



A CAPITAL CAMPAIGN for
ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

FORWARD IN FAITH



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Dear Saint Elizabeth parish family,

We have much to be thankful for at Saint Elizabeth parish here in Port Neches. Our parish has a rich history of worship, prayer, evangelization, service, and community for over 100 years. Our welcoming church campus is a place where we live the intense presence of God and many of life's most important experiences, whether it be through the Mass or other sacraments, our faith formation programs, or our diverse ministries.

It is such a blessing to be your pastor and witness each day how our community of missionary disciples lives out the Church's mission.

Our current buildings provide us protection, lighting, heat, seating, and space to live our faith in community and to form our younger members, our youth, and our adults in faith to bring us closer to Christ and His Church.

However, you may have noticed that over the past several years our buildings are often over scheduled at least four days or nights a week. Religious Education classes

for our children, our Confirmation program, Youth ministry, and youth activities, OCIA, men and women's ACTS, men and women's Kolbe prison ACTS, and of course, bereavement ministry and meals are just a few of the ministries requiring space and support.

For these reasons, after thorough discernment and consultation, we are embarking on a capital campaign to raise \$2,000,000 over a five-year period, that will allow us to be more responsive to our current and future parish needs and mission.

The enclosed brochure shares the necessary plans to ensure that we raise the funds necessary to build an additional Ministry building that will house our Youth Ministry as well as an additional hall that can also be used for two additional adult meeting rooms. This will help our programs to continue to grow God's Kingdom here at Saint Elizabeth whether you are new to the parish or have been here for generations,

I ask you to prayerfully reflect on how you have been blessed by this parish. I invite you to prayerfully consider how you are able to contribute your financial gifts to this crucial effort for our parish and join with me in praying for the success of our campaign. Sacrificial giving is an expression of our faith and a way to put our faith into action.

The Suggested Gift Chart details pledges ranging from \$2,500 to \$150,000, payable over five years. This wide range of gift opportunities makes it possible for virtually every family to take part in the program. Of course, if someone wants to offer a larger proportional gift, God bless!

Time will be set aside during all Masses on the weekend of December 6 - 7 for the faithful of Saint Elizabeth's to make their pledge. Please bring your completed card, or be prepared to complete a pledge card at Mass.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous support for our parish as we look to the future with hope and continue to build the Kingdom of God.

Blessings in Christ,



Campaign Case

Over the past several years, our parish has had the challenge of limited space - our buildings have often been over scheduled. Our groups and ministries are in need of more space and support. In order to continue forming missionary disciples and serving our parish family, we need more space. Building a new **Parish Faith Center** will provide the room needed for our ministries to grow and for our parish to flourish as a welcoming home of faith for generations to come.

As we look to the future of our parish, the new Parish Faith Center will be vital for strengthening our ministries and creating the space we need to carry out our mission of evangelization!

Project Scope

The new Parish Faith Center will be designed as a welcoming and functional space to support our parish's growing ministries, programs, and community gatherings. The facility will include:

- **Parish Hall** – a large, flexible space for parish-wide events, celebrations, and ministry gatherings.
- **Warming Kitchen & Pantry** – supporting parish meals, receptions, and hospitality events.
- **Coffee Bar & Lobby Area** – a welcoming space to foster fellowship and connection.
- **Youth Room** – dedicated space for our youth ministry, featuring:
 - Comfortable lounge area for fellowship and small groups
 - Office for the Youth Director
 - Serving area for snacks and refreshments
- **Restrooms** – conveniently located for accessibility.
- **Multiple Storage Rooms** – ensuring ample space for parish ministries and event needs.



TOTAL Estimated *Cost:
\$4,500,000



Campaign Goal
\$2,000,000

**Project cost provided is an estimate. Final costs may vary once construction begins.*



Frequently Asked Questions

Q. When will the work begin?

A. The work will begin as the funds become available from the Capital Campaign.

Q. What will happen if we go over our goal?

A. All gifts collected after we exceed our goal will be put towards the maintenance and upkeep of our facilities.

Q. Why should I make a pledge?

A. Most people take advantage of time-payments for major purchases. A pledge to the parish Capital Campaign is a "time-payment plan" that makes it possible for you to meet your parish obligations without undue hardship. Pledges enable you to consider a more significant contribution to the campaign rather than a one-time gift.

