

# *Building a Brighter Future at St. John Vianney*



*September 22, 2017*

*Building a Brighter Future Capital Campaign*

*A case statement in support of plans for enhancements  
to the worship space and critical facility needs of  
St. John Vianney Catholic Parish community.*

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Dear parish family,

It is with great anticipation and joy that we launch the “Building a Brighter Future” capital campaign to enhance our Church to allow us to grow in faith together. This fall, we invite every member of our parish family to support a common goal to raise the funds necessary to update and renew a place for us to gather as a parish community to worship our Lord, to practice good stewardship by using our time, talent and treasures, and to grow in our faith and love of our Lord.

As a member of our great parish community of *St. John Vianney*, please take the time to thoroughly review the information enclosed in this mailing and prayerfully consider how you will support this parishwide effort.

The remarkable faith community of *St. John Vianney* started humbly 38 years ago. One hundred eighty-nine families, many who are still here today, gathered for Mass each Sunday in the Sts. Peter and Paul Area High School Performing Arts Center. They may not have envisioned, at that time, the dynamic parish that *St. John Vianney* would become, but they united in prayer and did what was necessary as a parish family to build our strong, involved *St. John Vianney* community. Land was acquired and our first building was built. More important than the physical space was the community of believers who developed a welcoming, teaching, serving, and worshipping Catholic parish community. Today countless people, including those who belong and those whom we serve, benefit from the early vision and stewardship of these founding families.

We invite you to continue the tradition of our founding members for today’s *St. John Vianney* parishioners and for the people who will come after us.

For all practical purposes, our current worship space has existed as it is now since the first Liturgy on February 5, 1983. *That’s 34 years!* Carpeting, chairs and light fixtures were replaced in 1996. *That was twenty-one years ago.* During that time, there have been in excess of 3,300 liturgical celebrations. With an estimated average of 300 persons attending each Mass, *we have had almost 1 million people enter our worship space* to honor and to love our Lord and to be present with Him in the Eucharist. This wear and tear suggests the need for some “renewal”, and it is time to refresh and enlighten our worship space, and address the aging parking lot and roof.

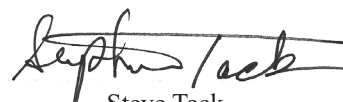
Over the last year, the parish has questioned, surveyed, assessed and consulted. Now the time has come to act and move forward! Please join with us in making our renewed parish facilities a reality. We have made our sacrificial pledges to this great effort and are here to ask you to prayerfully consider doing the same, according to your means. We will see the fruits of our efforts in two years, on the 40th anniversary of our parish, when we behold what God’s grace and your generosity have generated.

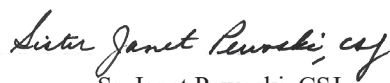
Please be informed, become involved and take ownership in building our Parish Community! We pray that every family will pledge something toward this noble effort.

Peace in Christ,

  
Terry Wenger  
Parish Council 17-18

  
Bob Miller  
Finance Commission

  
Steve Tack  
Parish Council 16-17

  
Sr. Janet Pewoski, CSJ  
Pastoral Administrator

  
Fr. Bill Rutkowski  
Sacramental Minister

  
Rick Warner  
Deacon



*St. John Vianney*  
parish founded

**Sept. 28, 1979**

**Groundbreaking  
for new SJV  
Parish Center**

**May 8, 1982**

**First liturgy in  
new Parish Center**

**Feb. 5, 1983**

**Parish Center  
dedication**

**May 27, 1983**

**New Gathering Space  
planning began**

**1994**

**New Gathering Space,  
chairs, carpeting,  
light fixtures**

**1996**

**Kickoff of new  
Capital Campaign  
*"Building a  
Brighter Future"***

**Sept. 24, 2017**

**Renovations  
complete**

**Sept. 2019**

## *Who We Are*

From its beginning, the concept of Parish Community was foremost in the hearts and minds of its faithful parishioners who came together to grow *St. John Vianney* into a lively and faith filled Parish. For the past 38 years, *St. John Vianney* has prided itself on being an inclusive Catholic community. As parishioners, we are guided by our mission. Together we celebrate the Eucharist, pray together and develop our faith community. We pledge to serve people of all ages and life situations, perform good works, be good stewards, and share the gifts given to us by God. We are a community of believers who love our Lord, and love gathering together to celebrate this love.

