

“As each has received a gift,  
use it to serve one another,  
as good stewards of God’s grace.”

1 PETER 4:10



*Blessed* Past  
Faithful *Future*

a campaign for St. John the Evangelist



## A LETTER FROM *Father Steve*



### MY DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS,

**W**e at St. John the Evangelist Parish have indeed inherited a very *Blessed Past*. Those who came before us sacrificed much and risked much to enable us to receive this Catholic tradition. From starting a parish in a then tiny town in rural Colorado, to uprooting and moving to a new site, to constructing a large, modern church building, our ancestors in faith have built a very firm foundation for us.

Today, we are invited to continue growing St. John the Evangelist Parish into a *Faithful Future* – faithful to the great gift of faith and community we have been given, faithful to the mission that continues to open before us and challenge us in new ways.

There are many needs that accompany us into this *Faithful Future*, and it will take every parishioner to further the blessings we have inherited for future generations. We have described them in the following pages. I encourage you to read and study the needs that are present and to pray about how you can help. I and the rest of the campaign leadership team ask you to consider making a substantial and sacrificial gift to celebrate our *Blessed Past* in honor of those who have handed on to us our faith and community, and to participate in our *Faithful Future* by living and responding to the continuing mission of the Church in Loveland, Colorado.

*May the Holy Spirit continue to guide us along the way.*

Peace and all good to you,

*Fr. Stephen Adams*

Fr. Stephen Adams  
*Pastor*

### CAMPAIGN PRAYER

Most loving Father,  
Your blessings abound  
through the generations.  
Your good gifts beyond measure  
have formed us into your people  
And have sent us to be the  
presence of Jesus your Son  
in this community of  
Loveland, Colorado.  
May your Spirit of generosity  
continue to fill us,  
May we be faithful to this calling  
in changing and  
challenging times,  
May our hearts be open to hear  
and respond to your Word,  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
your Son  
Who lives and reigns with you  
in the Unity of the Holy Spirit  
One God forever and ever.  
Amen





### MISSION STATEMENT

At St. John the Evangelist Catholic Parish, we build on the foundation of Christian *tradition*, we gather in *fellowship*, and we reach out in *mission*.

# a HISTORY of *abundant blessings*

## OUR BLESSED PAST

**1901** Opening of building on 5th and Grant

**1903** Construction of the original St. John the Evangelist Catholic parish

**1951** Parish acquired land in northwest Loveland

**1957** Catholic school dedicated

**1969** Current church building raised

**1998** Construction of middle school and foyer

*Key Dates*

For 115 years, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Parish has been an institution in Loveland. Our story began in 1901 when a building at 5th and Grant in downtown opened its doors to Catholics in the community. Two years later, a Romanesque-style church opened and was named in honor of the Apostle and Evangelist, Saint John.

After several decades of steady growth, the parish acquired land in the northwest region of Loveland in 1951. On May 1, 1957, the parish's long-awaited Catholic school was officially dedicated. The school gymnasium began serving as the temporary worship space for the rapidly growing parish. By the late 1960's, Saint John's had already swelled from 500 families to 850.

Over the next several years, Saint John's went through a series of significant changes. In 1969, our current church building was constructed to accommodate the new parish members. Since then, Saint John's parishioners have joined together several more times to meet the increasing demand; they expanded the foyer, remodeled Saint John's Hall, constructed a much-needed middle school and a chapel for Perpetual Adoration.

*Today, our parish continues to fulfill the vision of Catholic faith, a legacy we inherited from the last 100 years.*

As the only Catholic parish in Loveland, Saint John's provides a spiritual center in our community. It is a place where our faith community gathers to worship God in Holy Mass, to baptize newborns, celebrate our children's First Communion, where couples begin a new life in Holy Matrimony and where we become the hands and means of God as we reach out in our ministries.

Today, Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church is a parish of more than 1,800 families in a geographic region growing at a rate of almost 10 percent per year. The pioneers who set Saint John in motion over a century ago had a vision to pass the faith on to future generations, and they succeeded in achieving their goal. Now, we have the great privilege to continue this legacy for our children, grandchildren and future generations who will come to Loveland.

