



UNITED TOGETHER IN FAITH
REJOICE & RENEW
Blessed Trinity Catholic Parish





United Together in Faith Rejoice & Renew

Our capital campaign to renew, repair,
and improve our parish facilities.

Blessed Trinity is an active community comprised of over 600 households. Led by a dedicated pastor and committed lay staff and volunteers, there are many wonderful things happening in our parish and school. With people of all ages participating in the many spiritual, educational, social, and service opportunities that we provide, we are convinced that we have a bright future ahead of us!

For many years, there have been several important and necessary facility improvements that have, for various reasons, been continually postponed. These needed upgrades and repairs are required at both campuses that, for the most part, haven't been touched since the current church buildings were first erected in the early 1960's (Lodi) and 1970's (Dane).

Our Needs Facility Improvements Dane

Boiler

The boiler, which heats the church, gathering area, and school, is over 50 years old and past its useful life. Its inefficiency and unreliability has resulted in major costly emergency repairs – four years ago it broke down on a cold winter night, resulting in no heat in the building and frozen pipes. We need a reliable, energy-efficient heating system for our facilities.

- The boiler maintenance is costly and it is hard to service because the controls are so old and the parts are difficult to find.
- Decay and cracking shows the boiler is close to a state of complete disrepair.
- Because of its age, the system is not energy-efficient and is potentially a safety hazard.
- The heating in the church and school buildings is uneven and unreliable with hot and cold areas because of failing controls.

Sanctuary

Our sanctuary needs beautification. Untouched since 1975, it needs to be updated to reflect the transcendence of the God that we worship at Mass.

- Last year the Bishop requested that within three years we move our tabernacle to the center of the sanctuary to remind us that the presence of Christ is central to all that we do as a parish community.
- The sanctuary platform's top level is oddly configured and potentially unsafe. It could easily cause a visiting priest to misstep (especially an elderly priest).
- The red carpeting is outdated, worn, and needs replacement. There are burn holes, stains, and threads coming out. Parish members have even taken a red marker to color over the worn edges to make it look nicer.
- Sheetrock nails are coming loose, pop up, and periodically need to be tacked.





Kitchen

The kitchen needs to be updated and improved to meet health and safety requirements as well as adequately service the many meals prepared there. Because it is used for school lunches, big events such as fish fries, and the Annual School Gala, it needs to have better storage, organization, and sanitation.

- The middle table in the kitchen is too low, causing back strain for those who work on it for long periods of time. It also does not offer adequate storage underneath.
- The laminate wood cupboard doors are deteriorating and peeling off due to water splashing whenever the kitchen floor is cleaned with a hose.
- The countertop laminate is difficult to clean and is not sanitary – it is easy for mold and bacteria to grow.
- We lack an adequate amount of storage space throughout the kitchen – a better design would enable more and more efficient storage space.
- The fish fry numbers have been increasing in recent years. Over 700 dinners were served this past year at the fish fries with 15-20 volunteers helping each time. The kitchen needs to be better organized to handle this volume more effectively and safely.

Narthex

Our existing narthex is too small to create a welcoming space for visitors and members to socialize before and after Masses.

- The small size makes it difficult to manage funeral caskets, for wedding parties to gather, and for other special and sacred celebrations held in our church.
- It is difficult for members to greet and talk with one another, which is important to building a closely connected parish family.
- Because of lack of space, Father must greet parishioners outside after Sunday Mass. This becomes impossible when it is raining, snowing, or too hot or too cold.



Technology

Technology updates are needed at the school. The enrollment has been increasing and in order for our students and our school to remain competitive it is important to provide our students with the current educational technology. We offer a great spiritual and moral education, however we also must provide comparable technology to other schools.



Storage

The extremely limited storage space in Dane impacts our gym activities and sometimes even turns our church into storage space.

- Currently the gymnasium is serving double duty as both a major storage area and as a gym. This limits our ability to fully use and enjoy the gym because many times it is full of tables, chairs, etc.
- If the entire gym needs to be used, all of the tables and chairs must be relocated into the church – making it less like a sacred space and more like a backup storage room.



God calls us to care for and cultivate all that He has given us.. not to be complacent, but rather, to constantly strive to be better, to build on and improve what we have..always trying to realize our God-given potential.

Our Needs

Facility Improvements Lodi



Outside Entrance

We lack a safe, easily accessible, and covered drop off entrance to our church.

