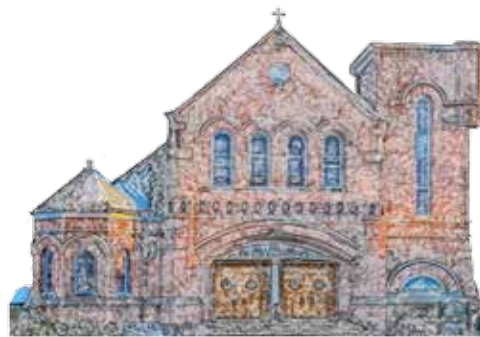


Our
Church
Our
Future



Holy Family Catholic Church
Lincoln, Illinois

a letter from
Rev. Jeffrey Laible



“There is an appointed time for everything. A time for every affair under the heavens..... He has made everything appropriate to its time, and has put the timeless into their hearts.....” (Ecclesiastes 3).

Dear Holy Family Parishioners:

One hundred and thirteen years have passed since the cornerstone of the Church was set at the intersection of Logan and Decatur Street in Lincoln, IL. Since the founding of the parish, thousands of parishioners have come through the doors of the Church to encounter the presence of the Lord Jesus.

Baptisms, weddings, funerals, First Communion and First Confession, Confirmation, weekend Mass and the special holy days of Christmas, Holy Week and Easter have enriched and changed the lives of family members and fellow parishioners.

The historic presence of Holy Family Church has stood as a beacon of hope, faith, and light, proclaiming to all those who enter its doors, and those who pass by each day on Logan and Decatur Street, that God's presence is the cornerstone of our Catholic life.

Grateful for all the blessings that our spiritual home has provided these past one hundred and thirteen years, the time is now upon us to undertake some much needed renovations to our historic Church facility. Preserving the beautiful stained glass windows, tuck-pointing the exterior bricks, replacing the church roof, repairing the wood framing, and strengthening the roof trusses are the initial steps that we need to take now.

A small addition to the Church to include bathrooms, small bridal room and better handicapped accessibility into the Church are also being planned.

Grateful for your very generous response to our 2012 “Celebrating our Heritage, Investing in our Future” campaign, which allowed for significant improvements to our educational facility, Holy Cross and St Mary's Cemeteries, and initial tuck-pointing of the Church, I ask your prayerful consideration in supporting **“Our Church – Our Future”**.

