



ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC CHURCH
Diocese of Lake Charles
Ragley, Louisiana



*Building the future,
rooted in faith.*



LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

“*The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.* — John 1:5

Dear Family and Friends of St. Pius X,

The words of John 1:5 remind me of all that has occurred since 2020. As the coronavirus pandemic spread, Hurricane Laura upended South Louisiana on August 27, 2020. Two days after the storm, I arrived at our church to survey the damage and salvage what I could carry in my truck. *Devastation was everywhere.* I was so busy visiting parishioners and helping others that I prayed Morning Prayer at 8:30 p.m. It was late, but I knew the Eucharist was our strength. I celebrated Mass at 9:15 p.m. and concluded the day with this prayer: *“We simply need you to be with us, Lord. Help us to help each other as you teach us to do.”*

God answered that prayer. Our parish came together. From sunrise to sunset, hundreds of volunteers spent over a month handing out thousands of pounds of essentials in our parish parking lot. Many groups came from across the state and country to cook and serve more than 10,000 hot meals. The faith of our church animated and sustained everyone. On September 6, 2020, the twelfth day after Hurricane Laura, I wrote: *“When it’s dark outside, lights seem to shine brighter. Today, I am thankful for the darkness. It helps me see the lights.”* Since 2020, our parish has endured six natural disasters: two hurricanes, a flood, Winter Storm Uri, a tornado, and wildfires. Through it all, the light of faith shined through you as we came together in each situation.

The church helped us shine the light. Now it is our time to help the church. **Our parish has grown more than 135% in 10 years.** Weekend Masses are regularly filled, and countless times you’ve heard me say *“We need a bigger church!”* Rooted in faith, our parish wants to build a church to provide for current needs and future generations. **We need a projected \$10 million in the next five years to build that church and nearly triple our current capacity to 575 people.** I hope you will join me and our community to give back to God so the light of faith shines brightly for generations to come at St. Pius X Catholic Church.

Sincerely Yours in Our Lord,

Fr. Jeffrey Starkovich
Pastor | St. Pius X Catholic Church



OUR GOAL

Our ultimate goal is to build the future of St. Pius Parish in three phases. Our immediate goal is to build a new church (Phase 1) large enough to serve our current parishioners and new community members who will move to Beauregard Parish in the coming years. In a 2023 feasibility study, St. Pius X parishioners overwhelmingly supported (98.5%) building a new and larger church, followed by classrooms, a new hall, and office. Once the new church (Phase 1) is completed, our goal will be to complete the classrooms next (Phase 2), followed by the new hall and office (Phase 3).



PHASE 1: CHURCH

WHAT WE NEED

The total cost to build the new church (Phase 1) is a projected total of \$10 million. Our Phase 1 capital campaign goal is to raise \$5 million over the next five years towards the building of the church, with in-kind donations (\$1 million), building fund and parish savings (\$1 million), and loans (\$3 million) funding the remaining \$5 million. Raising \$7 million (Phase 1 stretch goal) towards the church over the next five years would provide substantial savings and allow us to construct the classrooms, hall, and office sooner.

»» HOW YOU CAN HELP ««

We encourage all our parishioners to give generously in whatever way they can—through your *time, talent, and treasure!*



PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH
and our capital campaign.



GIVE FINANCIALLY
to support the campaign and our future church. Gifts may include cash, securities, stocks or other forms of monetary support.



GET INVOLVED
by serving on the campaign committee or providing in-kind donations of services. We would love to have your support.



MAKE MY PLEDGE

WHY NOW?

WE DON'T HAVE TO BUILD A CHURCH FOR THEM TO COME. WE HAVE TO BUILD IT BECAUSE THEY'RE HERE!

The Ragley area is growing rapidly, and we outgrew our church long ago. If we have no room, we risk losing our Catholic community. If Mass is too difficult to attend, many won't come. And if they don't come, they may lose their faith altogether.

This capital campaign gives you a chance to leave your legacy. It gives families a chance to build a faith-filled community in which to raise their children. And it ensures that the sacraments remain accessible to everyone for years to come.

»» *Visit www.spx.church/campaign to learn more and pledge today.* ««

✝ WHERE WE'VE BEEN

1957
HALL BUILT
The church constructs its first multi-purpose hall, later enlarged to meet the community's needs.

1960
LAND ACQUIRED
The William Habetz family donates two acres of land for a Catholic Church in Ragley, which will be served by Our Lady of LaSalette in DeQuincy. Rev. Eugene Veillard celebrates the first Mass in a wooden chapel in December.