Families with young children, our elderly population, and those with mobility issues must walk across the parking lot and down a long sidewalk to get into church. This long walk is dangerous in snowy and icy weather.

Confessional

Our Confessional (Room) is an old work sacristy and is used not only for confessions but also as a storage room.

To restore the sacred nature of the Sacrament of Confession in the minds and hearts of all of our parishioners,

we need to make this room into strictly a confessional and remove all storage components so that it is a fitting place to celebrate this beautiful encounter with God's mercy.

Outdoor and Indoor Repairs

- The 2 x12 steeple boards need to be tightened at both the top and bottom. Some of the boards are rotting at the holes, the bolts are coming loose, and the boards are not safely secured.
- The padding on the kneelers needs to be replaced to make them more comfortable/usable, especially for our elderly parishioners and/or those with leg and knee issues.



Other Improvements Dane & Lodi

Parking Lots

The weather has taken its toll on the parking lots at both St. Michael and St. Patrick and they are beyond repair.

- The past patch and repair work is no longer adequate.
- There is no longer a solid surface; yearly freeze and thaws have degraded it into simply alligator cracks and crumbling pavement.
- The uneven surface poses a tripping and safety hazard, and makes it difficult to plow in the winter.
- Contractors that we've consulted with have stated that any further patching would be a waste of money given the current conditions of both parking lots.

Accessibility

There is a need to improve accessibility at both of our churches. We have a commitment to serve all in our community and yet, our facilities are not handicapped accessible.

- The entrance doors are standard and heavy, making them impossible to open if you are in a wheelchair or have other mobility issues.
- Our restrooms cannot currently accommodate those using walkers and wheelchairs.

These accessibility issues prohibit, or at least inhibit, many members, especially our elderly and handicapped members, from having reasonable/easy access to either of our churches.



Our Plans

Facility Improvements Dane

Boiler

Purchasing a new boiler will ensure proper and reliable heating in the years ahead. The new boiler also will be energy-efficient, greatly improving comfort while lowering our heating costs. The system will consist of multiple “mini” boilers that will not only heat the church and school, but also serve as back ups to one another.

Sanctuary

We will update the sanctuary by removing the odd shaped upper level, replacing the worn red carpet with a more durable and beautiful flooring material, and moving the tabernacle to the direct center of the Sanctuary as the Bishop requires.

Kitchen

Updating the kitchen will consist of installing a new fixed island with storage below. All countertops will be of a material such as Corian or Formica that is sanitary and stain resistant, and will withstand years of use and washings. All doors and surfaces will be replaced with water-resistant materials.

Narthex

Enlarging the current narthex by 20ft x 30ft, not only will give us more elbow room. It will enable parishioners and visitors to meet and greet and get to know one another better before and

after liturgies, weddings and funerals, as well as at other special and sacred celebrations held in our church. The larger narthex also will allow space for Father to greet parishioners inside after Mass during inclement weather.

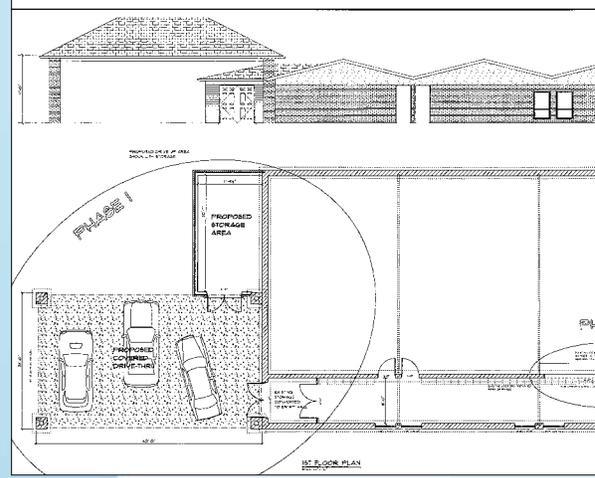
Technology Updates

Our planned technology updates will bring our school up to par with other schools in the area. They will provide our students with current learning tools, elevate their educational experience, and enhance an already excellent spiritual and moral education. These enhancements will include:

- Seven laptops: one for each classroom and for the principal.
- Four smart boards: one for each classroom.
- 35-45 Chromebooks: one for the use of each student in grades 5-8.
- 15 iPads: for the use of the younger students in grades K-4.
- One iPad charging cart.

