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*"The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully." – 2 Corinthians 9:6*

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You're invited to grow with our



# St. John's

## Stewardship and Capital Campaigns

Our annual Stewardship campaign is the time to figure out how to meet the church's growing expenses. But that's just the beginning.

**L**ike any organization, St. John's has bills to pay. Salaries. Heat. Lights. The costs of being a visible member of our community. So each year, we put together a budget and ask our parishioners to help us meet it.

People have many reasons to love St. John's. Perhaps you celebrate Christmas and Easter with us. Maybe St. John's was there for you during an illness. Or possibly regular attendance helps you keep your priorities straight.

Just as our connections with St. John's are as different as we are, so are our connections with God. Believe it or not, that's what the annual Stewardship Campaign is about. We know what your pledge does for St. John's, but do you know what it could do for you?



You help to cultivate the good work of St. John's, which is to say the work of God. Each dollar that you give is like a seed; you know where it starts out, but how it grows, changes, and eventually

nourishes others can take an infinite number of paths. And there is nothing more satisfying than knowing you are helping others. In fact, you are doing the work that God put you here to do, and that makes your relationship with Him stronger. That's where we find true satisfaction and peace.

So please carefully and prayerfully consider what you can do for St. John's this year. But more importantly, please consider how a closer relationship with St. John's can help you grow.

*"But what happens when we live God's way? He brings gifts into our lives, much the same way that fruit appears in an orchard - things like affection for others, exuberance about life, serenity."*

*– Galatians 5:22 (The Message)*

**O**ur Capital Campaign is the extra work needed to make our church bear more fruit; the selective pruning and extra feeding that makes it possible for both plants and churches to develop their full potential.

The Stewardship Campaign shows your support for the day-to-day ministry of St. John's that so many people depend on. Therefore, your annual Stewardship commitment should come first. But, if you are

fortunate enough to be able to make an annual financial pledge and have additional funds left over, we invite you to participate in our Capital Campaign. Yes, this is a lot to ask, but as Luke tells us in 12:48, "From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked."

St. John's has been blessed by generations of parishioners that set

aside money to enable us to grow when the needs of our community grew. This is a time of growth. Thanks to their generosity, we were able to revitalize our Hawkins Room and purchase the building at One Church Street when it became available. This purchase will enable us to keep pace with the expansion of our Sunday School, and to grow our ministries, both within St. John's and in our community. Join us in this mission of sowing seeds for the future.

# Summary of Projects and Costs

Below you will find the menu of costs for projects that grew out of our parish cottage meetings. The goal for our St. John's family is to raise \$450,000 toward these projects. A community Capital Campaign will be launched in the spring to help fund the projects that benefit our entire community.

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|-----------------------------------|-----------|---|-----------|---|----------------------------------|-----------|
| St. John's maintenance .....      | \$325,000 | > | \$796,000 | < | St. John's Campaign Goal.....    | \$450,000 |
| One Church Street remodeling..... | \$471,000 |   |           |   | Community Support and Grants.... | \$346,000 |

## One Church Street Projects

### NOAH and Food Pantry \$247,425

One of the main reasons for acquiring the former YMCA building was to relocate the NOAH and Food Pantry programs into an accessible space that supports the dignity of the people served, and increase the safety of our guests. The new space will allow broader use by the community and facilitate expansion of services. The work will entail construction of an elevated floor over the existing pool (\$135,600), rest rooms (\$16,075), and complete renovation of an existing locker room into a new kitchen (\$66,000) and food pantry (\$29,750).

### Roof Repairs \$8,000

The existing roof is generally in serviceable condition for the foreseeable future, with the exception of a persistent leak around the roof drain that has caused some interior damage. The previous repair patch will be removed, and the area patched properly.

### Community Welcome Center \$215,575

Another important reason for purchasing the former YMCA building was to develop safer administrative offices, and make the church staff more visible and available to the community. Church offices will be on the first floor of One Church Street and incorporate Mother Laurie's office, a staff office, Dr. Bob's office (\$53,725), multiple entry accessibility (\$48,000), meeting room (\$25,300), and a community gathering space (\$88,550).





# St. John's Church Projects



## Bell Tower Repair \$150,000

Our bell tower wood enclosure is deteriorating. Experts have recommended that the material be replaced with a synthetic product that will extend the useful life of our bell tower enclosure and limit future replacement and maintenance projects.

## Sunday School and Nursery \$25,000

Once our administrative offices move to One Church Street, our second floor space will be converted to a dedicated religious education center for our growing number of children. The space will require some new electrical power, lighting, fire detection and alarms, floor finish, wall and ceiling paint.

## New Sanctuary Carpet and New Entryway Floor Covering \$35,000

Our existing church carpet is well beyond its useful life and is showing signs of advanced deterioration, which creates a hazard. At our front entrance there is evidence that the wood floor under the carpet has been damaged by tracking in water and snow directly from outside.

## Total Modernization of Audio System \$30,000

People with hearing loss and also people with normal hearing have reported that they cannot always hear the service. Newer technology will allow us to distribute the sound evenly and clearly throughout the room. For those with profound hearing loss, we can include individual handsets that will work in conjunction with their hearing aids.

Visual technology will provide an essential link from our church to the world. We can broadcast our services over the Internet, which enables our shut-ins and those who are ill, as well as those who are traveling, to see and to hear our services on their computers or smart phones.

## Foundation Repair \$85,000

The north wall of our church foundation has become prone to water infiltration over the years. Internally capturing the water and channeling it to a perimeter drainage and sump system will effectively resolve the problem.

*"One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want. Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered." – Proverbs 11:24-25*



# Memorial Naming Opportunities

Generous parishioners in the past have memorialized loved ones by donating to important parish projects in their names. The recent renovation of our stained glass windows provides one of the most visible examples of this. We want to provide the opportunity to those who donate to the Capital Campaign to do the same thing, so we have established a list of suggested memorial naming opportunities at various gift levels. We are also happy to receive suggestions from donors for particular memorials.

We look forward to talking to you personally about these important projects. Please call our Visit Coordinator, Pam Miller at (518) 762-6719 to schedule an appointment at a time that is convenient for you. **We will celebrate our success as a parish at our Harvest Dinner on November 19!**

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| \$ 100,000 | Dining Room at One Church Street               |
| \$ 80,000  | Community Gathering Space at One Church Street |
| \$ 75,000  | Bell Tower                                     |
| \$ 60,000  | Kitchen at One Church Street                   |
| \$ 50,000  | Narthex  |
| \$ 30,000  | Food Pantry                                    |
| \$ 30,000  | Sound System                                   |
| \$ 25,000  | Sunday School                                  |
| \$ 10,000  | Parish Offices (each - there are three)        |
| \$ 10,000  | Meeting Room at One Church Street              |
| \$ 5,000   | Accessible Rest Rooms (each - there are four)  |

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