1980
CHAPEL BUILT
On an additional two acres of land donated by the Habetz family, the community builds a new brick chapel to hold 200 people. Rev. Roland Bernier celebrates the first Mass there on May 30, 1980.

1995
EDUCATION BUILDING BUILT
Construction begins on a new parish hall and education building.

1999
MISSION ESTABLISHED
St. Pius X becomes a mission of St. Theodore Catholic Church, under the direction of Monsignor Charles DuBois.

2014
ST. PIUS X PARISH ESTABLISHED
The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of the Diocese of Lake Charles, issues a Decree of Establishment naming St. Pius X the diocese's 39th canonical parish. Rev. Timothy Goodly is named its first pastor.

2020
HURRICANE LAURA HIT
As the coronavirus pandemic spread, Hurricane Laura upends South Louisiana on August 27, 2020, bringing devastation to St. Pius X parish.

2024
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED
A major capital campaign is launched to build a new, larger church with seating for nearly 600; new classrooms; and a new office space and hall on approximately 25 acres of property.

✝ WHERE WE ARE NOW

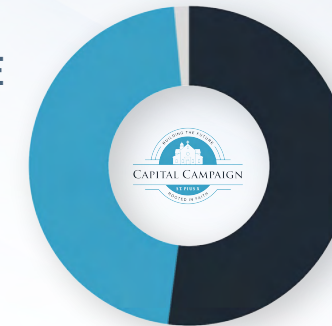
In a 2023 feasibility study, St. Pius X parishioners overwhelmingly supported the opportunity to build a new, larger church.

Prior to Hurricane Laura, the church had a capacity of just 200 people. Now, Mass attendance exceeds that nearly every weekend.

WILL ST. PIUS X PARISH SUPPORT A CAPITAL CAMPAIGN?

NON-FAVORABLE
1.5%

FAVORABLE
46.4%



VERY FAVORABLE
52.1%

CENUS YEAR	POPULATION
2000	3800
2010	4200
2020	4900
2030	5800 (PREDICTION)

Additionally, Beauregard Parish is growing rapidly. We know that access to the sacraments is critically important to our parishioners and newcomers. A new church will enable us to grow alongside our community – without pain points like a lack of parking, inadequate space for religious education classes or standing room-only Masses.

BY THE NUMBERS

St. Pius X has a large, active and growing community. Consider a few numbers below.

↑ **125%**
MASS ATTENDANCE
Increase Since 2020

700
REGISTERED FAMILIES
Up 19% Since 2023

330
STUDENTS
In Religious Education

5:1
BAPTISMS
To Funerals Ratio



EAST FACADE



NORTH FACADE



CHURCH FRONT • MAIN ENTRY



SOUTH FACADE



AERIAL VIEW



GREAT LAWN • PARISH HALL • OFFICE



✝ WHERE WE'RE GOING

This capital campaign will allow St. Pius X to build a new church with seating capacity for nearly 600 people, along with the opportunity for additional seating as needed during busy liturgical celebrations like Christmas or Easter. Long-term, we hope to also build new office space to accommodate ministries, a larger multi-purpose building, adequate classroom space for our Religious Education program, and a cemetery. Once those additional buildings are complete, we hope to re-purpose the current space for the youth.

