



Holy Family Parish



Holy Family Parish Case for Support

Our Story

Established almost two decades ago, Holy Family Parish was created from the merger of three parishes with long traditions of faith. In a very real way, our parish is the result of the dedication of immigrants who contributed to the building and growth of their churches, parish communities, and schools. Today, our parish is made up of over 900 households from a variety of backgrounds and places, woven together in dedication to Christ. Our parish is a spiritual family that is supportive and loving. It is our calling to welcome each and every person into our parish with love, and to help them feel valued in Christ.

From the roots of our parish planted over 120 years ago, Catholic education has been a critical component of our mission. Our founding parishes had strong commitments to Catholic education, forming schools in the 1880s which paved the way for our current school. Today, Holy Family Catholic School educates 61 pre-k to 8th grade students. For more than four generations, our parish has ensured that every day our children hear the message of hope contained in the Gospel. They carry this powerful message into adulthood, into their future families, into the workforce, and into the world.

The story of our parish is one of unity and faith. It is our goal to ensure that this spirit will endure for future generations. We can reach this goal through our continued commitment to Catholic education and to the youngest of our faith community through our school and our evening faith formation programs. As we share our faith with all the young people in our parish, these students should have access to our beautiful church, so they can learn about Mass, prayer and the sacraments. Our new education center would be a benefit to all our children.

Through a lengthy planning process, the community of Holy Family Parish has identified what must be done to continue our commitment to Catholic education for those who will come after us. By fully realizing our new vision for Catholic education we will also honor the efforts and sacrifices of those previous generations who have made what we now enjoy possible.

Our Needs at Holy Family

The current Holy Family School building was built in 1922 and expanded in 1951. Since then, the students from three schools have been combined into the current campus to better integrate the Holy Family Catholic School experience. Due to the age of the current building, the school has fallen into disrepair and can no longer adequately serve the needs of the students and the parish. Additionally, over the past three academic years enrollment at Holy Family Catholic School has fallen 15%. This is due in part to the decline of our educational facilities. Because of this, it is imperative that we make improving our school a priority so that we may continue our tradition of Catholic education and fulfill our mission to provide a safe, loving, Catholic environment where children can become life-long learners grounded in Jesus Christ.

The location of the current school is not ideal for our students and making necessary repairs and enhancements to the existing school building would be cost prohibitive. Because of this, the relocation of a new school close to the parish is more financially responsible for our faith community.

Further, our parish has nearly 300 students participating in our faith formation program. Due to space limitations, these students currently meet in three different locations on Wednesday evenings, requiring three separate groups of volunteers and the preparation of three separate locations by our staff. Thus, new and more practical

instructional space and facilities will allow us to better serve the students participating in our faith formation program and will cut down on unnecessary time and effort required of our dedicated staff.

With your support of the “one by One” campaign, Holy Family Parish can fulfill our current needs and bring the following initiatives to fruition:

New, flexible, and state of the art instructional space and facilities

It is important that we build new, modern instructional spaces to educate our Holy Family Catholic School and faith formation participants, including the following:

- 2 Pre-K classrooms to accommodate 2 – 4-year-old students
- 9 Kindergarten – 8th grade classrooms
- Science/STREAM (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Arts, Math) room for 5th-8th grade
- Music/band room
- Library/media room

New athletic facilities

Currently, the existing school does not have a gymnasium and the school must rent gym time from the Brillion Community Center, a one block walk from campus. The current playground needs repairs and is located on a separate property with private residences between the school and the playground. The new school would include athletic facilities within the building that would not only be available to Holy Family Catholic School students, but also to our faith formation and youth ministry participants, as well as the broader Brillion community. The proposed athletic facilities would include the following:

- Gymnasium/multipurpose room
- Equipment storage room
- Expanded locker spaces
- Referee/coach room and bathroom

New administration offices

Space for administration and staff will be built and include the following:

- Teacher’s lounge
- Work room to be shared by office and teachers
- Sick room for students
- Reception area
- Principal’s office
- Expanded restroom facilities

State of the art student life facilities

New social spaces will need to be built to meet the needs of Holy Family Catholic School and faith formation participants. These include the following:

- Youth room to be used by both school students and the faith formation program
- Kitchen to be shared by the school and the church
- Commons (use the existing Social Hall) for all eating, church, and school

Our Call to Action

As Holy Family’s current parishioners, it is our responsibility to carry on our legacy of faith and sacrifice so that future generations may benefit as we have from previous efforts of support. Your participation in this important project will help to shape the future of our parish in many ways.