# PLANS for a *faithful* FUTURE

*For the last several years, parish leadership have put together a plan for our church that will allow our legacy of faith to thrive. This has included a parish-wide survey, the creation of several architecture renderings, and our recent planning study. Through this process of inquiry and analysis, parish leaders have worked with architects to develop the following recommended improvements.*

## OUR GOALS Church and Narthex (Foyer) Interior Renovation | \$2,187,000

Our community built the current church in 1969 to accommodate our growing parish. We have not made considerable interior updates since that time. Renovations will include development of a center aisle, aesthetic design improvements in the nave of the church, a new baptistry, centering the tabernacle and expanding the gathering space at the immediate entrance to the nave of the church. We'll upgrade lighting and acoustics and add a new altar, ambo and confessional. A new open glass wall will provide visibility between the narthex and nave for a more welcoming experience.



Sanctuary



Fellowship Hall

## New Fellowship Hall | \$3,240,000

To help inspire and deepen fellowship, a modern parish hall will significantly increase our parish's capacity to gather as a community of faith. The new parish hall will have an expanded commercial kitchen for events, provide space for special gatherings and invite parishioners to congregate after Mass. To accommodate an aging demographic, having this hall accessible on the same level as the church meets the needs of this population.

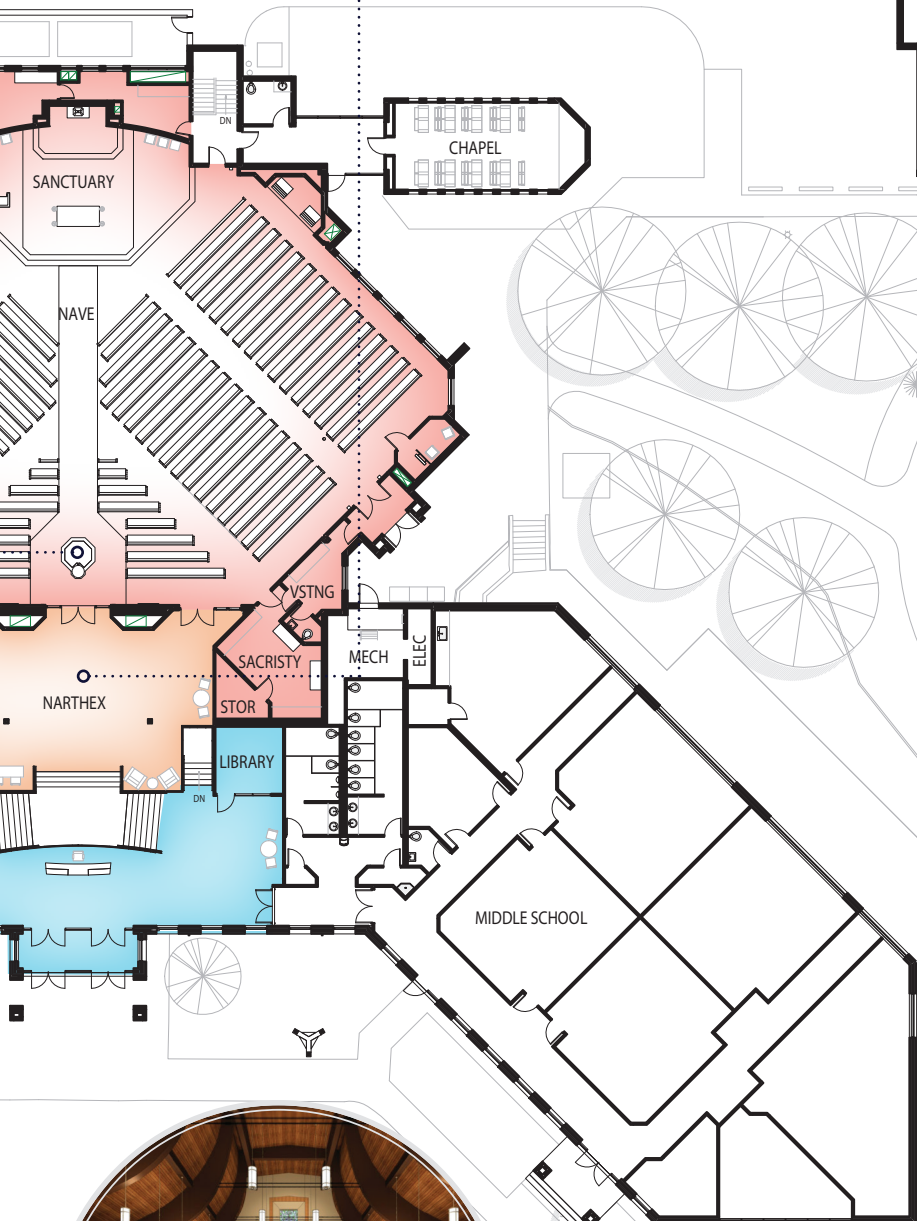
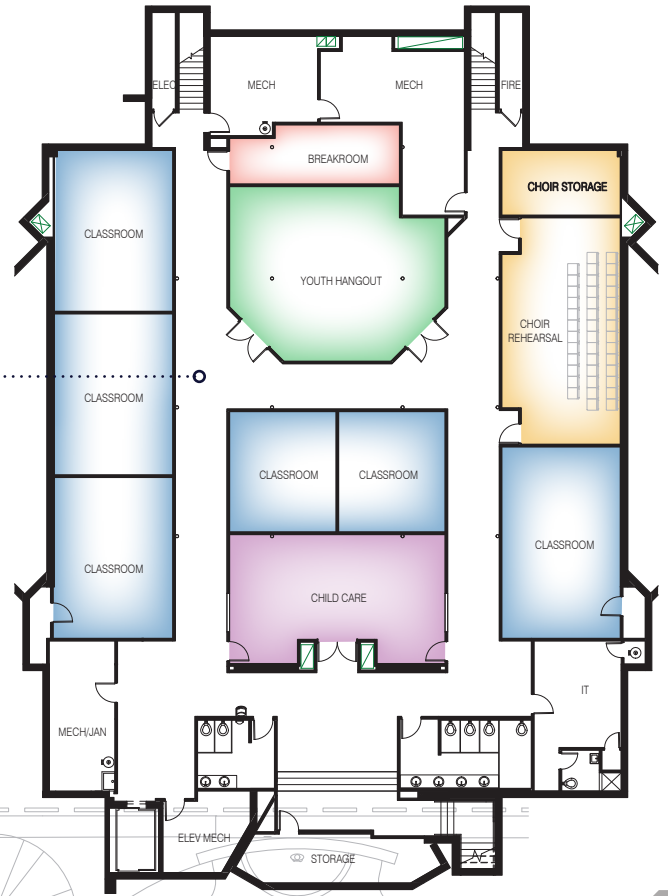