PHASE 1



VIEW FROM SANCTUARY



SANCTUARY



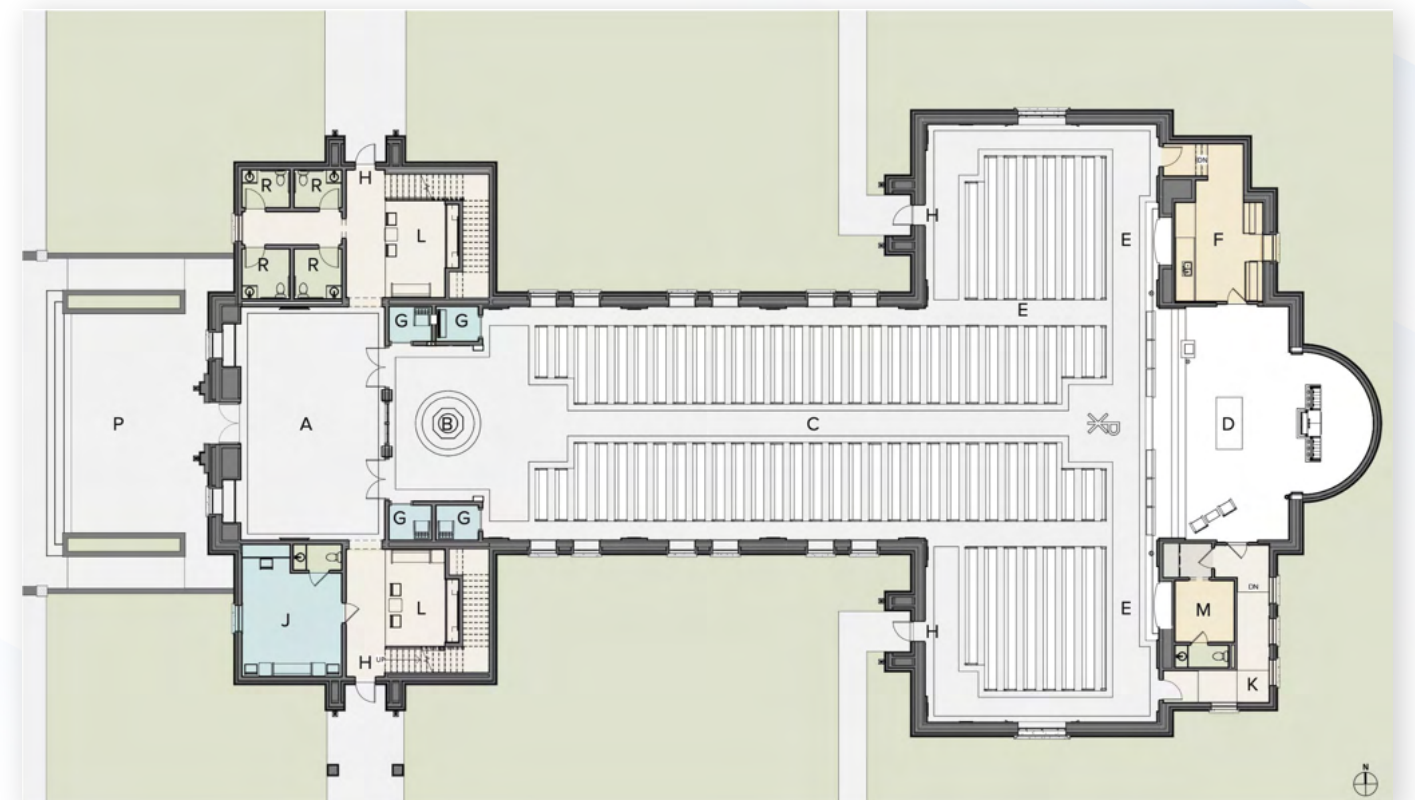
BAPTISTRY VIEW



AERIAL VIEW



FLOOR PLAN



FLOOR PLAN

- A • Narthex
- B • Baptismal Font
- C • Nave
- D • Sanctuary
- E • Side Shrine
- F • Sacristy
- G • Confessional
- H • Side Entry
- J • Bride's Room
- K • Sanctuary Ramp
- L • Sitting Room
- M • Priest's Sacristy
- N • Restrooms
- P • Plaza
- Q • Choir Loft Access
- R • Restroom

PHASE 1



✝ CAMPAIGN PHASES

In a 2023 feasibility study, St. Pius X parishioners overwhelmingly indicated that building a new, larger church is the first priority, followed by classrooms, a new church hall, and an office. Thus, **the capital campaign will be executed in the following three phases in order of parishioner priority:**



CHURCH Timeline | Five Years Campaign Goal | \$5 Million
Estimated Total Cost | \$10 Million Stretch Goal | \$7 Million

PHASE 1

Meeting our Phase 1 Stretch Goal of \$7 million will launch the campaign into Phase 2.

Estimated Total Cost Campaign Goal **CLASSROOMS**
\$1 Million \$1 Million

PHASE 2

HALL / OFFICE Estimated Total Cost Campaign Goal
\$5 Million \$5 Million

PHASE 3

LET'S BUILD THE FUTURE TOGETHER.

