



Living Christ



Diocese of Toledo



ST. JOSEPH
CATHOLIC CHURCH

DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST

St. Joseph Parish is participating in *Living Christ*, along with every parish in the Diocese of Toledo. This major campaign will enhance our diocesan ministries by creating endowment funds that will support priest retirement, seminarian education, Catholic charitable outreach, youth and young adult ministry efforts, and lay leadership initiatives. *Living Christ* will also provide funding for our local parish! We will join with faithful from across the diocese who are also helping to ensure our diocese is strong and vibrant for generations to come.

As a diocese, we form a faith community of 320,000 Catholics in Northwest and North Central Ohio. As our diocese continues to experience growth, Bishop Thomas has called us to look to the future. Through *Living Christ*, we truly have the opportunity to meet our future needs and provide for our parishes today!

Please take a moment to review the impact *Living Christ* will have on our parish. This campaign has my full support and, as your Pastor, I hope you will embrace this opportunity here at St. Joseph.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Paul A. Fahrback
Pastor, Saint Joseph



Campaign Parish Goal: **\$395,000**
Campaign Parish Share: **\$138,250**

OUR PARISH ROOTS



In 1853, Father Matthias Kreusch, stationed at Shelby Settlement, started visiting and celebrating Mass in private homes of the few Galion Catholic families. Land donated in 1854 was used to build a small frame church. By 1866 more room was needed leading to the purchase of new lots for a church and school on the corner of Walnut and Union Streets.

The parish continued to grow and in 1873 the current Liberty Street location was acquired. As the number of Catholics in the area grew, St. Patrick Church and School opened in the 1860s and offered services until merging with St. Joseph in 1953.

St. Joseph Parish has fostered community and spiritual growth as the facilities have expanded and improved. Parishioners continue to live out the Gospel message in their daily lives as ministries such as the Saint Vincent de Paul Society and the Community Outreach Program serve the poor, sick, and elderly in our community.



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PARISH LIFE TODAY

Today, St. Joseph Parish is very active, with a multitude of ministries and organizations. Our ministries include music and worship, outreach to the sick and homebound, family life ministry, scripture study and education of youth, as well as the St. Vincent de Paul Society, the Community Outreach Program, and our India mission. We are committed to the service of parish and community. Thanks to the good work of our parishioners, our parish continues to serve in inspiring ways.

OUR CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION

I encourage the parishioners at St. Joseph to welcome this opportunity to participate in the Diocese of Toledo's *Living Christ* campaign. This historic campaign will enhance our diocesan ministries today by creating endowments that will support and fund the ministries of tomorrow. By participating in this campaign, St. Joseph Parish will raise significant funds toward the needs of our parish community. We are asking for five-year pledges to achieve the parish campaign goal of \$395,000. St. Joseph will receive 35% of all funds we raise up to the goal, totaling \$138,250 for our parish needs. Additionally, 50% of every dollar raised above the goal will be returned to St. Joseph Parish.



OUR SHARE OF THE FUNDS

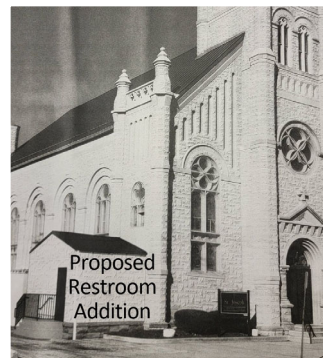
Through the *Living Christ* campaign, we will play a significant role in providing a solid foundation for the future of our diocese. We will also be able to support important projects here at St. Joseph.

From St. Joseph's share of the funds raised in this campaign effort, our parish will benefit in the following ways:



Increase Cemetery Endowment by \$20,000

Increasing the principle of the Mount Calvary Cemetery Endowment will go toward ensuring perpetual care.



Capital Improvements

The major portion of our local share of funds will go toward capital improvement projects. Special emphasis will be placed on the addition of a restroom to our Church building.



Increase School Endowment

Upon request, donors may choose to designate the St. Joseph School Endowment as beneficiary of the local portion of their donation.