



St. John
THE Baptist
CATHOLIC PARISH



SCHOOL BUILDING IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Dear St. John the Baptist School Families,

St. John the Baptist school has been an important part of our community for over 100 years. What began as a four room schoolhouse called St. Leo's in 1888, is now the present complex of 21 classrooms, gymnasium, library learning center, meeting area, and cafeteria.

As a member of Green Bay Area Catholic Education system (GRACE), St. John the Baptist school continues to educate the whole child in a caring, Catholic environment that enables each child to grow into a dynamic adult who integrates faith and life. Under one name or another, the school has been serving the parishioners for over 100 years. We prayerfully anticipate that it will be able to do so for further generations.

With your support, St. John the Baptist is, has been, and will continue to be committed to the spiritual development of its people for generations to come!

SAFETY & GROWTH

PROJECT PLAN AND COST

WHAT:

Move the current school office, principal's office, health room, and work room to the current Commons (renovating approximately half of the Commons space). Convert the vacant office space to a 5th grade classroom.

WHY:

- Improve the safety of our students and staff by having the school office accessible at the school entrance.
- Create the ability to accommodate increased enrollment by adding an additional classroom.
- Provide a solid first impression. Improved access to the school office will ensure a critical and lasting impression on visitors, family members, students and our entire community.

WHEN:

Anticipated start date: June 6. The new office will be accessible by August 19 when the teachers return, however further detail work will occur until classes begin on August 26.

HOW:

Fundraising goal: This is a school family initiative, although we welcome and encourage SJB alumni, parish members and the Diocese to support this project. The Diocese one by One Campaign will fund up to 50% of the project cost.

PROJECT COST:

\$318,405



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:



How are we using the current Diocese *one by One Campaign* funding for this project?

We live with the sobering reality that construction costs have dramatically increased in the last few years. Existing Diocese *one by One Campaign* money has also been dedicated towards other major projects such as constructing a new Parish Center, at a future time. This project, like the school improvement plan, has widespread community support and carries great merit. The Diocese *one by One Campaign* will fund up to half of this school improvement project. The primary beneficiaries of this project are school children and school families; we are embarking on a dedicated Growing Forward Initiative to raise additional funds through these families, which will supplement Diocese *one by One Campaign* dollars.

It is important to note that the Diocese *one by One Campaign* did not reach the aspirational goal of 7 million dollars (in total, \$4.3 million was pledged), and \$900,000 has already been used to upgrade the school HVAC to a state-of-the-art, high-efficiency VRF heating and cooling system.



Are we assured that the school will stay in this building for years to come?

Our school plans to remain at the present site and there are no plans or a discussion to move now or in the future. We are pleased with our location and the comprehensive partnership with our parish and school on these current grounds.



How will GRACE help to fund the cost of this project?

GRACE and the school community (including the Site Advisory Committee and private donors) have supported facility upgrades in the school building in the past and we aim for this support to continue as we proceed on this ambitious project.

Do you have more questions?
Submit them here ---->



HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT?

Please consider making a “Growing Forward” gift!

100% of all contributions will go directly to the school improvement plan that has been presented. If the goal is exceeded, the remaining contributions will be held in a Growing Forward: School Improvement Account.

Put your contribution in an envelope marked “Growing Forward - School Improvement Plan” and include the completed Contribution Slip, too!

Make check payable to St. John the Baptist Parish.

- Send with your student to the School Office
- Mail to 2597 Glendale Ave, Green Bay, WI 54313
- Drop off at the Parish Office
- Put in the collection basket during Mass
- OR make an electronic contribution using either Venmo or OSV. See *Contribution Slip for QR codes.*

Have questions? Please call Sarah Wulf in the Parish Office at 920-434-2145, ext. 213

THANK YOU

to our Growing Forward - School Improvement Plan Committee Members:

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Front office - view from main entrance



Front office doors and reception desk - view from inside office