## *Where We Have Been*

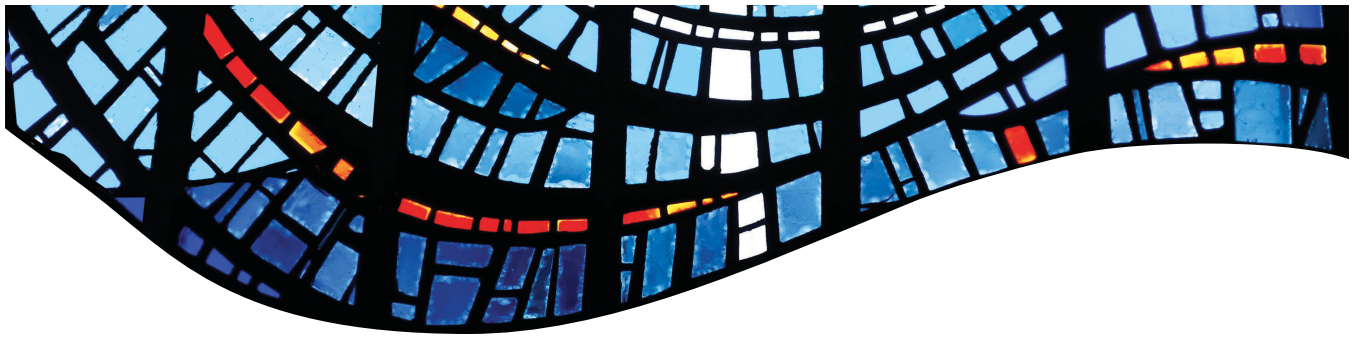
The *St. John Vianney Parish Community* was founded on September 28, 1979 under Bishop Francis F. Reh. Its first celebration of Liturgy occurred in the Performing Arts Center of Sts. Peter and Paul Area High School. *St. John Vianney* began with one hundred eighty-nine families of faithful believers, Fr. John O'Callaghan, Pastor, and Sr. Dena Baronn, Pastoral Associate.

Almost immediately, plans were begun to build a permanent Parish Center that would honor our Lord Jesus Christ, and provide a respectful and holy place for the *St. John Vianney* faithful to come together in liturgy and community where they could practice their Catholic Christian faith.

After four years in the temporary worship space, ground breaking for the new *St. John Vianney* Parish Center occurred on May 8, 1982. The first Liturgy was held in the new Parish Center on February 5, 1983 with the formal dedication on May 22, 1984.

The original church was designed to be both a worship space and community center. It was convertible with the sanctuary being able to be "closed off" with a moving wall so the remainder of the area could be converted to a parish community hall. After the final weekend Mass, the sanctuary moving wall would be put into place and the parishioners would move chairs, pull out tables, and arrange the space for faith formation, meetings and various other community activities that occurred during the week. On Friday, the church would again be converted to a holy and respectful space to come and worship our Lord.





During these early years of *St. John Vianney* Parish Community, the concept of “community” was nurtured and encouraged. Faith Formation activities for both children and adults occurred in parishioners’ homes. Many other “community” activities occurred in a variety of places that expanded the concept of a parish beyond the physical walls of a church building.

In 1994, plans were initiated to add a “Gathering Space” to the existing church and because of the growing parish membership, to add 202 additional seats to the worship space. This renovation was completed in time for the Easter celebration 1996. No longer was it essential to convert the worship space from a “holy place” to a gathering space each week.

