

St. Joseph Parish Stevens Point



Inspired BY THE SPIRIT
DIOCESE of LA CROSSE

An invitation
FROM BISHOP CALLAHAN

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

May the Lord give you peace.

With a sense of joy and optimism, I write to share with you our plans for the **Inspired by the Spirit** campaign. The recent years have certainly been filled with some difficult and challenging times for each of us personally and socially.

Yet, this time has provided me the opportunity to pray and reflect on the future of our beloved Diocese. I reflected upon the period after the resurrection of our Lord and the uncertainty, fear, and anxiety the Apostles must have felt during those days that led them to hide in the Upper Room.

This time has also provided me the chance to see how the Apostles responded to the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. How they went into the world to challenge others to accept Jesus Christ as their Savior and they did so boldly, without hesitation because they were inspired by the Holy Spirit.

These recent times may have caused us great anxiety, but we are called by God to boldly proclaim our love for Him, to long for His saving grace, and to invite others to join His mission of salvation. As we look forward to the future of the Church of La Crosse, we should look forward with hope and opportunity, to go boldly into the world, to prepare our parish communities for a vibrant and usable future. Therefore, I call upon the Holy Spirit to intercede as we embark on the **Inspired by the Spirit** campaign effort.

This campaign offers all parishioners an opportunity to invest in the future of their local community and the overall Church of La Crosse. It is an occasion to come together, talk about the future, prepare for it, and invite others to participate. For each parish, this may mean something different; some parishes may be "Inspired to Renovate," others may be "Inspired to Build," while others still may be "Inspired to Evangelize" utilizing the funds raised to invest in evangelization ministry programs.

We also wish to continue investing in our vocation programs, our Regency and Journey programs, our support for continued education for our Priests through our Diocesan Annual Appeal as well as caring for the needs of our Diocesan Center. Also, funding the newly established Catholic Foundation will be an historic development that will provide for our parishes, schools, and ministries for decades to come.

As Catholics, our Lord calls us to boldly proclaim His Gospel, to live a life of service, and to invite others to His promise of Salvation. He has bestowed upon us the gift of the Holy Spirit to empower us, to inspire us to move forward, and to do so without fear and anxiety but with energy, enthusiasm, and life.

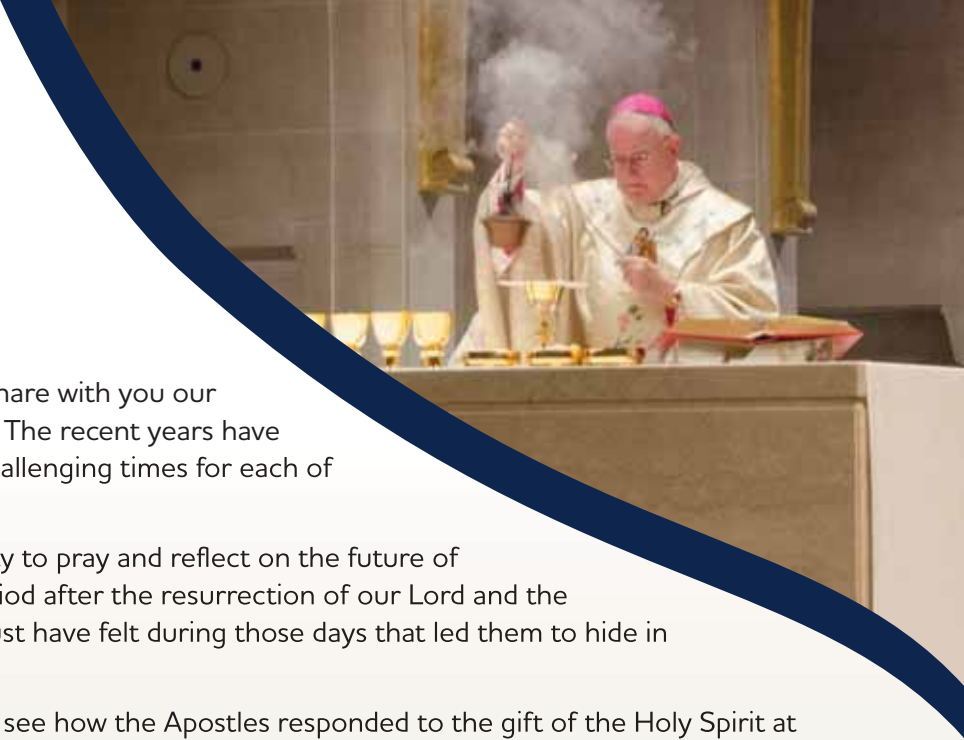
Today, I invite you to join this important endeavor and for all of us to be "**Inspired by the Spirit!**" I humbly, and sincerely ask for your leadership and participation. In conclusion, I encourage you to please pray for the success of this campaign. God be with you.