Storage

Storage will be increased by adding an addition to the east wall of the gym. Accessible from inside the gym, tables and chairs will be easily moved in and out as the need arises. The opening will be an 8 x 7 rollup garage-like door that will lead to a non-temperature controlled storage area.



Facility Improvements Lodi

Covered Drop-off Entrance

We plan to add a covered drop-off entrance at the northwest side of the building that will be especially useful during inclement weather. This will be our building's main entryway and will be much safer for everyone, especially our elderly, handicapped parishioners, families with young children, and visitors.

Confessional

The Confessional will be made into the sacred place that it should be. The room will no longer be used for storage and the sink and cabinets will be removed.

Steeple

All needed repairs to the steeple boards will be made. This will require bringing a boom lift to reach the steeple and refasten and tighten the steeple boards.

Kneelersw

The kneelers will be recovered and get new more comfortable padding.

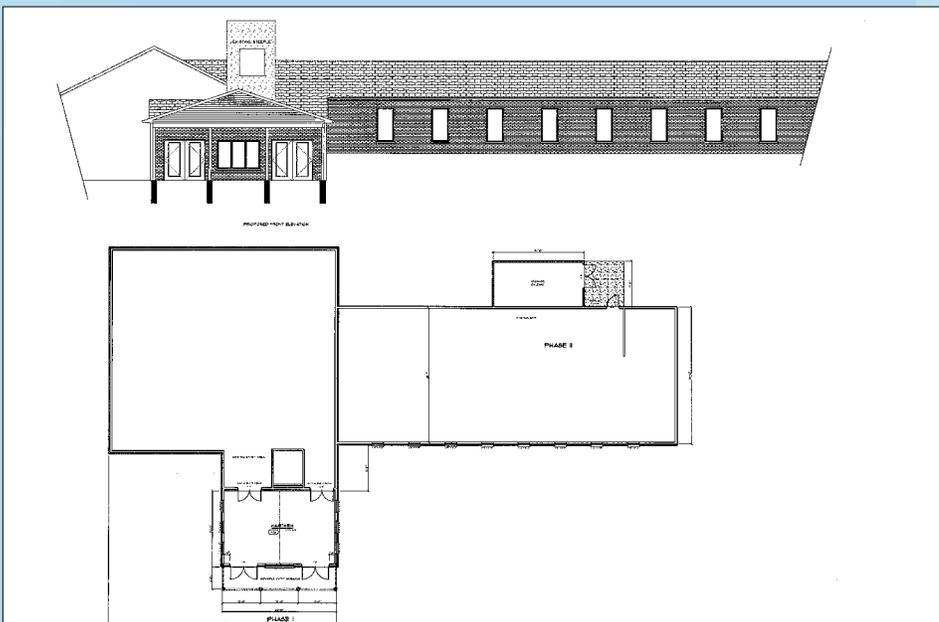
Other Improvements - Dane & Lodi

Parking Lots

The parking lots at both churches will be completely repaved with proper drainage and striping so that they are safe and usable for many years to come.

Accessibility

To improve church accessibility we will install ADA compliant automated doors and update the restrooms for wheelchairs and walkers.





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Our Campaign

To address our needs and plans we are initiating an intensive fundraising campaign entitled “United Together in Faith: Rejoice and Renew.” Our aim with this important effort is to raise the funds required to renovate, maintain and upgrade our church and school facilities at Blessed Trinity Catholic Parish in both Dane and Lodi.

- Our *minimum goal* is \$850,000, which will enable us to begin on our highest priority needs.
- A *challenge goal* of \$1,250,000 has also been set which, if met, will enable us to complete all of our planned needs.

Campaign Goals

\$850,000
Minimum Goal

\$1,250,000
Challenge Goal

Levels of Support Needed to Succeed

To reach our financial objectives, we will need both a substantial number of givers and a few, fairly substantial gifts.

Size of Gift	Number Needed	Minimum Need
\$ 150,000 or more	1	\$ 150,000
\$ 75,000 - 149,999	2	\$ 150,000
\$ 50,000 - 74,999	3	\$ 150,000
\$ 25,000 - 49,999	6	\$ 150,000
\$ 10,000 - 24,999	15	\$ 150,000
\$ 5,000 - 9,999	30	\$ 150,000
\$ 5,000 or less	158	\$ 350,000
Total		\$1,250,000

Gift Options

Everyone in our Church Family is being asked to consider a gift toward this special campaign that is above and beyond what they give in their regular offerings and contributions. Gifts can be made in a variety of ways.