Sincerely in Christ,

J. Laible

Rev. Jeff Laible
Pastor



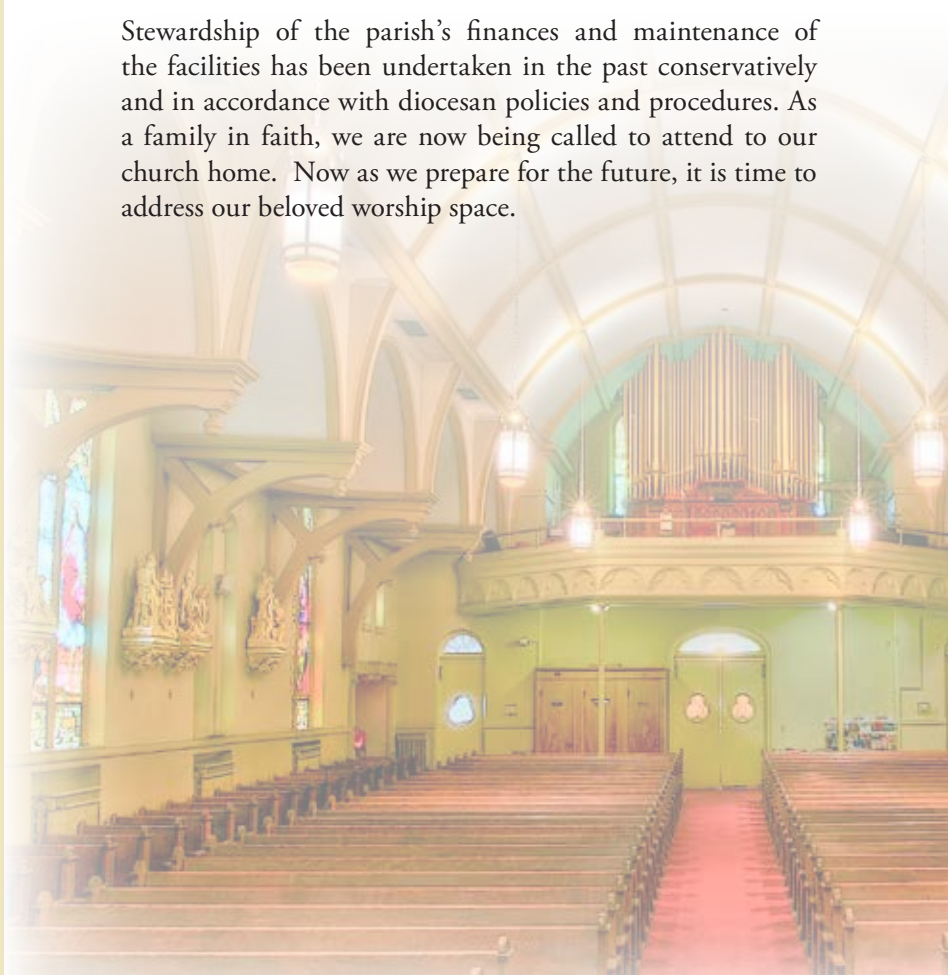
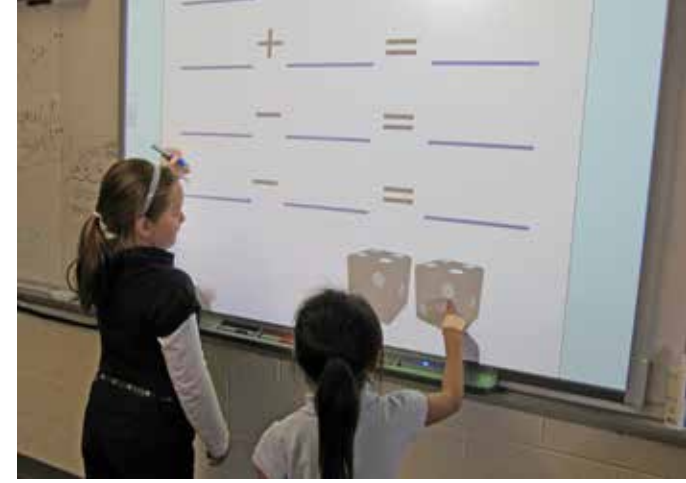
Holy Family Today

The cornerstone of our present church was laid one hundred thirteen years ago. During this time our church has been a place of comfort and consolation, a place of hope and challenge. Through the celebration of the sacraments and the preaching and teaching of the gospel, many have grown closer to Jesus Christ in this place. We are blessed to have many original families still active in our parish as well as new families.

There are 155 students enrolled in our school with another 85 in Religious education. Over 1,764 needy families are served annually by our FOOD PANTRY, which is 3,698 bags of food. Holy Family is a busy, active, evangelistic and vibrant parish.

Just over four years ago we began our campaign entitled “Celebrating Our Heritage... Investing In Our Future.” Generations of our devoted spiritual ancestors have left us a wonderful legacy; providing us with a splendid house of worship and an excellent school complex. It was time to address needed repairs at the school and our cemeteries. Through the generosity and sacrifice of families in our parish, we raised over \$887,000 dollars towards these projects.

Stewardship of the parish's finances and maintenance of the facilities has been undertaken in the past conservatively and in accordance with diocesan policies and procedures. As a family in faith, we are now being called to attend to our church home. Now as we prepare for the future, it is time to address our beloved worship space.



Our Case



TUCK-POINTING, EXTERIOR PAINTING AND TARGETED STRENGTHENING:

Tuck-pointing and targeted strengthening are necessary for Holy Family to preserve our current facility for the next 25 – 50 years.

COMPLETE RESTORATION OF STAINED GLASS WINDOWS:

The stained glass windows are beautiful reminders of our Catholic faith left to us by those who built our Church. The windows have been inspected and it has been determined that 8 of 32 windows are significantly compromised. The remaining 24 windows if not repaired now will be in the same category as the other 8 within a year. The restoration of the windows will also improve energy efficiency thereby reducing utility costs but more importantly they will be reminders of our faith for generations to come.