Very truly, in the Hearts of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I am

+ *William Patrick Callahan*

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Hello my St. Joseph's Family,

For the first time in my four years with you, I want to formally announce an endeavor of significant proportion, energy, and opportunity for the Church; in our parish and in the Diocese of La Crosse. After consultation with pastors and parishioners, a capital campaign began last year. It's called "Inspired by the Spirit." So far, responses among other parishes have been generous, bringing together Catholics throughout our Diocese to reflect on the future and how we might have a lasting impact on the Church in our corner of God's vineyard.

This campaign is different from the familiar Diocesan Annual Appeal. It will be carried out over five years and Lynch Development Associates (LDA) will help us in this effort. Many of you may remember the "Keeping Our Father's House" campaign a number of years ago. Through your generosity then, we accomplished some much-needed repairs to our parish church. From the new paint and new carpets in the sanctuary, your "yes" enabled us to do a lot then.

You might be wondering, "how much is being asked?" That's a fair question. I have confidence in our ability to pull off something amazing. The goal for the Diocese is \$40 million, and we at St. Joseph's are being asked to raise \$440,000. Of this amount, 35% will be directed toward the needed projects at the Diocese, including funding a newly formed Catholic Foundation which will help fund the ministries of parishes and schools into the future, much-needed improvements to Holy Cross Diocesan Center, especially its historic Christ the King Chapel which many of you have visited both in person and by way of the televised Mass, and it will also fulfill our parish's 2022-2023 Diocesan Annual Appeal.

Here at St. Joseph, 65%, or \$286,000 of the funds raised will return to our parish to be used for our projects here at our parish. Our hope is to bring our aging air conditioner system up to date as well as address the Wyatt Street entrance staircase that has been deteriorating. When we achieve and exceed our goal, our parish portion of funds raised will increase to 80% of the over goal funds! With all of us coming together, I am confident we can do this. What a future we could build!

Would you kindly take a moment to review this brochure? Your prayerful consideration of a commitment to this Inspired by the Spirit campaign would mean a lot to your fellow parishioners and to your pastor. Your faith makes you beautiful, and I am sincerely proud to be your Pastor.

May God bless you always,

Father Jeffrey Hennes
Pastor

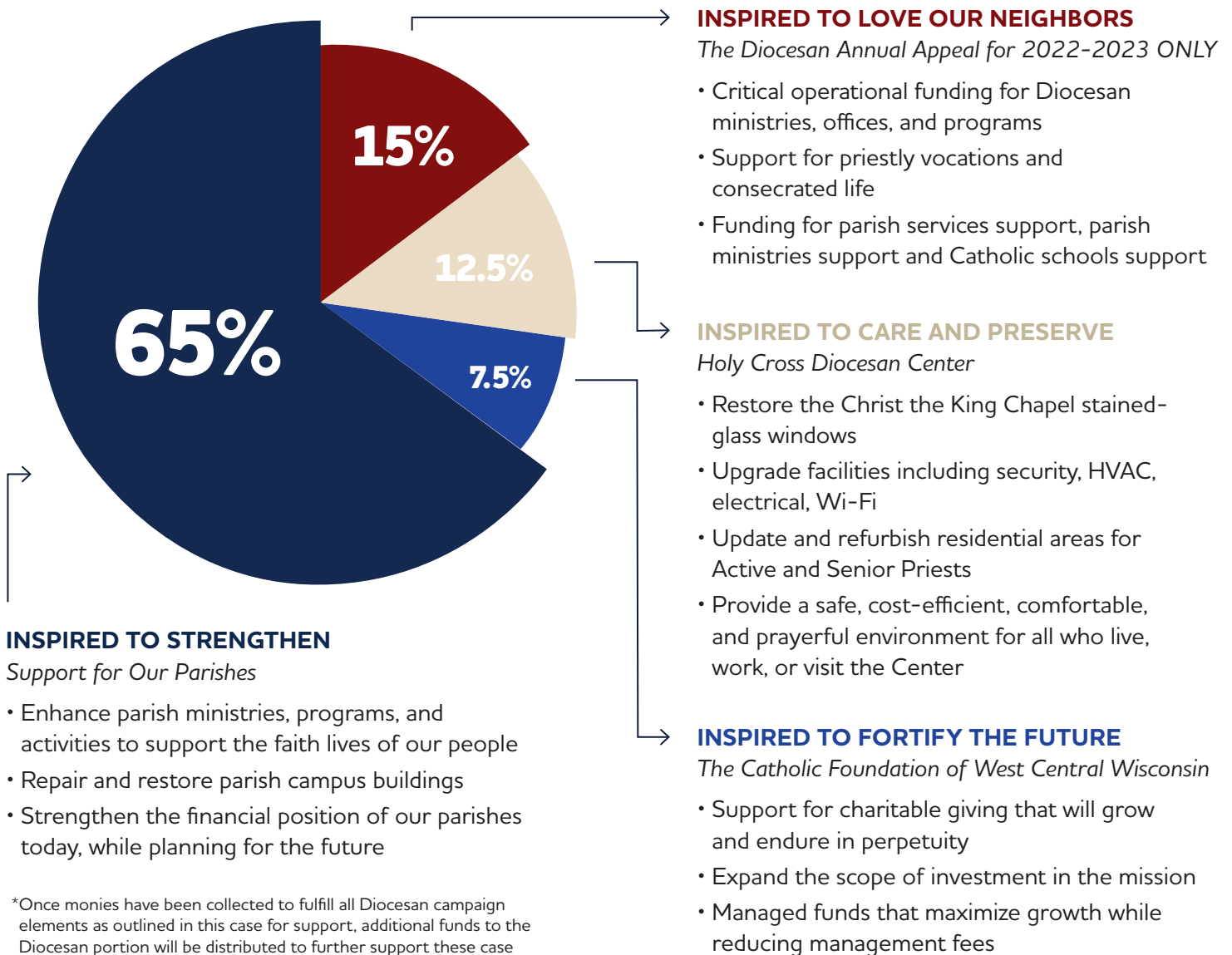
"Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid." (Matthew 1:20)