Long-Term Subscriptions: Pledges payable over three years are easier for most givers and essential to meeting our goal. It would be impractical, if not impossible, to reach our objectives with one-time, out-of-pocket gifts. Gifts may be made in monthly, quarterly, semi-annual, or annual installments. A 10% initial investment is encouraged.

Non-Cash Gifts: An additional or alternate way to support our cause are non-cash gifts. For example, securities

such as stocks and bonds; real estate such as land, homes, vacation and rental properties, or even personal property such as artwork, automobiles, jewelry, and antiques.

Deferred Gifts: You can support our efforts through deferred gifts. These are gifts that can be given now but will not be received until later. These can include gifts through a person’s will by bequest, gifts of life insurance policies or annuities, and trust arrangements.



Your Gifts at Work

There are a number of very special gift opportunities available to donors. These offer the unique chance to entirely support a particular portion of the project and dedicate them in honor or memory of a loved one.

Projects - Dane

Extended Narthex	\$ 150,000
Sanctuary	\$ 50,000
Parking Lot	\$ 25,000
Technology Updates - School	\$ 20,000
Kitchen	\$ 15,000
ADA Accessibility (Doors and Restrooms)	\$ 15,000
Boiler	\$ 15,000
Storage Addition	\$ 10,000

Projects - Lodi

New Drop Off Entrance	\$ 100,000
Confessional	\$ 50,000
Parking Lot	\$ 25,000
ADA Accessibility (Doors and Restrooms)	\$ 15,000
Steeple Board Work	\$ 10,000
Kneelers Long (12)	\$ 5,000 each
Kneelers Short (120)	\$ 2,000 each

In short, your most generous gift and all gifts is the key! Whatever your gift or method of making it may be, please be assured that your support is both urgently needed and will be greatly appreciated.

* Prices of the various items listed are not necessarily reflective of the component's cost, but rather the value of the area or item and the gift needs and abilities of our community. Naming rights for capital items given will extend for up to twenty (20) years depending on the useful life of the item given. Naming and recognition rights for these will be granted once payment for the item is fully received.



Summary

Through the generous prayerful, volunteer and financial support of many – and the extraordinary support of a few – we believe that we can, by God's grace and blessing, achieve our goals. As a result, we are also confident that our ministry as a church will continue to thrive as we move "beyond the building" in joyful service to our community and world.

Won't you please join us in this exciting and essential effort to better our service to one another, to our community, and to Christ?



Suggested Pledge Plan

(Three-Year Pledges)

Gift Level	Total Gift	(10%) Initial Investment	Daily *	Weekly *	Payment Plans			
					(36) Monthly	(12) Quarterly	(6) Semi-Annually	(3) Annually
Pacesetting	\$2,000,000	\$200,000	\$1,644	\$11,538	\$50,000	\$150,000	\$300,000	\$600,000
	1,000,000	100,000	822	5,769	25,000	75,000	150,000	300,000
	750,000	75,000	616	4,327	18,750	56,250	112,500	225,000
	500,000	50,000	411	2,885	12,500	37,500	75,000	150,000
	250,000	25,000	206	1,442	6,250	18,750	37,500	75,000
	100,000	10,000	82	577	2,500	7,500	15,000	30,000
	75,000	7,500	62	433	1,875	5,625	11,250	22,500
	50,000	5,000	41	288	1,250	3,750	7,500	15,000
	40,000	4,000	33	231	1,000	3,000	6,000	12,000
	30,000	3,000	25	173	750	2,250	4,500	9,000
	25,000	2,500	21	144	625	1,875	3,750	7,500
Major	20,000	2,000	16.44	115	500	1,500	3,000	6,000
	15,000	1,500	12.33	87	375	1,125	2,250	4,500
	10,000	1,000	8.22	58	250	750	1,500	3,000
	5,000	500	4.11	29	125	375	750	1,500
Community	4,000	400	3.29	23	100	300	600	1,200
	3,000	300	2.47	17	75	225	450	900
	2,000	200	1.64	12	50	150	300	600

* These figures are provided for illustration purposes only. To minimize costs, suggested payment plans include monthly, quarterly, semi-annual, or annual installments.

"But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving."

2 Corinthians 8:7