CHURCH ROOF:

The roof of the church is nearly 23 years old and a number of leaks around the church have been identified and temporarily repaired. It is necessary to replace the roof now to prevent further deterioration.

FELDMAN MEMORIAL FACILITY:

In her last will and testament Sue Feldman left \$339,633.75 to Holy Family to be used as a suitable memorial to her parents, members of the Ellis family as well as herself and her husband. These funds will be used to build a small addition to Holy Family that will be connected to the Church. **It will provide handicap access to the church, bathrooms and space for church and parish needs.** At Father Laible's request Carolyn Webster sought out surviving members of the family living in the Lincoln area to obtain their views and opinions on this matter. All felt that this would be a suitable memorial to the memory of the Feldman/Ellis family. Currently plans are in the initial stage of development and will be made available upon completion of design.

REPAIR AND RESTORATION OF CHURCH BUILDING:

Tuck-pointing the entire building and exterior painting	\$296,500
Wood Framing and targeted strengthening	\$305,000
Complete restoration of Stained glass windows	\$277,500
New Church Roof	\$103,000
Interior Renovations	\$168,000
Sub Total	\$1,150,000*
Less Funds from St. Mary's Church insurance payment	\$400,000
Grand Total	\$750,000

* Disclaimer - These estimates are provided and to be used as guides only. Each estimate is provided as a basic guide or template for building upon. Prices may need updating and are estimated based on size of job.

HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

Throughout the *Our Church - Our Future Campaign*, Father Laible, the Capital Campaign Committee and volunteer workers will reach out to all members of our community to communicate the goals of our parish and describe how everyone can get involved. Several important events are being held in order to give every parish family an opportunity to participate.

- 1) Every registered family will be invited to attend one of a series of campaign receptions that will be scheduled to allow our parishioners the opportunity to gather as a family and to learn about the needs of our parish.
- 2) The families that do not attend a campaign reception will be able to read about our building and renovation plans through this campaign brochure, which will be mailed to their homes. These families will also be asked to consider all the information contained in the brochure and then make a prayerful decision about how they will support this effort.
- 3) Those who do not respond by Commitment Weekend will be personally contacted by fellow parishioners who will volunteer their time over several weeks for the success of the campaign. The volunteers, members of your parish family, will be giving their time to undertake the vital task of reaching out to parishioners and increasing the awareness of this campaign.

During this campaign, we are asking everyone who calls Holy Family home to:

1. Pray for the success of the Campaign
2. Be an ambassador for Holy Family by getting involved and by sharing this information with as many people as you can with enthusiasm and encourage them to get involved.
3. Make your sacrificial pledge.

Whether you participate by attending a campaign reception, responding at Mass or by mail, or by graciously receiving a parish volunteer into your home, it is your act of involvement that will make this campaign a success.

In Deuteronomy 16:10 we are reminded that "the measure of your own free will offering should be in proportion to the blessing the Lord has bestowed on you".

HOW TO PLEDGE YOUR SUPPORT

Holy Family would like to raise a minimum of \$750,000 through the efforts of this campaign. Every member of our Community is integral to our success in reaching this goal, and, therefore, each family is asked to consider making a pledge to the campaign to the best of their ability.

WE NEED YOUR SPECIAL GENEROSITY

Everyone is asked to prayerfully consider how their generosity can reflect their gratitude for the gifts that God has given them. We know that a pledge of \$3,600 will be a challenge for some of our parish households, therefore, it is vital to the success of our campaign that those who are able to make larger pledges do so.

Individuals who are financially capable of pledging \$10,000, \$25,000, \$50,000 or more, are asked to step forward and become leaders of our campaign. Please review the Suggested Gift Plans on the following page and choose a plan that is right for you and your family.

YOUR DECISION TO GIVE

No one can tell you how much you should give. The individual parishioner/family is the only one who actually decides what to contribute, since the financial obligations of each family are different. What you give will be held in the strictest confidence.

This is our parish and only through sacrifice can we achieve our goals. All contributions from the smallest to the largest will be gratefully appreciated. Your decision is a personal one. It should be made in good conscience and in true Christian spirit.