Case for Support

In 2018, we celebrated 150 years of faith, service, Catholic education, and ministry in the Diocese of La Crosse. Today, as we look forward to the next 150 years, we are called to prepare our Churches, Schools, Vocations and Ministry programs for the future. Our **Inspired by the Spirit** campaign invites parishioners to invest in their parishes, schools and ministry programs while caring for our Diocesan vocation programs, senior priests, and Diocesan Center. Much like the responsible manner in which we care for our families' present and future needs, we must prepare for our family of faith, as well. We are called now, as good stewards, to fortify our parishes and Diocese so we may continue our faith-filled service to the people of the Diocese of La Crosse in the present and for future generations.

This historic campaign intends to raise a minimum of \$40 million to strengthen our church and secure our future.

Inspired BY THE SPIRIT CASE SUMMARY



*Once monies have been collected to fulfill all Diocesan campaign elements as outlined in this case for support, additional funds to the Diocesan portion will be distributed to further support these case elements, to cover campaign related costs, or other related needs at the discretion of the Bishop of the Diocese of La Crosse.

Inspired TO STRENGTHEN

St. Joseph Parish

Our Parish Case for Support

Since its establishment in 1884, the Catholic Community represented in today's St. Joseph's ministries in Stevens Point, Wisconsin, has been committed to nurturing our faith community through prayer, fellowship, and service. We continue to be inspired by the growth and development of our parish, and it is our hope that we will continue to grow and deepen our Catholic Faith.

Today we find ourselves in an exciting moment in our parish's history. Along with all the parishes of our Diocese, Bishop Callahan has asked our parish to contribute to repairs to the Holy Cross Diocesan Center and to the Catholic Foundation of West Central Wisconsin. We have decided not only to participate in this Diocesan-wide campaign, but to go above and beyond to address the needs we have here at our own parish as well.

The proposed renovation projects have been identified for liturgical, evangelical, and practical reasons and will accommodate our growing needs as a parish.

HVAC Upgrades – HVAC updates are a critical piece of infrastructure necessary for any parish. Ensuring every parishioner can attend Mass, worship, and engage without any worries with regard to temperature changes throughout the year.

Wyatt Street Entrance – Our entryway is the first space people encounter when coming to St. Joseph. It should be a safe and ascetic space inviting people to worship with us in a beautiful way. The church entrance on Wyatt Street requires critical updates necessary to make it safe to those entering. This upgrade will keep our Church beautiful and inviting to all. Our Plan is to use the remaining funds from this campaign to put towards this project, with the remaining funds coming from savings.

Parish Share:	\$286,000
2022-2023 Diocesan Annual Appeal:	\$ 59,755
Holy Cross Diocesan Center and Foundation:	\$ 94,245

Inspired by the Spirit Parish Goal:	\$440,000
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Inspired TO GIVE

Suggested Gift Plans

In order to assist you as you consider making a pledge to this Campaign, we have provided some suggested giving plans. Please consider which plan best fits your monthly budget. This campaign is based on equal sacrifice – not equal giving. If each family makes a truly sacrificial gift, we will reach and exceed our goal together.