## *Where We Are Now*

Our current worship space has seen its wear and tear over the years and it is time for a facelift. The carpet is worn, stained and fraying in many spots. There are sections of wallpaper that are falling off the walls. The church is dark, the lighting fixtures outdated, and changing and finding new light bulbs is becoming more difficult. A recent inspection has shown that the roof is showing some deterioration and is in need of repair. The parking lot and walkways are becoming safety risks with crumbling sections, and during heavy rains it turns into a lake. This wear and tear suggests it is time to refresh and enlighten our Worship Space and fix our parking lot and roof.

Renovating the church goes beyond addressing a laundry list of issues at *St. John Vianney*. It will honor God by creating a place where we – and the future generations of parishioners – can comfortably and safely worship Him through faith and fellowship.

The Diocese has no intention at this time for any further restructuring of parishes, but to function within the structure that has been established. The Diocese is also supportive of our renovation and there are diocesan staff that are active members of our capital campaign committee. We are assured that our parish will continue to serve Saginaw Township and the surrounding area. As we work together to build and brighten our parish, may we join together in prayer asking God to help us strengthen our parish family and achieve our goals.

# Where We Are Going

Over the past year, the parish council and the building commission have been examining the parish projects that need immediate attention and have developed a plan to better position the parish for the future. The guiding principle is that the remodeling of the church would contribute toward the church’s noble simplicity rather than ostentation. Materials to be selected are those that would not wear quickly and will foster the dignity of the entire space. Modifications are necessary to bring parts of the church up to ADA standards that will be more welcoming to all of our parishioners.

The current sanctuary was originally designed and built to be a flexible space, but as the church expanded, the space became a fixed space and the design incorporates this. The design is not a radical change of the worship space but brings needed improvements.

# Project Details

Design consultant Dave Tagget, whose firm has experience designing religious-affiliated buildings in our Diocese, has developed the floor plan for the renovations.

NAVE FEATURES (Worship Area)

\$790,000

- Enhanced tabernacle for the repose of the Blessed Sacrament
- Well-lit sanctuary to accommodate the Eucharist and other sacraments
- New platform for altar, ambo, and presider’s chair
- Barrier free ramp to access the platform
- New flooring
- Paint, wall treatments, soffit improvements
- Kneelers
- Entrance vestibule with new wood doors and frames
- Accommodation for worshippers with special needs

EXTERIOR (Parking Lot/Roof)