## New Parish Office Building and Demolition of Existing Office | \$2,055,375

The current parish offices are in a house on Hilltop Drive, hidden behind the church building. The house is old and does not meet modern building codes for office safety. Moreover, it is hard to find for parishioners and potential new parishioners. A new, two-story office building will be constructed on the northwest corner of the church to accommodate all ministry offices.

## Basement Remodel and Meeting Rooms | \$1,134,000

Providing adequate meeting space for our groups and ministries has been a demanding challenge. With the construction of the new parish hall, we can remodel the lower level space into several large meeting rooms, dedicated youth room and nursery spaces.



## New Rectory for our Priests | \$891,000

Our current parish rectory does not meet archdiocesan standards for a rectory. Replacement of the current formation house will provide parking, bedrooms with individual bathrooms and a guest room for visiting priests. The new rectory will be built in the place of the formation house. The cost of this project includes demolition of the existing rectory and formation house.

**TOTAL COST: \$9,507,375**

# CAMPAIGN GOAL APPROACH

"For where your treasure is,  
there will your heart be also."

MATTHEW 6:21

**TOTAL COST:**  
**\$9,507,375**



**ADDITIONAL FUNDING FROM:**

Parish reserves

Loan from the  
Archdiocese of Denver

*Note: If the funds from the Blessed Past, Faithful Future Campaign do not cover all associated costs, St. John's will look to parish financial reserves for additional funds. If needed, a loan from the Archdiocese of Denver will be considered.*

Vision Goal  
\$6 million

Challenge Goal  
\$5 million

Celebration Goal  
\$4 million





# Ways to Give

The success of our campaign will allow us to complete building projects that will positively impact the daily and weekly life of our parish and ensure that we remain a vibrant, Eucharist-centered community. As you prayerfully consider supporting the *Blessed Past, Faithful Future* campaign, we hope you will reflect on what St. John's means to you.

