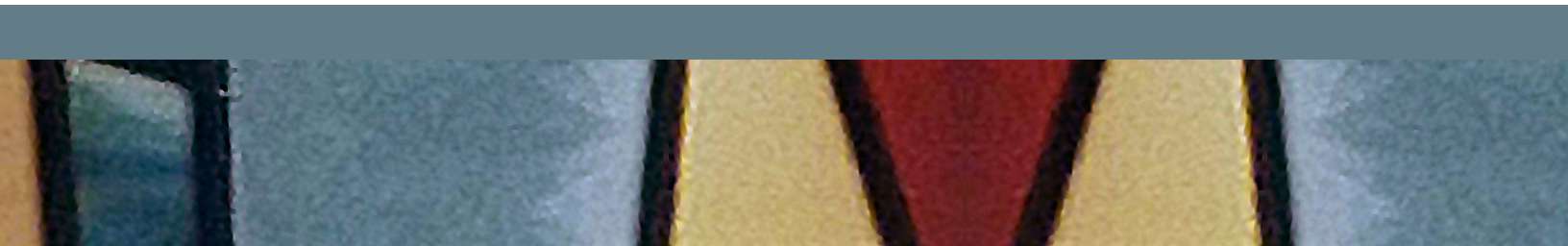
### **Parking Lot Project** (Estimated cost: \$135,000)

The south parking lot and circle drive need to be completely rebuilt. The parking lot to the west of the church is in good shape, having been taken care of in 2018.

## PRIORITY 6

### **Replace Electronic Carillon Bells System** (Estimated cost: \$10,000)

The electronic carillon bells system, located at the top of our church roof, does not work. The Planning Team is currently studying options to replace the carillon system.



## PROPOSED CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

The estimated cost of the needed projects is \$600,000. The pledges received during a Capital Campaign, being considered for the fall of 2019, will determine what we are able to do and when we can do it. At the end of 2019, after the three-year Capital Campaign pledges are received, we will know the total funds we can expect from our parishioners over a three-year period. Knowing the amount of pledges up-front will allow us to finalize our plans with affordability in mind, and confidently go forward with our projects. Our intention in funding these projects would be to “pay as you go,” and not incur any long-term debt.

We have teamed up with The James Company, a Milwaukee based church fundraising firm which has successfully partnered with many parishes in our Archdiocese. The James Company is guiding us during this parish feedback phase, and would lead us through the proposed Capital Campaign. Based on their expertise, they have suggested that a parish our size could raise \$400,000 to \$600,000 over a three-year period to fund the proposed capital projects. Our operating budget would continue to be funded by the generous regular offerings of our parishioners. All contributions to a Capital Campaign would need to be over and above the current regular offerings of our parishioners.

## NEXT STEP: WE NEED YOUR INPUT

- Please plan on attending one of the information sessions listed on the cover page. We welcome your comments and suggestions.
- It is important that you return the attached survey by July 28. The survey can also be completed online by going to our parish website at [www.stmary-strobert.org](http://www.stmary-strobert.org). Please return the survey even if you attend one of the information sessions.

If you would like to speak to someone, please contact one of the following members of our Planning Team.

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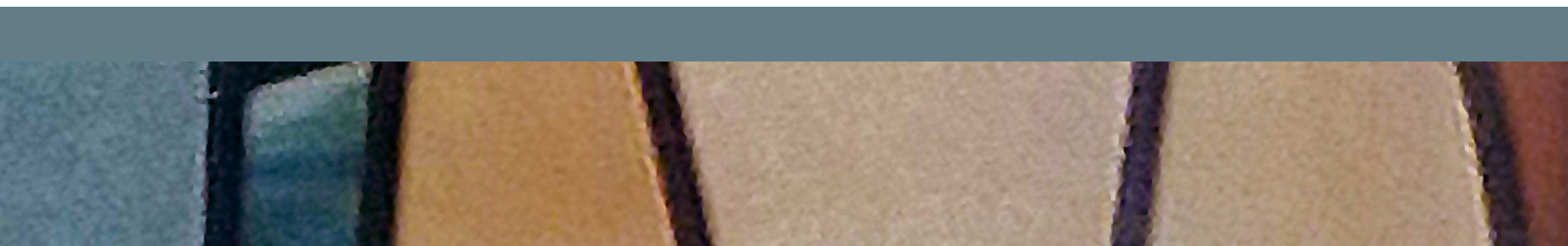
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*Important time dated material enclosed.  
Please read and respond with your survey. Thank you!*