

Letter of Intent

Dear Father Jason:

In support of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, I/we intend to contribute the sum of \$ _____ to the Journey to 175 capital campaign.

My/Our investment will be made as follows:

<input type="radio"/> MONTHLY	Start Date _____ Amount \$ _____ Over the Course of: 1 2 3 4 5 years (circle one)
<input type="radio"/> QUARTERLY	Start Date _____ Amount \$ _____ Over the Course of: 1 2 3 4 5 years (circle one)
<input type="radio"/> ANNUALLY	Start Date _____ Amount \$ _____ Over the Course of: 1 2 3 4 5 years (circle one)
<input type="radio"/> ONE-TIME GIFT	Date _____ Amount \$ _____

Payment Options

- We will make our investment by check.
- We will make our investment through a stock donation.
- We will make our investment electronically using <https://members.myeoffering.com/>



Please indicate if you plan to have your gift matched by you or your spouse's employer

Potential Matching Gift Amount: \$ _____ Matching Gift Company: _____

Please contact business@ics1.org or www.icmorris.org with any questions regarding the payment options above.

Name: _____

Address _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

E-mail: _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Please Print Name(s) as you would like to be acknowledged:

Name: _____

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A Gift for Tomorrow...The Importance of Planned Gifts

Throughout life most of us are inundated with financial obligations, goals, and the need to save for a secure future. However, there is one part of financial management that often is neglected – estate planning. Approximately 65% of Americans die without a will. Planned giving not only benefits the Church – many forms provide substantial tax benefits to the giver.

A will is an important document that lets you determine the distribution of your estate. It also offers a variety of creative ways for you to leave a legacy, including helping Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and School. In preparing your will, you should first provide for your family's needs. You may then choose to bequeath to Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and School a certain dollar amount, specific property, a percentage of your estate, or whatever is left after your loved ones have been taken care of. In addition to your will, there are many ways to make a Planned Gift;

Giving a sizable gift at a small cost - (Life Insurance Gifts)

Giving gifts that pay an income - (Charitable Remainder Trusts)

Giving a gift temporarily - (Charitable Lead Trusts)

Giving a home, but continue to live there - (Life Estate Arrangement)

Giving a gift that pays a steady income - (Lifetime Giving)

Consult with your tax and other financial planning professionals to assemble a personal giving plan appropriate for you. Once you have determined your giving options, decide how to inform family and friends of your intentions. You may arrange a time to personally share your wishes with the parish, too.

Investment

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church Journey to 175 Capital Campaign

Immaculate Conception has been blessed with a wonderful sense of community and generations of families who have supported the parish. The money raised in this campaign will help preserve and honor that which has been entrusted to parishioners today and be certain it is in safe, working order for the future.

The gifts represented in the chart below offer a series of funding benchmarks that will help Immaculate Conception Catholic Church reach a preliminary funding goal of \$1,435,000. This goal is reflective of the thoughts offered by parishioners during the readiness assessment to do projects gradually as the parish can afford them. The lead investment in this campaign of \$500,000 is from the parish reserves. These funds have been carefully stewarded and set aside over time in anticipation of the work to be done.

Gifts Needed	Gift Amount	Total Goal
1	\$500,000	\$500,000
1	\$250,000	\$250,000
1	\$100,000	\$100,000
2	\$50,000	\$100,000
6	\$25,000	\$150,000
10	\$10,000	\$100,000
18	\$5,000	\$90,000
20	\$2,500	\$50,000
50	\$1,000	\$50,000
90	\$500	\$45,000
199		\$1,435,000

The investment levels below are offered as a guide in helping you decide what may be affordable for you. Please note that numbers have been rounded to the dollar. Regardless of the final amount, your investment will be greatly appreciated. We hope that everyone will participate at some level.

Pledge Amount	5 Year Giving Plan		3 Year Giving Plan	
	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly
\$500,000	\$8,333.33	\$1923.08	\$13,888.89	\$3,205.13
\$250,000	\$4,166.67	\$961.54	\$6,944.44	\$1,602.56
\$100,000	\$1,666.67	\$384.62	\$2,777.78	\$641.03
\$50,000	\$833.33	\$192.31	\$1,388.88	\$320.50
\$25,000	\$416.67	\$96.15	\$694.44	\$160.26
\$10,000	\$166.67	\$38.46	\$277.78	\$64.10
\$5,000	\$83.33	\$19.23	\$138.89	\$32.05
\$2,500	\$41.67	\$9.62	\$69.44	\$16.03
\$1,000	\$16.67	\$3.85	\$27.78	\$6.41

Gifts of Prayer are also essential to the success of this campaign.