## PLEDGES

Pledges are commitments made in good faith, but are not legally binding. We ask that you consider making a pledge over a three-year period to maximize the total amount of your support. This commitment can be fulfilled through monthly, quarterly, semiannual or annual installments. If you choose to give online, this can be set up via FaithDirect, our online giving platform.

## CASH

Gifts of cash are the most common and will allow the parish to address its immediate needs. Donating cash is as simple as using cash or writing a check and placing it in the collection or bringing it by the parish office. You can also do this by authorizing a withdrawal via FaithDirect.

## GIFTS OF SECURITIES

Stocks, bonds or mutual funds that have been held for at least one year and have appreciated offer special tax advantages. You will receive a tax deduction for the full market value of the gift but you will not have to pay capital gains tax on the appreciated amount. If you sell depreciated stock and contribute the proceeds, you will receive both a tax deduction for the charitable gift and a deduction for the capital loss.

## PLANNED GIFTS

Planned giving is the process of carefully selecting the best method and asset for making a charitable gift. Such a gift can enable you to take full advantage of the tax laws to accomplish your financial and charitable goals. Below are a few commonly used ways to making a planned gift:

- Bequest by will or living trust
- Charitable Remainder Trusts
- Charitable Gift Annuities
- Charitable Lead Trusts
- Beneficiary benefits from IRAs, pensions or financial accounts.

*You are advised to consult your own qualified professional advisor to determine which method of giving is most beneficial for you.*

## BUDGETING YOUR GIFT

We invite you to prayerfully consider making a sacrificial and meaningful gift, one that is above and beyond your annual offertory support. In order to achieve our campaign goals, we will rely on the participation and generosity of every parish family. The following chart is provided as a guide as you prayerfully consider your level of support. ***Your gift makes a difference! ALL gifts matter!***

TOTAL GIFT	INITIAL 10% INVESTMENT	REMAINING BALANCE	WEEKLY	Payment Plans		
				MONTHLY	QUARTERLY	ANNUAL
\$60,000	\$6,000	\$54,000	\$346	\$1,500	\$4,500	\$18,000
\$45,000	\$4,500	\$40,500	\$260	\$1,125	\$3,375	\$13,500
\$30,000	\$3,000	\$27,000	\$173	\$750	\$2,250	\$9,000
\$15,000	\$1,500	\$13,500	\$87	\$375	\$1,125	\$4,500
\$10,000	\$1,000	\$9,000	\$58	\$250	\$750	\$3,000
\$5,000	\$500	\$4,500	\$29	\$125	\$375	\$1,500
\$4,500	\$450	\$4,050	\$26	\$113	\$338	\$1,350
\$3,600	\$360	\$3,240	\$21	\$90	\$270	\$1,080
\$2,700	\$270	\$2,430	\$16	\$68	\$203	\$810
\$1,500	\$150	\$1,350	\$9	\$38	\$113	\$450

*We encourage all donors to consider a 10 to 20 percent initial payment to begin your commitment.*

## *Campaign Leadership*

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Fr. Stephen Adams

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*"Over the past 40 years, SJE school and parish have enriched our lives as well as the lives of our daughters and 9 grandchildren, through a strong faith and educational foundation. We believe this campaign is critical for our parish to flourish. We have an opportunity to transform the lives of future generations by investing of our time, talent and treasure."*

LOU AND BECKY GERKEN,  
GENERAL CO-CHAIRS



*"The main reason I'm excited about our capital campaign is that we can continue the evangelization of the world starting right here in Loveland, Colorado by being the presence of Christ as we continue to build His kingdom here on earth. Additionally, we absolutely need to provide our current and future parishioners, priests and staff with facilities that energize our rich faith development in Northern Colorado."*

DICK AND SUE REZNIK,  
GENERAL CO-CHAIRS



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