Q. Is my pledge over and above my Sunday Offering?

A. Yes. We can only reach our goal with a little extra sacrifice. We cannot reach our goal if we reduce our weekly offerings in order to make a pledge to the Capital Campaign. The parish will continue to have normal operating expenses during the pledge period.

Q. Who will be asked to support the Campaign?

A. Every parish family will be invited to be a part of this effort. It is our hope that every parish family will make a sacrificial gift for this major effort according to his or her financial ability. We hope everyone will play a conscientious role in renewing the future of the parish.

Q. What happens if I cannot fulfill my pledge?

A. Pledges are made in good faith and accepted as such. If hardship or illness prevents you from fulfilling your pledge, let the parish know, and other arrangements will be made.

Q. Can I fulfill my pledge online?

A. Yes! You can set up regular payments using our Online Giving platform. Visit our parish website for more information.

Ways to Give

Stocks & Bonds*

There are added advantages to giving stocks, bonds, and securities.

Wills & Bequests

Providing for **St. Elizabeth Catholic Community** in your will can have significant federal and estate tax advantages. For additional information, please contact the parish office at (409) 727-8874.

Tax-Deductible Gifts

All gifts are tax deductible as provided by law. Receipts will be provided upon request.

**Talk with your financial advisor for more information on making these types of charitable donations.*

IRA Gifts*

People over 70 ½ years old may also be eligible to make a charitable gift from your IRA assets with no tax complications.

Matching Gifts

Many firms have matching gift programs to provide incentive for their employees to make charitable donations. Please ask your Human Resources department for a matching gift form. Both current and retired employees may be eligible.

Pledge Installments

You will receive reminder notices in accordance with the payment method you select. Please make your checks payable to: *St. Elizabeth Capital Campaign*.

Your Decision to Give

Together we can reach our goal!



*Pray for the success of our Campaign
and the Future of our Parish.*

No one can tell you how much you and your family should give. Each family has different financial obligations to consider.

We can reach our goal together if every family could set aside, over the next 60 months \$1.40 per day or \$42/month.

Your gift, no matter the size is greatly appreciated. Please know that **St. Elizabeth** will hold your gift to our *Forward in Faith* Campaign in the strictest confidence.

Five-Year Gift Table

TOTAL PLEDGE	60 MONTHLY PAYMENTS	20 QUARTERLY PAYMENTS	10 SEMI-ANNUAL PAYMENTS	5 ANNUAL PAYMENTS
\$150,000	\$2,500	\$7,500	\$15,000	\$30,000
\$100,000	\$1,667	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$20,000
\$75,000	\$1,250	\$3,750	\$7,500	\$15,000
\$50,000	\$833	\$2,500	\$5,000	\$10,000
\$25,000	\$417	\$1,250	\$2,500	\$5,000
\$10,000	\$167	\$500	\$1,000	\$2,000
\$7,500	\$125	\$375	\$750	\$1,500
\$5,000	\$83	\$250	\$500	\$1,000
\$3,600	\$60	\$180	\$360	\$720
\$2,500	\$42	\$125	\$250	\$500

Fulfilling Your Pledge



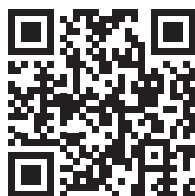
Sign up to fulfill your pledge using our Online Giving platform. You can set your recurring pledge payment using your bank account or credit card. To sign up simply visit the parish website at www.stepncatholic.org, click on "Donations" under the **About Us** Section.



Use your campaign envelope and bring it to mass or mail it to the parish office.



Explore using tax advantaged charitable gifts such as IRA distributions, Gifts of Stock or remembering the parish in your will. Contact the parish office at (409) 727-8874.



Scan this QR code with your phone to be taken directly to our parish website for more information.

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