\$800,000

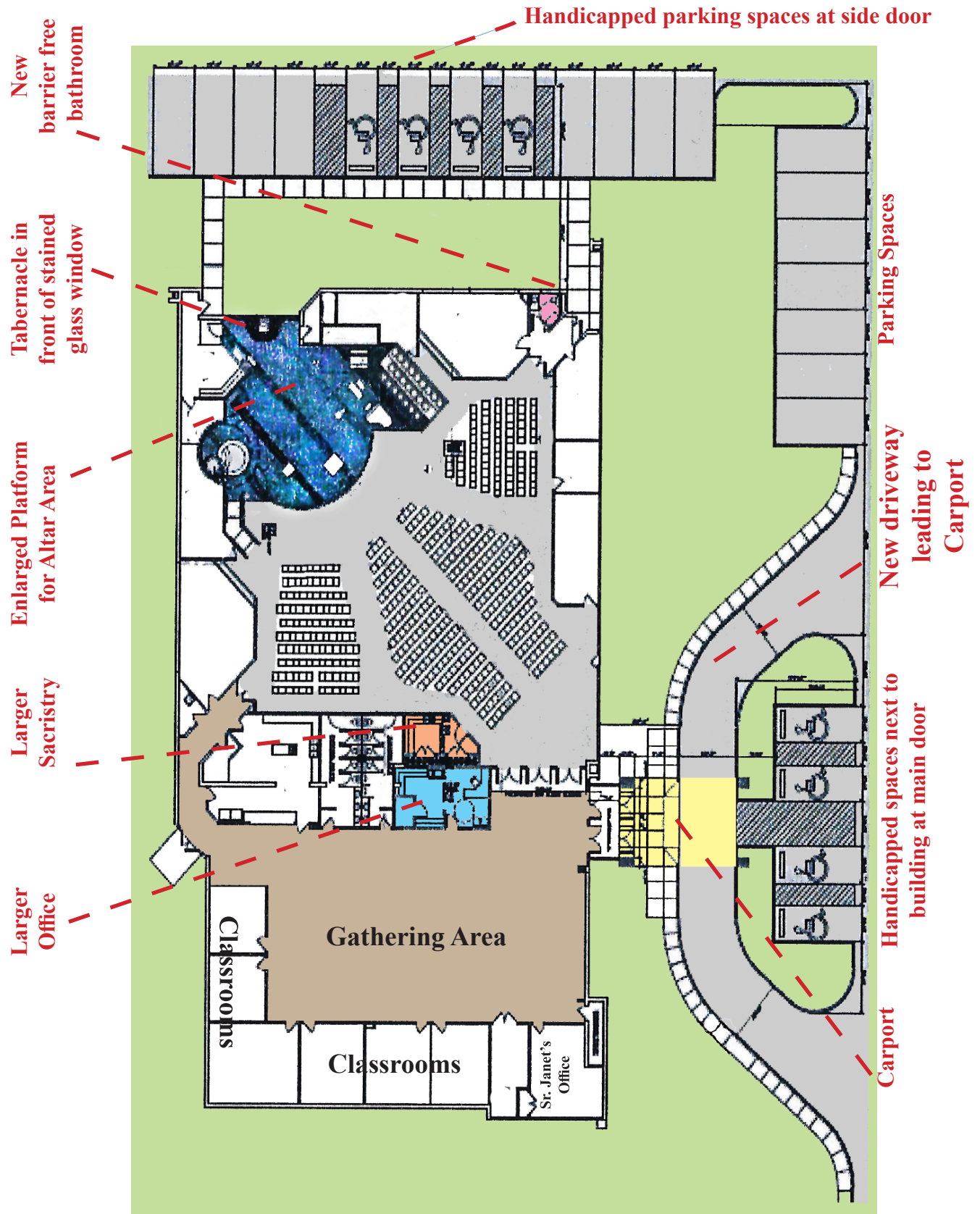
- Eliminate recurrence of Lake *St. John Vianney*
- Remove and replace asphalt
- Add required curbing and detention area
- Carport with covered entryway
- New roof

