

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Are we raising money to do more construction?

A. No. We are following through on our long-standing parish plan to pay for all that we have built so far. This is the planned, third phase of raising the money to honor our obligations to our lender for construction done to date. Our ability to do future construction to house more services as our community continues to grow, however, does depend upon the success of this effort.

Q. Are parishioners who made a gift/pledge to a previous phase expected to participate in this third and final phase?

A. Yes. Without the involvement of all our parish families in this final phase we will not be able to accomplish all we are capable of in the coming years.

Q. Are there advantages to making a gift using a stock certificate of a publicly held corporation?

A. Yes. This method of giving allows the donor to avoid paying capital gains tax on an asset of appreciated value while at the same time receiving the full value benefits of a charitable donation. And it is especially appropriate for those with investments to give to the capitalization of their home of faith out of their capital resources rather than out of income. **Please note:** Do NOT sell the stock and then donate the proceeds, rather direct your financial institution to transfer the stock to the Corpus Christi brokerage account. Ask the office staff at Corpus Christi for the necessary instructions.

Q. Are there guidelines regarding a realistic gift/pledge amount?

A. This decision, of course, will be different for each donor; however the expectation is that each parishioner will make a sacrificial gift - that is a gift from first fruits, not from what is left over. When one invests in one's home, whether purchasing or renting, the commitment is significant. We hope that all who count on the parish community as a spiritual home will take seriously the need to properly support it as such.

Q. What is expected of those folks who are winter residents and guests who attend Corpus Christi parish while they are here for several months?

A. Participation. We hope visitors and part-time residents, too, value what Corpus Christi offers as a community of faith and will join us by making a gift/pledge.

Q. Are the folks who choose not to register as parishioner but call Corpus Christi their parish expected to make a gift/pledge to the campaign?

A. Yes, Gifts & pledges during the initial phases of the parish's development came from everyone including non-registered families and individuals - the success of this final campaign phase will require participation from each of us.

We ask the intercession of St. Francis as we work to complete the financial base for the parish facilities we have built with such loving care for the beautiful desert in which we live and worship. We ask that Francis of Assisi be with us, inspire our generosity, and lift up our efforts to continue to build up the Body of Christ in Tucson.



From an altar piece done by Bonaventura Berlinghieri, 1235

OUR Faith, OUR Family, OUR Future.



Corpus Christi Catholic Church - 2014

The "OUR Faith, OUR Family, OUR Future" campaign seeks to raise \$2 Million over the next 5 years to maintain the financial strength of our current programs, pay down our building debt, and safeguard our capacity for future growth.

OUR REASON FOR BEING



Corpus Christi, our parish, was founded in 1999 so that we could encourage one another in our individual and community response to the call to be living parts of the Body of Christ in the world today, growing in faith and becoming carriers of mercy and love into the world around us. We build a spiritual home - with land, buildings, and equipment - so that we can pass on our faith and invite others into this life of prayer, study, and action in ever-closer union with the Risen Christ.

A spiritual home to grow in, and pass, on our faith.

IT'S WHAT HAPPENS INSIDE

The buildings are not constructed for their own sake; rather they are tools to create the safe and sacred space where real transformation of human lives can take place. Just as what happens within ourselves as we pray and celebrate sacraments in our churches is far more important than our mere bodily presence, so it is with our churches themselves. It is not merely the building, although beautiful architecture is itself a powerful prayer of praise. Of greatest importance is our willingness to move closer to one another and to God as fostered in our liturgies and community life.

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OUR GRATITUDE AND LEGACY

Whether we were born into a Catholic family and baptized as an infant or we are one who has come into the church at some later point in life, we were welcomed into a place, a community, and a journey of faith that was there because of those who went before us. They left gifts of themselves by their generous sharing to build that which welcomed, formed, and supported us.

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We honor what was freely given to us by responding generously now.

We stand now, on those loving shoulders with our opportunity to honor what was freely given to us by responding generously to complete the commitment to be a welcoming gateway for others into this Christian community. We seek to pay down our remaining debt on the church building so that we can move forward and invest our money, time, work and prayer more completely into the programs and ministries that bring life to our spirits.

OUR PRESENT TASK

Phase III of our planned parish-building finance process is upon us.

With this campaign we intend to honor our commitment to the mortgage-holder and bring down, or possibly eliminate, our debt for the cost of building our initial parish infrastructure - the facilities currently serving our community. Further, we seek to honor our commitment to one another and the community-yet-to-come by safeguarding our current ministries and making future growth possible.

We intend to honor our commitments, improve our ministries, and make future growth possible..

We are looking to each individual and household making Corpus Christi a part of their faith journey to contribute to the best of their ability in recognition and support of what this parish makes possible. This is one important way we fulfill our obligation to coming generations - by making a vibrant faith community possible into the future.

Our goal is to raise pledges that will result in at least \$2-million for the capital needs of the community over the coming five years. This renewed pledge drive is necessary now that the first two phases of capital contribution have been completed. Our total debt has already been paid down to \$2.8-million. Success in this campaign will put us in very close proximity to becoming debt-free. New pledges from this present effort will maintain the financial strength we've built and must maintain in order to prudently serve future needs of the community.

We seek these gifts and pledges specifically for capital needs so that our other income, the regular donations of our community, can be reliably used to improve the quality and grow the scope of our many ministries including: faith formation for children, youth and adults; meaningful liturgical prayer for the community; sacramental preparation; strengthening the bonds, socially and spiritually, within our faith community; reaching out to those in need; and many more.

OUR HISTORY

- 1999 - Fr. Richard M. Kingsley appointed pastor to guide the founding of our parish.
- 2001 - The church hall (now the community center) is constructed to house all parish activities.
- 2005 - Christi parishioners commit to building the current Sanctuary
 - Planning and permit process begins
 - Phase I of the Capital Funding Campaign begins
- 2007 - Groundbreaking for the Sanctuary
- 2009 - March 8: Fr. Richard presides at the first Mass in the new worship space.
 - May 30: Bishop Gerald Kicanas presides at the formal dedication of the Corpus Christi Sanctuary.
- 2011 - March: Phase II of the funding campaign begins
- 2014 - March: Phase II campaign pledges are completed
 - Phase III pledge campaign begins.



Please be part of our continuing growth. Your gift is important.