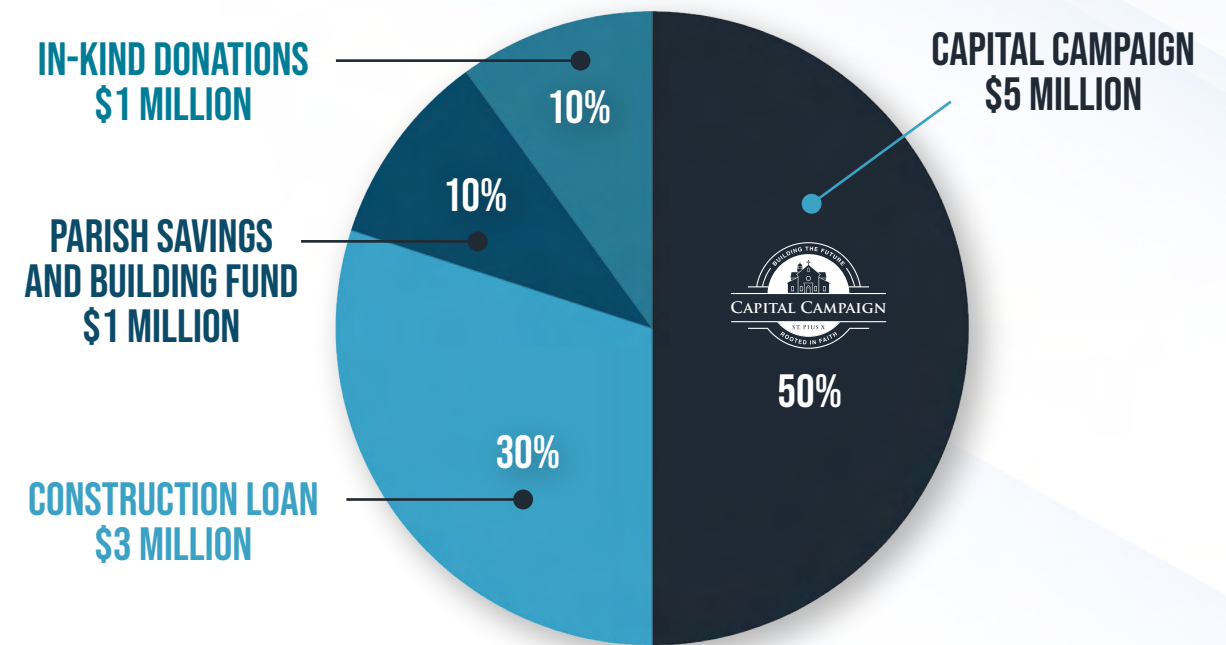


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✝ WHAT WE NEED: PHASE 1

We expect the new church (Phase 1) to cost **\$10 million total**. We can complete Phase 1 with funding from the capital campaign (\$5 million goal), in-kind donations (\$1 million), the building fund and parish savings (\$1 million), and a construction loan (approximately \$3 million). **The more funds we raise through the capital campaign, the less debt our parish will incur.**

PHASE 1 FUNDING SOURCES



TOTAL COST
Phase 1 | Projected



CAMPAIGN GOAL
Phase 1



STRETCH GOAL
Launches Phase 2

Stay tuned for detailed financial information regarding Phase 2 and Phase 3 in future communications.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

DO WE HAVE TO DO THIS ALL AT ONCE? CAN IT BE DONE IN PHASES?

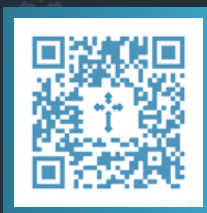
Our plan is to build in three phases. The long-term vision for St. Pius X includes a church (Phase 1), classrooms (Phase 2), and a new hall and offices (Phase 3). This campaign will raise funds for Phase 1, the church. However, if we can raise enough to build the new church and other buildings at the same time, this would provide substantial savings. The cemetery project is currently underway and can be built with parish funds apart from the capital campaign.

WHEN WILL WE BREAK GROUND?

Thanks to generous support from a few talented parishioners, the site is ready. Once we have 50% of the funds in-hand and at least 25% more pledged, we can begin construction. Available funds may come from donations, in-kind support or loans, as needed.

HOW CAN I MAKE A FINANCIAL DONATION?

A capital campaign offers significant flexibility. Monetary donations may be offered as one-time gifts or pledged and donated over a period of up to five years. There are also opportunities to donate securities, stocks or other assets that also provide tax benefits to the donor. Finally, naming opportunities will be available for donors who wish to honor a family or individual. Simply fill out the intent form or scan the QR code to get started.