OFFICE and SACRISTY

\$105,000

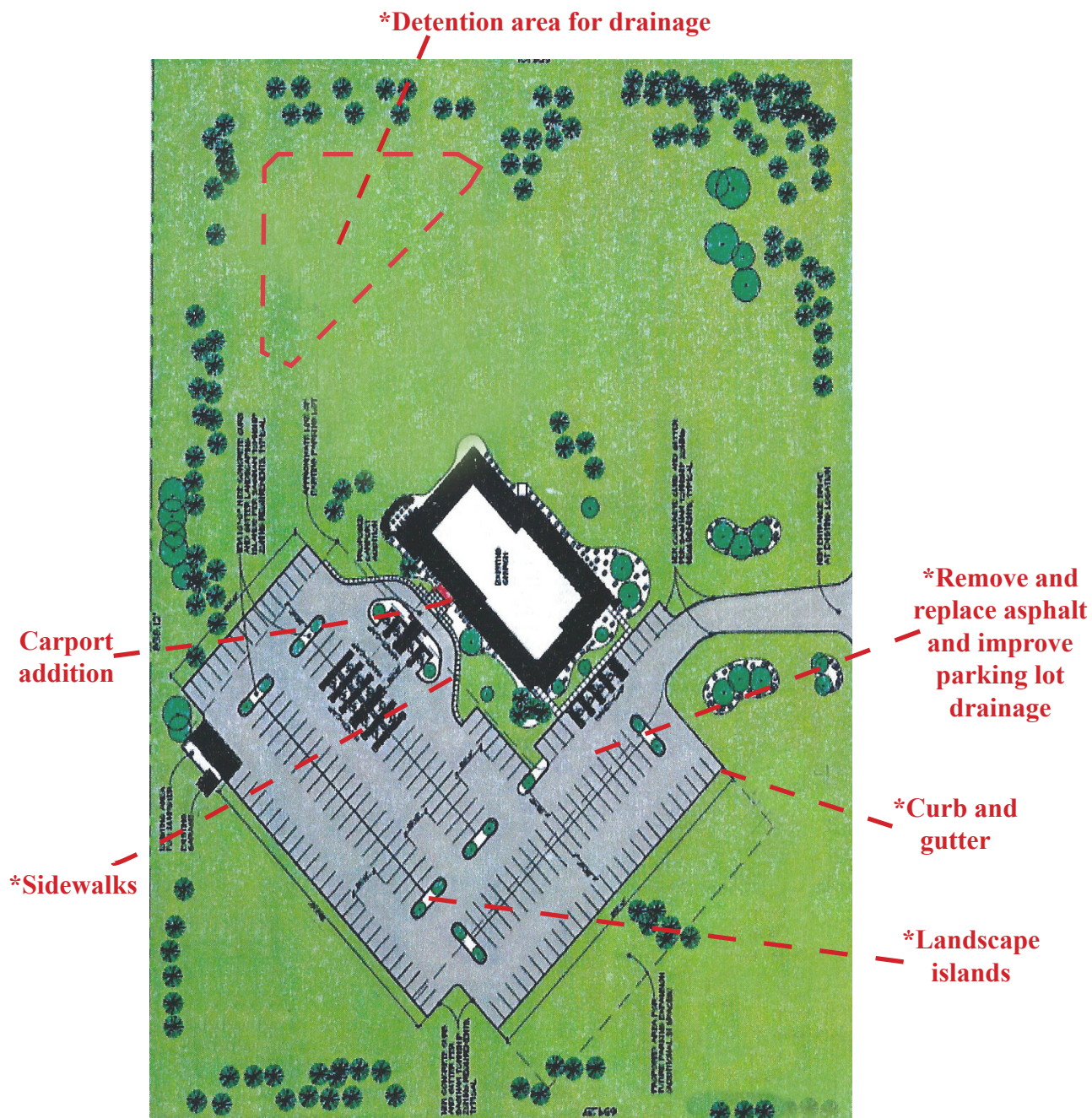
- Secure a fire rated vault for official church records
- Enlarge sacristy to allow for vesting and work space
- Add sacrarium – a holy sink

