

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



# BUILDING UP

GAINESVILLE'S FAMILIES,  
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### **I have questions about the projects. Where can I get answers?**

There is a lot of information out there about these projects! Your [case statement booklet](#) has lots of information, and there's a helpful FAQ on our website: [spccgnv.org/capital-campaign](http://spccgnv.org/capital-campaign). The site also includes a video tour and a detailed inspection report of the current rectory, proposed floor plans and more. If you have more questions, we would love to hear from you. Please call the parish office at 352-372-4641 to schedule a time to talk with Fr. Lawrence.

### **I didn't receive a pledge card in the mail. What should I do?**

If you did not receive a pledge card, then one of our campaign volunteers is probably trying to reach you. We might not have the correct contact information. To update your phone number and email address, please call the parish office at 352-372-4641 or email your contact info to [spccfaithformation@saintpatricksparish.org](mailto:spccfaithformation@saintpatricksparish.org).

### **I can only give a small or one-time gift. Does that even help the campaign?**

**YES!** Any and every gift helps support our parish. Our goal is 35% participation – which means 35% of parish families give to the campaign. We're already halfway to that goal: As of June 21, 17% of our families had given. We understand that a sacrificial gift is different for every family in the parish. Only you know what is right for you and your family. We appreciate your prayerful consideration and any support you are able to contribute.

### **I already gave online. Why am I being asked to fill out a pledge card?**

Thank you so much for giving! To fully understand your gift, we are asking every parishioner to fill out a pledge card. Our online system does not show if your gift is a one-time donation or recurring. A complete pledge card helps us realize the full intention of your gift, and it won't duplicate your gift. For example, we can see that a donor made a \$50 gift online. We are unable to see if we should celebrate a one-time \$50 gift or total of \$1,800 (\$50 x 36 months of the campaign).

### **When should I start paying my pledge?**

As soon as possible. If you indicated monthly gifts on your pledge card, we recommend you start this month or next (unless you indicated you are starting at a later date). We're asking donors to consider contributing 10% to 20% of your total gift with your pledge card, if possible, as having cash on hand will help us get started on construction and give our campaign momentum.

### **I don't remember what I put on my pledge card. What should I do?**

We are happy to help you and have all of the original pledge cards. You can call the parish office at 352-372-4641 or email Sonia McKenna, the parish bookkeeper, at [smckenna@saintpatricksparish.org](mailto:smckenna@saintpatricksparish.org).

### Can I automate my pledge payments?

Yes, you can! We can set up automatic withdrawals from your account (EFT) with a voided check, or you can set up recurring payments online. To set up a recurring payment online, visit the giving website at <https://spccgnv.org/online-giving-2/> or call us. To set up automatic withdrawals, please call the parish office at 352-372-4641.

### When do I need to complete my pledge card?

Time is of the essence so leadership can make informed decisions about our timeline, budget, construction plans and the campaign. We are asking all parishioners to consider their gift and complete their pledge cards by July 8-9, which is quickly approaching.

### I am unable to give at this time. Do I still need to fill out a pledge card?

We ask every parishioner to fill out a pledge card, even if they are unable to give, to help us understand our progress overall. You can bring your pledge card to Mass in an envelope (please put "Capital Campaign" on the envelope) or bring it to the parish office.

### What if I am unable to fulfill my pledge, or my intentions change?

We understand that circumstances can change and that pledges were made in good faith. If you need to change the amount of your pledge, the frequency, the manner of fulfillment, or anything else, please call the parish office at 352-372-4641 or email Sonia McKenna at [smckenna@saintpatricksparish.org](mailto:smckenna@saintpatricksparish.org).

### Can I increase my gift, even periodically?

**YES!** If you submitted a pledge card, any gifts you make will be applied to your pledge balance. Should you complete your pledge sooner than anticipated, you are able to continue giving if you would like. These gifts can be made online (select building fund), though offertory (please indicate building fund on parish envelopes) or check (write building fund or capital campaign in the memo).

### Can I reduce my offertory to pay my pledge?

Offertory is essential to cover our operations in the parish. We are asking families to consider gifts above and beyond offertory.

### Are we considering other sources of funding for these projects?

**YES!** Other Catholic families who have a relationship with St. Patrick or with individual parishioners are being asked for their support. We also are applying to several nonprofit organizations for grants. Any parishioner can ask people they know to consider supporting the parish. If you need materials for those requests, please contact the parish office.