WHO WILL LEAD THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN AND MAKE FINAL DECISIONS?

Fr. Jeffrey Starkovich, as pastor of St. Pius X, will make all final decisions in cooperation with the Bishop and the input of the campaign committee, finance council, and pastoral council.

WHAT IS THE CURRENT FINANCIAL STATUS OF ST. PIUS X?

St. Pius X is in good financial standing. Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners and sound financial management, we have more than \$1 million saved for the new church. Throughout this process, our financial plans include maintaining a balance that could cover three to six months of operations so that parish ministry continues smoothly.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE CURRENT PARISH BUILDINGS?

After the new church is complete, the current church and current hall will provide flexible spaces for the parish and our ministries. After all new campaign construction is complete, the current buildings will permanently be dedicated to the youth.

WHAT ABOUT THE EXISTING BUILDING FUND?

We plan to replace the building fund collection with a capital campaign collection for the next five years. The building fund was started in 2020 to provide for construction and repairs. Because our capital campaign aligns with the purpose of the building fund, we will combine what is currently saved in the building fund with the capital campaign to achieve our goals. When the capital campaign is complete, the building fund will resume and continue to provide for ongoing maintenance.

HOW IS THIS DIFFERENT FROM MY REGULAR MONETARY GIFTS?

Regular stewardship offerings from our parishioners benefit the day-to-day ministry of the church. This capital campaign is a five-year fundraising endeavor to build a new church. We are inviting families to invest alongside their current general offertory by making a capital campaign pledge towards the construction of a new church building.

CAMPAIGN LEADERSHIP

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Marilyn Habetz | *Campaign Coordinator*
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 Dr. Mark Williams | *Campaign Consultant (ISPD)*
 Father Jeffrey Starkovich | *Pastor*

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 Ronald and DeAnna Habetz
 Murphy and Kathryn Breaux
 Wayne and Katie Hebert
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 Jason and Kelly Vines



✦ HOW CAN YOU HELP?



PRAY

We invite parishioners to **pray the Capital Campaign prayer** found on the back cover daily for the success of our goals for our church community.



All good giving and every perfect gift is from above.

— James 1:17



DONATE

The St. Pius X capital campaign will span five years. **We invite supporters to consider pledging the full amount they can give, spreading the payments out as needed over time.**

Payments may include donations of cash, securities, stocks or other financial support. Please see page 14 for more information and a sample five-year pledge payment plan.



HELP

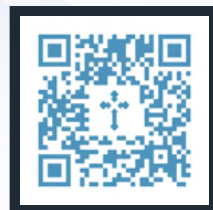
Our parish thrives when everyone helps as they can. We invite you to **volunteer** on the campaign committee or provide **in-kind donations** towards campaign efforts or construction.



As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another.

— 1 Peter 4:10

READY TO GET STARTED?



FILL OUT THE INTENT FORM OR SCAN THE QR CODE TO MAKE YOUR PLEDGE TODAY!



A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.

— James 1:17

✦ 5-YEAR PLEDGE PAYMENT PLAN

5-YEAR PLEDGE	ANNUALLY 5 Payments	QUARTERLY 20 Payments	MONTHLY 60 Payments
\$100,000	\$20,000	\$5,000	\$1,667
\$75,000	\$15,000	\$3,750	\$1,250
\$50,000	\$10,000	\$2,500	\$833
\$25,000	\$5,000	\$1,250	\$417
\$15,000	\$3,000	\$750	\$250
\$10,000	\$2,000	\$500	\$166
\$7,500	\$1,500	\$375	\$125
\$5,000	\$1,000	\$250	\$83
\$3,000	\$600	\$150	\$50
\$1,500	\$300	\$75	\$25
\$1,000	\$200	\$50	\$16

Let's work together to build a future rooted in faith.

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CAMPAIGN PRAYER

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Heavenly Father, we praise you for the many blessings you have bestowed upon St. Pius X Catholic Church. We ask you to direct our lives by the example of your son's humility. Plant the seed of faith in rich soil so that you may produce an abundance of hope and love. Through the trials we face, you call us to grow in trust of your Divine Providence and in service to our neighbor. *Rooted in faith, we embark on a capital campaign to build a church home for generations to come.* Guide our every step and inspire us to be generous with our gifts of prayer, financial support, and service. May we begin with your inspiration and endure by your divine help. Let all our efforts begin with you and come to completion through you. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