## Highlights of Church Remodeling





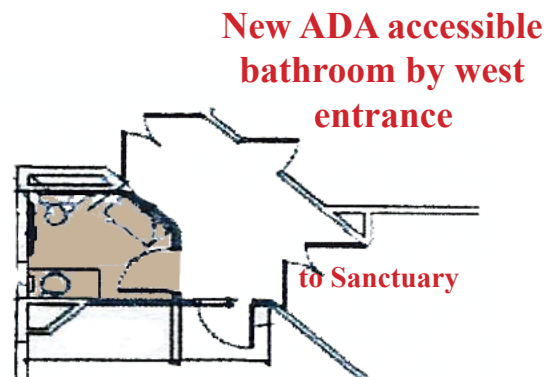
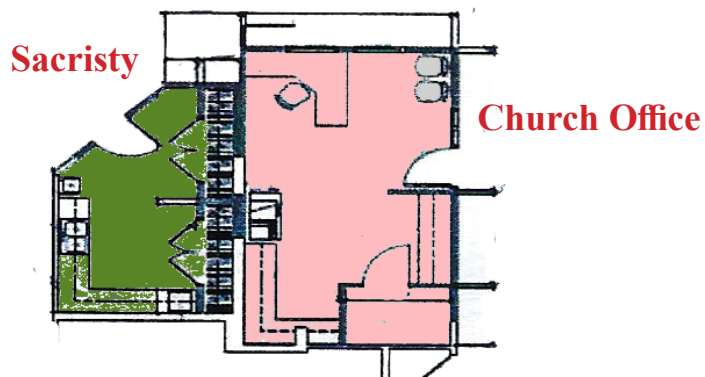
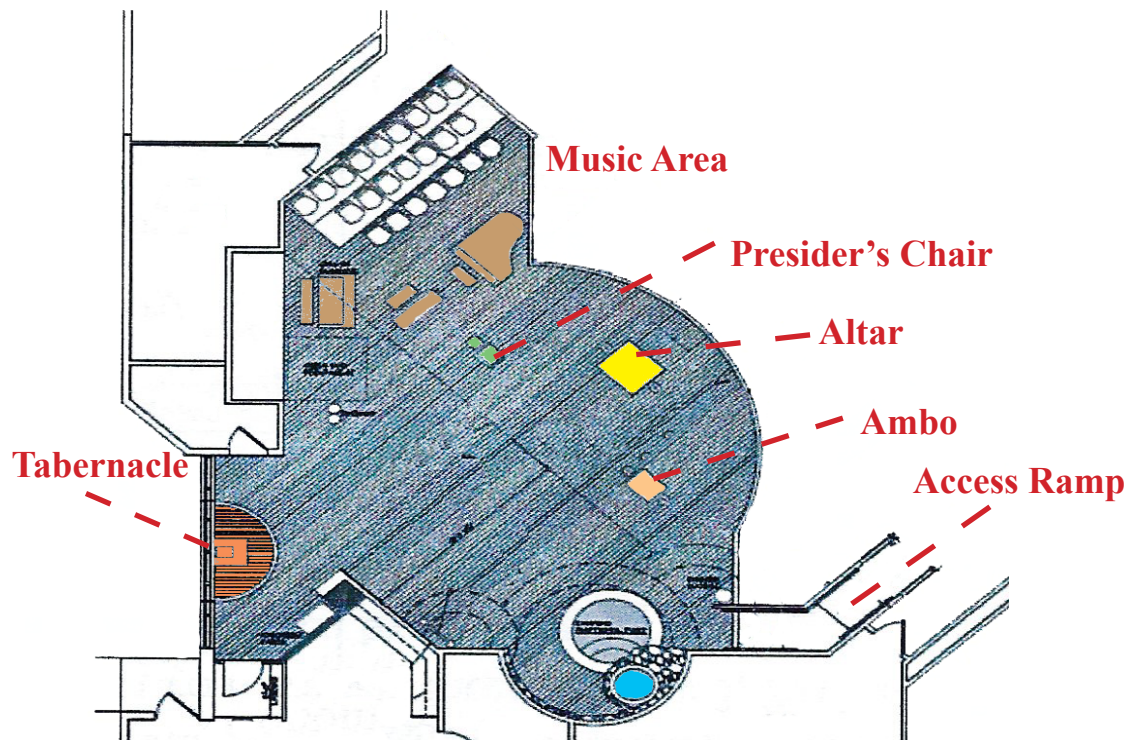
## Highlights of parking lot improvements



- \* Replacing the asphalt, adding sidewalks, curb and gutter, landscape islands, and a detention area are all required to be in compliance with the current township zoning regulations.



## *Detail View of Improvements*



All diagrams are displayed in the Gathering Area

## Campaign Goals

### ***Victory***

Success will be recognized when reaching these benchmarks:

### ***Challenge***

**Celebration Goal - \$1,250,000**

- Renovation completed by combining campaign dollars with parish savings

**Challenge Goal - \$1,750,000**

- Renovation completed with campaign dollars, without the use of parish savings

### ***Celebration***

**Victory Goal - \$2,000,000**

- Renovation completed with campaign dollars without the use of parish savings, and includes improvements to Kitchen Area, gathering space flooring, classroom updates and other wish list items

## What We Need From You

Everything that we have comes from the Lord. Stewardship teaches us that the Lord gives each of us Time, Talent, and Treasure. We are expected to use these skills and abilities to spend our lives doing the Lord's work.

We should involve ourselves in the *Four Pillars of Stewardship*, those being, Prayer, Faith Formation, Service, and Hospitality. While these activities can be carried out in a variety of places, the "Community Spirit" of a Parish finds it essential that we have a central location that draws us together to worship and celebrate our love of the Lord and belief in the Lord. As people of God we must always be in service to him. It is only fitting that we have an awesome space to love, worship and to serve our Lord.

