

# MAGNIFY THE LORD CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



ST. JOHN NEUMANN  
Catholic Church

## A MESSAGE FROM FR. DANIEL DURY

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*"Magnify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together. I sought the LORD, and he answered me."* Psalm 34:3-4

St. John Neumann is a vibrant parish in a rapidly growing area. This reality presents us with the opportunity to draw more and more souls to Jesus Christ. I invite you to help us accomplish that goal by participating in our exciting "Magnify the Lord" capital campaign.

### What Will We Achieve with this Campaign?

People have an intrinsic desire for that which is true, beautiful and good. This is because our hearts are made for God and those three transcendentals are found ultimately in Him. It is our belief that by enhancing that which is true, beautiful and good in our parish liturgical life and on our parish grounds, we will be able to more effectively lead others to a transformative encounter with God. So how do we hope to accomplish that goal?

First, we hope to construct a **beautiful grotto** in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary. When Mary appeared to St. Juan Diego in Mexico and St. Bernadette in France, she asked that a shrine be built in her honor, ultimately in order to lead people to her Son. This is our hope as well: to lead others to Jesus through Mary. The grotto area will include a statue of Mary, an altar for Mass, crucifix, candles, pavers and landscaping totaling \$812,000. The new grotto will be placed near the grove of trees to the north of the pavilion. Indeed, this will be a gift pleasing to Our Mother.

Second, we desire to enhance the beauty found in our divine worship by installing a **new digital organ**. This new instrument will undoubtedly help move the hearts and souls of all those who attend our liturgies. The organ will cost around \$100,000.

Third, we will enhance the ability to lead others to the goodness of God by installing **two new confessionals**. These will be places where people can encounter the mercy and love of God in a private and beautiful space. Since our parish is now blessed to have two priests, this will afford them the opportunity to hear confessions simultaneously in a more suitable manner. These confessionals will be constructed in Spain, installed in the north part of the church and cost around \$75,000.



Fourth, we strive to lead others to the truth, by **creating comfortable spaces** in which people can gather together to discover and study that truth. We hope to accomplish this by renovating three of our current classrooms to be conducive places where parish groups can meet, including our Life Groups. These are small groups where people connect, pray, study and serve. Currently, we have over 30 Life Groups and are expecting many more to form. These renovations will cost around \$10,000 for each classroom.

Fifth, we hope to lead others to a deeper sense of the divine by constructing a **bell tower** outside the main entrance of the church. Bells are an important part of Catholic liturgy and will enhance the beauty of ours. It will allow us to express our joy to God at celebrations like weddings and feast days and our sorrow at more solemn events like funerals. We already have funds earmarked for bells thanks to the generosity of some of our parishioners. The approximate cost of the bell tower is \$1,228,540. This will be a challenge item, meaning if we can reach our total goal of \$2,245,500, we can proceed with that project.

I humbly ask you to please prayerfully consider your financial support of this capital campaign.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,


# Suggested Giving Plans

The Suggested Giving Plans encourage financial commitments over a 2 year period. The pledge card provides space to you to designate payment intervals: monthly, quarterly, 4 semi-annual payments, or 2 annual payments. Payment reminders will be sent in accordance with the schedule selected. Pledges enable you to consider a more significant contribution to the campaign rather than a one-time gift.




## Gift Levels


Spread your payments over 24 months




**Magnify Level**  
Total Gift: \$6,000



**Mission Level**  
Total Gift: \$4,800



**Promise Level**  
Total Gift: \$3,600



**Handmaid Level**  
Total Gift: \$2,400

**Other Memorial Opportunities:**  
Organ Keys: \$1,000 (215 available)  
Pavers for the Grotto: \$500 (unlimited)

## Memorial Opportunities

Remember a loved one or mark a milestone

<b>Grotto Statue</b>	\$100,000
<b>Grotto Altar</b>	\$50,000
<b>Grotto Crucifix</b>	\$50,000
<b>Bells</b> (3 available)	\$50,000
<b>Confessional</b> (2 available)	\$30,000
<b>Landscaping</b> (3 available)	\$25,000
<b>Grotto Bench</b> (4 available)	\$15,000
<b>Organ Pipes</b> (10 available)	\$10,000
<b>Classroom</b> (3 available)	\$10,000

# Campaign Timeline



Our campaign goal is \$1,017,000, with a Reach Goal of \$2,245,500. Meeting this Reach Goal would enable us to move forward with the bell tower. Since the organ has already been purchased, the capital campaign will recover the costs which have already been incurred. The renovated classrooms will be inviting spaces for adult & youth small groups to connect, pray, study & serve together. Please contact Jackie Sutton with any questions, 740/965-1358 or [jsutton@stjohnsunbury.org](mailto:jsutton@stjohnsunbury.org)

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## January, 2023

Request and obtain permission and approval from Bishop Earl K. Fernandes to initiate the campaign at St. John Neumann.

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## February, 2023

Conduct a Capital Campaign, introduce the campaign chairs, Tom & Jodi Harris, outline the goals for the campaign, and invite parishioners to participate. Please consider your sacrificial gift and respond to the request for support.

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## March, 2023

Once 100% of pledges are secured, with 50% of deposits received, we can move forward with plans for construction of the grotto.

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## April-June, 2023

The digital organ will be installed by Easter; groundbreaking for the grotto will take place after the Community Festival. One classroom has already been renovated; 2 more will be renovated in the summer, for adult & youth small groups, if the campaign is successful.



## Campaign Prayer

Guided by the Holy Spirit, through the intercession of the most Blessed Virgin Mary, directed by God's word and nourished by the Eucharist, we ask the Lord to cultivate our personal faith lives and our parish community.

May we continue to encourage the involvement of each and every member, youth and adult, in our Christian family.

May our generous giving be pleasing and acceptable to you, Lord, for your glory, and to build the kingdom of God. We pray that all who come through our parish doors find faith, hope, and love.

St. John Neumann, pray for us. O Holy Mother of God, pray for us and for the success of our parish campaign. May we, by our efforts, continually strive to emulate you as we Magnify the Lord together.

Amen.

## A Note about the Proposed School(s)

Results of the feasibility survey will be received mid-February. We will continue to communicate with you as decisions are made. If we move forward with an elementary school, the next phase would be to work with an architect/designer to determine the cost, then we would study if we can reasonably raise the necessary funds. So, a request for funding of a new school would likely not take place for a year or more.

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