SUGGESTED GIFT PLANS

Total Gift	10% Down Payment	3 Annual Payments	6 Semi-Annual Payments	12 Quarterly Payments	36 Monthly Payments	Weekly Sacrifice	Daily Sacrifice
\$100,000	\$10,000	\$30,000	\$15,000	\$7,500	\$2,500	\$600	\$83.33
\$50,000	\$5,000	\$15,000	\$7,500	\$3,750	\$1,250	\$300	\$41.67
\$30,000	\$3,000	\$9,000	\$4,500	\$2,250	\$750	\$180	\$20.83
\$20,000	\$2,000	\$6,000	\$3,000	\$1,500	\$500	\$120	\$16.67
\$15,000	\$1,500	\$4,500	\$2,250	\$1,125	\$375	\$90	\$12.50
\$10,000	\$1,000	\$3,000	\$1,500	\$750	\$250	\$60	\$8.33
\$7,500	\$750	\$2,250	\$1,125	\$563	\$188	\$45	\$6.25
\$5,000	\$500	\$1,500	\$750	\$375	\$125	\$30	\$4.17
\$4,000	\$400	\$1,200	\$600	\$300	\$100	\$24	\$3.33
\$3,600	\$360	\$1,080	\$540	\$270	\$90	\$22.50	\$3.00

The gift plans in this brochure are provided as a suggested guideline when considering your pledge. Please review the gift plans carefully and select one that fits your family's financial situation. Pledges are not legally binding, but rather the expression of your intent.

AS YOU MAKE YOUR PLEDGE PLEASE REMEMBER,

- Payments may be made over a period of three (3) years..
- Pledge payments are in addition to your regular weekly offertory contribution. Your pledge payments to this campaign will be used for the specific parish needs outlined in this brochure.
- Payment reminders and a special payment envelope will be mailed to you in accordance with the payment plan you choose.
- Pledge payments are fully deductible for tax purposes.
- Please make checks payable to: **Holy Family Church Campaign**



Not everyone can make the same size gift; but everyone can make the same size sacrifice.

METHODS OF PLEDGING

Pledges Via Cash or Check: Simply complete your pledge card by selecting the amount of your pledge and down payment (optional, but encouraged). Make sure to select your method of payment, i.e., monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annual payments. Please make checks payable to Holy Family Church Campaign. You will be mailed payment reminders and a special payment envelope in accordance with the payment plan you choose. Once completed, please return your pledge card in the weekly collection, bring it by the parish office or return it in the mail.

Gifts of Stock: Donors can use their own broker/agent or the parish agent to transfer and sell stock. If the stock has been held long-term (over one year), the donor does not have to pay capital gains tax on the stock, and is allowed a tax deduction for the full value of the stock. Donors may also choose to sell stock in order to claim a loss, which may be beneficial for tax circumstances. In either case, the stock must first be transferred to the parish before being liquidated. Please contact the campaign office for more information.

Online Giving - Pledges Via Credit/Debit/Automatic Draft: If you wish to make your pledge via credit, debit or automatic draft, please visit the Holy Family online giving site through Our Sunday Visitor at: <https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1170>. Follow the instructions on screen to either log in to an existing account or create a new account. Online Giving is a direct payment program whereby your contribution is debited automatically from your checking, savings, or credit card account into our church's bank account.

Gifts of Property, Life Insurance, Annuities, Wills or Bequests: There are different ways to support Holy Family both today and in the years to come via planned giving. Families or individuals can make gifts of real estate, personal property, automobiles, life insurance, estate bequests, annuities or charitable remainder trusts. For substantial gifts of property other than marketable securities, the IRS requires an appraisal. Please contact the campaign office for more information.

If you have any questions about the campaign or making your pledge, please contact the parish office, (217) 732-4019.



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God, our loving Father.

We thank you for the gift of
our Catholic faith and for his
holy house of worship we call "home."

Bless us in our repairing
campaign at Holy Family Parish.

With gratitude and generosity in our
hearts, may we continue to share the
wonderful legacy of our faith

with our children
and with future generations.

Let all who pass through these doors
know that we welcome them in
the name of Jesus Christ.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us.

PEOPLE WHO MAKE IT HAPPEN

Many people contribute to the life of our parish and provide vision for our future. Our deepest gratitude extends to those who have given the gifts of their time and talents to make this project a success.

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