There are many ways to contribute and support the capital campaign. Pledges are commitments made in good faith, but are not legally binding. Pledges are encouraged to be made over a three-year period to make it easier to maximize your support. A commitment may be fulfilled through weekly, monthly, quarterly or annual installments.

## Methods of Giving

**Cash** - Gifts made by cash or check are the most common and will allow *St. John Vianney* to address its immediate needs.

**Automatic Bank Withdrawal** - Gifts made through automatic bank withdrawals are an option as well, and can be set up through the parish office.

**Securities** - Charitable gifts of stocks, bonds or mutual funds that have appreciated offer special tax advantages and can be a great way to provide a significant gift to *St. John Vianney*.

**Direct Transfer from an IRA or 401(k)** - For those who have reached the age of 70-1/2, and who are required to take a minimum distribution from their qualified retirement account, they may transfer funds directly from those accounts to the parish. No income tax will be due even if withdrawing from taxable accounts, and in turn, it can reduce future estate taxes, all while meeting the requirement for taking distribution.

**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. Donations of property have to be approved by the Diocese.

**Corporate Matching Gifts** - A matching gift program provided through your employer or board membership may allow you to increase the value of your gift. Many companies match charitable gifts of employees, retirees or board members.

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

## Fulfilling Your Sacrificial Gift

The following chart is provided to serve as a guide as you prayerfully consider your level of support. Note: The incremental payment examples are based on an initial 10 percent investment followed by the donor's preferred payment plan for three years. However, donors are free to make any size initial payment.

<b>Total Gift</b>	<b>Initial 10%</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Quarterly</b>	<b>SemiAnnual</b>	<b>Annual</b>
\$75,000	\$7,500	\$67,500	\$1,875	\$5,625	\$11,250	\$22,500
\$50,000	\$5,000	\$45,000	\$1,250	\$3,750	\$7,500	\$15,000
\$30,000	\$3,000	\$27,000	\$750	\$2,250	\$4,500	\$9,000
\$15,000	\$1,500	\$13,500	\$375	\$1,125	\$2,250	\$4,500
\$10,000	\$1,000	\$9,000	\$250	\$750	\$1,500	\$3,000
\$6,000	\$600	\$5,400	\$150	\$450	\$900	\$1,800
\$3,600	\$360	\$3,240	\$90	\$270	\$540	\$1,080
\$1,800	\$180	\$1,620	\$45	\$135	\$270	\$540



## ***Frequently Asked Questions:***

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### ***Why did it take so long for our parish to do this renovation?***

In some ways, portions of this renovation involve things that might be considered “normal maintenance and upkeep to our parish building”. Roofs, carpeting and parking lots have a life and must be replaced after time. Other parts of the renovation are improvements to make *St. John Vianney* a wonderful place to come, share in Liturgy, and to worship our Lord. The renovation committee has spent time thoroughly investigating repairs and upgrades that need to be made and has prioritized that list to develop a plan and a budget that we can afford at the current time. An example of items not included in this renovation might be the kitchen. While the kitchen is in need of an update, it was decided not to include kitchen renovation at this time. Meeting our Victory Goal would open up discussions on our wish list of improvements.

### ***Why is a larger sacristy needed?***

The current sacristy does not provide the proper space for the celebrant to prepare for mass. In fact, the celebrant currently vests in the Pastoral Administrator’s office. Although this has worked in the past, it is more appropriate that the proper space for vestments and vesting of priests and deacons is available in the sacristy. The parish also has a need for a more secure locked room, which would be built into sacristy improvements. The new secured storage will close a minor audit gap that the parish has had.

Our Church does not have a sacrarium, that is a holy sink. This is a need for the proper handling of the Body of Christ that might still be present on the corporal or other sacred vessels.