We are inviting each household in our parish family to consider a minimum pledge of \$3,000 to be paid over the next 60 months. This pledge would be a sacrifice of \$45 per month—less than \$2 a day—to build a promising future for our parish. We ask that you prayerfully consider a pledge of sacrifice that helps to express to God your gratitude for all of the gifts in your life. A gift to this campaign may entitle you to a charitable contribution deduction against your income tax.

GIVING PLANS TO CONSIDER*

Total Pledge	10% Down Payment	5 Annual Payments	20 Quarterly Payments	Suggested 60 Monthly Payments
\$100,000	\$10,000	\$18,000	\$4,500	\$1,500
\$50,000	\$5,000	\$9,000	\$2,250	\$750
\$25,000	\$2,500	\$4,500	\$1,125	\$375
\$20,000	\$2,000	\$3,600	\$900	\$300
\$15,000	\$1,500	\$2,700	\$675	\$225
\$10,000	\$1,000	\$1,800	\$450	\$150
\$7,500	\$750	\$1,350	\$338	\$113
\$5,000	\$500	\$900	\$225	\$75
\$4,000	\$400	\$720	\$180	\$60
\$3,000	\$300	\$540	\$135	\$45

*Your commitment to the Inspired by the Spirit campaign is in addition to your weekly stewardship contribution.

Planned Giving, Wills, Estate Planning, Life Insurance

There are numerous planned giving opportunities that provide donors alternative methods of making their gifts to the Campaign. These include, but are not restricted to:

- Gifts of assets including real estate, stocks, bonds, coins, etc
- Making St. Joseph Parish a beneficiary of your will
- Naming St. Joseph Parish as a beneficiary of your life insurance policy

Matching Gift Opportunities

Many employers have matching gift programs that provide employees the opportunity to multiply their gifts to the Diocesan Annual Appeal, educational institutions, ministry organizations, and charitable institutions. We encourage you to inquire with your Human Resources Department regarding the Matching Gift opportunities available to you. For questions, please contact the Stewardship and Development Office at (608) 791-2653.



TAX ADVANTAGES OF THOUGHTFUL GIVING

Federal and state laws on income and inheritance taxes encourage charitable giving.

Charitable IRA Rollover

In December 2015, Congress passed legislation making the IRA Charitable Rollover* permanent. If you have an IRA and are aged 70½ or older, you may opt to make a charitable contribution from your qualified IRA plan. When you do so, you may transfer up to \$100,000 per year to St. Joseph Parish. As a charitable gift, this distribution comes straight to the Diocese. Therefore, it would not be taxed as income. In addition, if you are required to take a minimum distribution (RMD), your charitable contribution can satisfy all or part of the amount of your required minimum distribution from your IRA.

Gifts of Appreciated Stock

You can give appreciated stock to the campaign. If you have held your stock for more than one year, you may take a charitable tax deduction for the current market value of the stock, and neither you nor St. Joseph Parish is required to pay capital-gains taxes when the stock is sold. The combination can result in a greater deduction (and more tax savings) for you and a larger gift for the Campaign than if you sell the stock, pay the taxes, and donate the net proceeds.

- Please contact Sarah in the Stewardship and Development Office at (608) 791-2653 if you wish to discuss making a gift of stock. You must indicate on your pledge card the number of shares and the name of the company (ticker). Please also call the Campaign Office or notify your campaign director immediately so we can confirm that the securities were received, authorize the sale by our broker, and send you the appropriate acknowledgment letter.

*The SECURE Act made major changes to the RMD rules. For plan participants and IRA owners who reach the age of 70½ in 2019, the prior rule applies and the first RMD must start by April 1, 2020. For plan participants and IRA owners who reach age 70½ in 2020, the first RMD must start by April 1 of the year after the plan participant or IRA owner reaches 72.





CAMPAIGN PRAYER

Eternal Father, Your Holy Spirit
breathes life and gives beauty
to all Your creatures, and
forms us in Your image.

Jesus, as You promised,
You send Your Spirit upon Your Church
to embolden us always
to carry out Your mission.

Holy Spirit, poured out as love itself,
we turn to You; inspire us!

You who strengthened the faith
of those in every generation before us,
inspire us today
to be courageous in our belief.

You who will remain always with us,
inspire us now to share what we have received
for our present good
and for the good of those yet to come.

Amen.

