



“For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”

—MATTHEW 18:20

OUR SPIRITUAL HOME

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH IS OURS. Parish life here is personal. We are more than a collection of people from Springfield, Louisville, Westmont and the surrounding area. We are a family. Engaged volunteers power our ministries and parish life. People choose Saint Joseph’s because it is welcoming and genuine — a place where you are known by name and quickly feel that you belong.

This strong sense of belonging has helped our parish flourish. Over the past four years, weekend Mass attendance has increased by more than 50%, driven by the commitment of our long-time parishioners and by new families choosing to make Saint Joseph’s their spiritual home. *As we look ahead to the 50th anniversary of our parish in 2030, we do so with gratitude for all that has brought us to this point and with hope for the future.*



GROWING PAINS

Our growth is a blessing, yet it brings real challenges. Our church seats just 200 people in the pews, and at our busiest Masses, we worship in four separate spaces — the pews, narthex, chapel and social hall, leaving us divided by walls, doors and windows. While this arrangement developed gradually, its impact is clear: It fragments the worship experience and weakens the sense of unity that a parish family should feel while celebrating Mass.

Our hall also is stretched beyond capacity. Events such as fish fries, family formation gatherings and parish celebrations routinely push the limits of our space, and our kitchen is outdated and lacking. Congestion and limitations make it difficult to fully support our vibrant parish life.

We must make changes to accommodate the growth we have already experienced and the growth we know is coming. We don't want to change what makes Saint Joseph's special. Our call is to make Saint Joseph's work better for all of us — together.



OUR PLAN

After years of discernment and careful study, a clear vision has emerged: Our parish must expand and unify its spaces so that we can gather, worship and grow together. The plan parish leaders have developed is a thoughtful, cost-effective, 20-year solution designed to preserve the intimate, small-parish character we cherish while preparing us for the future.



The new parish hall will accommodate gatherings similar to this.



EXISTING PEWS ABOUT 200
NEW PEWS ABOUT 250 SEATS @ 22"
TOTAL: 410-450 SEATS



➤ EXPAND OUR CHURCH | \$4 MILLION

We want to unite our parish for worship, allowing all parishioners to celebrate Mass together in one space rather than being separated into multiple rooms. By expanding the church in a careful and modest way, we can strengthen our sense of community and elevate the overall worship experience. We will:

- Double our pew seating from 200 to approximately 400 by adding rows of pews in the back.
- Improve acoustics, sightlines and overall flow while preserving the existing worship space.

➤ BUILD A NEW PARISH HALL | \$5 MILLION

Adding pews to the back of the church will cut into our existing social hall, which already is too small. We will build a new parish hall that will connect to the southwest corner of our church building, giving us the space we need to support the vibrant fellowship, formation and service that define Saint Joseph's. The new hall will feature:

- Space for 350 to 400 people for fish fries, family faith formation gatherings, parish events and other large gatherings.
- An accessible, indoor connection to the new narthex.
- A modern, efficient, school-sized kitchen capable of cooking for and serving large groups.
- Additional parking and a reconfigured lot that will improve safety and traffic flow.

The expanded worship space and new hall will significantly change how we use our campus. Our existing hall will shrink when we expand our worship space, yet we expect to still make good use of it and its limited kitchen for smaller gatherings. We also will make a cost-effective decision about where to relocate the rectory.

➤ EXPAND OUR NARTHEX AND ADD AN ADORATION CHAPEL | \$1 MILLION

We will add a larger narthex, giving parishioners and guests more space to gather before and after Mass. Our existing chapel will be impacted by the addition of a larger narthex, so we will add a dedicated Adoration Chapel. This chapel will provide a quiet, reverent space set apart from the main worship area where we can spend time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

TOTAL COST: \$10 MILLION

All costs are estimates and are subject to change.

YOUR VOICE

We want to hear from you as a valued member of our parish family. Your voice matters, and your insight will help shape the future of our parish. Please take the time to share your perspective during this feasibility study, which will help us figure out our next steps. Thank you for your prayers and your commitment to Saint Joseph's — a small parish with a big heart.