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Frequently Asked Questions

Who decided what projects should be accomplished?

The new church was built with the generosity of parishioners over two capital campaigns. New parish offices, an adoration chapel, additional meeting space and an elevator to make the second floor of the school accessible were all part of the original plan but did not come to fruition because of a lack of funds. In 2022, Fr. Jason Stone made a presentation to the Building and Properties Commission at the Diocese of Joliet to ask for permission to pursue these projects along with a capital campaign to pay for them. Permission was granted and after months of conversations and planning, the campaign readiness assessment began on October 1, 2024 to explore parishioner willingness to move forward with fundraising for the slate of proposed projects. The results of the process showed the majority of parishioners in favor of a campaign to address the campus needs.

When will construction begin?

The Diocese of Joliet requires that 100% of the project amount be committed in pledges and 80% collected on those pledges prior to beginning work. The Capital Campaign invites participants to make a pledge over a five-year time period. Work can begin on the projects as soon as the parish has the financial resources in place to accomplish them.

How much should I give?

Gifts at all levels are needed and appreciated. Since every family has different financial means and abilities to give, there is no expectation of a specific amount each household should give. Our request is that each family prayerfully discern how they would like to share their blessings with our parish.

Is a gift to the Campaign separate and “on top of” my offertory giving?

Yes, a gift to the Campaign would be separate - above and beyond offertory giving. The offertory, whether given on a weekly, monthly or on an annual basis, provides the funds necessary to continue to serve the daily needs of the parish and its members.

Is my contribution to the Campaign and the Offertory tax deductible?

Yes. A gift to Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, a not-for-profit organization, is tax deductible to the extent provided by law. This requires that the donor itemize his/her deductions by using the appropriate tax forms.

Can I make an IRA – Direct Charitable Distribution to support the campaign?

Yes. Individuals starting at age 70-1/2 can transfer up to \$100,000 from their IRA's to charity tax-free. The gift counts as their required minimum distribution for the year but it is not included in their adjusted gross income. This can be a helpful way to avoid having to pay taxes on your RMD if you want to support a charity, and it gives you a tax break even if you do not itemize your deductions.

Can I make my gift with stock?

Donating appreciated securities offers considerable tax advantages. Donors can deduct the current market value of a stock donation on the date of the gift and do not have to recognize the income from any related appreciation of the securities. To make a stock donation, fill out the Stock Transfer Letter of Intent and instruct your broker to transfer the shares you wish to contribute to the Diocese of Joliet's account with Stofan, Agazzi and Co., Inc. Your broker will need to know the Diocese's **DTC #0141 and the Diocesan Account #2496-9663**. **Donors are strongly encouraged to notify the diocese by calling 815.221.6192 on or around the date of such a gift and provide your name, the company name of the stock and the number of shares to be transferred so that the donation can be quickly processed and properly credited to Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Morris, Illinois**

What happens if we make a pledge and our income drops? Is my pledge legally binding?

No, pledges are not legally binding. If a family financial situation should change, simply re-evaluate the ability to fulfill the pledge and notify the parish office of the change.

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Letter from the Pastor

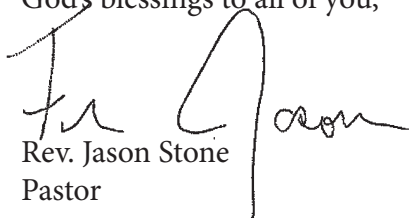
Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Immaculate Conception parish will celebrate its 175th anniversary in 2027. A spirit of hard work and faith in the Lord has guided the people of Morris to nurture and care for the parish to make it what it is today. The community voiced its desire to move forward with the next phase of ensuring the future in the recent campaign readiness assessment. More than 91% of respondents said they would financially support a capital campaign to pay for new offices for parish staff, a new adoration chapel, additional meeting space and an elevator to make the second floor of the school accessible.

The *Journey to 175* capital campaign is not just about fundraising. A capital campaign is an opportunity for a community to come together in order to collectively care for and improve their spiritual home. This is also a time for evangelization. During the efforts of the campaign we will actively reach out and invite more people to attend mass, fill our grade school, and attend religious education programs.

Nothing happens until we pray. Please keep Immaculate Conception and this important effort in your daily prayers. Together, we will enhance our facilities to house the good work that happens here every day.

God's blessings to all of you,



Rev. Jason Stone
Pastor

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