### ***Do we really need a new parking lot and carport?***

We all know that after heavy rains we end up with “Lake *St. John Vianney*” until the waters have subsided, sometimes taking as much as eight hours to drain. At times, rainwater has covered all of the parking spots except those at the very outside edge of the lot and more than half of the driveway. Parking lot improvements would ensure that we have the proper drainage and detention area to manage the rainwater. There are also several worn elements of the parking lot that need continual attention, and it is just a matter of time before this will need to be addressed. A carport is one of those items that, while not essential, would be a welcome addition for those who are dropping off elderly or handicapped passengers near the door.

Additionally, adding sidewalks, curb and gutter, landscape islands, and a detention area are all required to be in compliance with the current township zoning regulations.

### ***How will we finance this project?***

The Building a Brighter Future campaign will be financed with 1/3 coming from current parish savings and the remainder borrowed from the Diocese of Saginaw on a 15 year note. However, we plan on paying this note off in 3 years with the capital campaign. The reason for a 3 year payoff is simple, we can save over \$250,000 in interest by paying the loan off in 3 years versus 15 years.

### ***What if we don’t raise the necessary funds to reach our current goal?***

If the Campaign goals are not reached, *St. John Vianney* would have to make some serious decisions. These might include reducing the scope of the project to reduce the cost. It might also include planning on paying for the project over a longer time than the currently anticipated three years.

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## Who has been involved in this process?

*\*Chair or co-Chair*

### **Parish Council**

*2016-2017*

Carol Baybeck	Ron Haeske	Steve Tack*
Brian Faubert	Russ Herlache	Terry Wenger
Harry Fortier	Karen Holton	Dan Zielinski

### **Finance Commission**

*2016/2017*

Bob Miller *	Margaret Smekar	Sarah Ziegelmann
Bob Schade	Linda Stephens	

### **Renovation Committee**

Jim Bismack*	Karen Holton	Steve Tack*
Russ Herlache	Sr. Janet Pewoski	Dan Zielinski

### **Capital Campaign Steering Committee**

Ed Anderson	Bill Hartl*	Judy Schafer
Jim Bismack	Mary Herlache	Cindy Shea
Sue Bismack*	Russ Herlache	Julie Tack
Judi Braun	Karen Holton	Steve Tack
Tim Braun	Peg McEvoy	Margie Talbot
Bob Card	Bert Murphy	Patty Warner
Roberta Conley	Mitzi Murphy	Dcn. Rick Warner
Michelle Gombar	Sr. Janet Pewoski	Terry Wenger
Ron Haeske	Steve Schafer	Dan Zielinski
Debra Gunn ( <i>Diocesan Liaison</i> )		

### **Capital Campaign Visitors Committee**

Sue Bismack	Bert Murphy	Steve Schafer*
Judi Braun	Mitzi Murphy	Cindy Shea
Tim Braun	Sr. Janet Pewoski	Dcn. Rick Warner*
Bill Hartl	Judy Schafer	

### **Spiritual Prayer Group**

Marilyn Ashmall	Judith Haeske	Jean Rapin
Carol Baybeck*	Ron Haeske*	Kathy Schutt
Lorraine Benedict	Bob Puszykowski	

### **Communications Committee**

Roberta Conley	Russ Herlache	Margie Talbot
Michelle Gombar	Peg McEvoy	
Mary Herlache*	Julie Tack	

*For updates and progress on the campaign, go to: [www.sjvsaginaw.org](http://www.sjvsaginaw.org)*

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Having been provided gifts from God in our lives, we are good Stewards of God's Kingdom and we are asked to be disciples to continue the work that God asks us to do. We must pray frequently for our church, our parishioners and for a successful capital campaign.

The following prayer is being identified as our Capital Campaign Prayer. *Please include it in your daily prayers.*

### *Campaign Prayer*

*Almighty Father, you blessed your people most abundantly through the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ, who offered his Body and Blood as the source of eternal life. Bless us as we continue to do your work at St. John Vianney, especially during the Building a Brighter Future Capital Campaign. Help us to invest in our future, providing for our community dedicated to the sacrifice of your Son. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.*

*AMEN*

