



MAGNIFY THE LORD

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

My dear brothers and sisters,

Thank you for supporting our Capital Campaign to help us “Magnify the Lord”! We have met and surpassed our primary goals to build a grotto in honor of Our Blessed Mother, install a new digital organ, construct 2 new confessionals, and renovate 4 of our classrooms as comfortable meeting spaces for our teens and Life Groups. I sincerely thank you for this and I know God is glorified by it as well! Now we are hoping that you will help us cross the finish line in our goal of building a new bell tower. Bells have played an important part in the life of the Church for centuries and are more than an aesthetic addition to a church’s architectural landscape. In fact, the Church established an elaborate rite to bless the bells that give us an indication of their importance.

The rite for the blessing of bells illuminates their sacramental power. Sacramentals are anything set apart or blessed by the Church for the intention of guiding us to the sacraments and sanctifying our lives. Bells lead us to the Sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist by calling us to worship at Mass. In addition, the solemn blessing of bells indicates their role in casting away evil spirits and even protecting the faithful from deadly storms. A brief excerpt from the Roman Ritual highlights these two spiritual powers bestowed upon bells:

Let the people’s faith and piety wax stronger whenever they hear its melodious peals. At its sound let all evil spirits be driven afar; let thunder and lightning, hail and storm be banished; let the power of your hand put down the evil powers of the air, causing them to tremble at the sound of this bell, and to flee at the sight of the holy cross engraved thereon ... when the peal of this bell resounds in the clouds may a legion of angels stand watch over the assembly of your Church, the first-fruits of the faithful, and afford your ever-abiding protection to them in body and spirit.

With all this in mind, I am asking that you consider giving to this important project that will sound God’s loving power for many generations to come. This is more than some kind of mere church beautification. It is a gift to God and a sacramental leading people to greater holiness.

Thank you again for your continued generosity and commitment to Christ,

Rev. Dan Dury
Shepherd



ST. JOHN NEUMANN
Catholic Church

Suggested Giving Plans

Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, we are close to our challenge goal. Can you help? The adjusted cost of the Bell Tower is \$955,993. We need an additional \$395,000 pledged to start construction.

There will be three bells available as memorial opportunities, at \$50,000 each. Donors will have the opportunity to have the bells inscribed. Bells are an important part of Catholic liturgy and will enhance the beauty of ours.

We are well on our way to meeting this goal. Leave your family legacy for the glory of God! The Suggested Giving Plans encourage financial commitments over a 2 year period. The pledge card provides space 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.

Please return the enclosed Pledge Card, or contact Jackie Sutton, Stewardship Director, jsutton@stjohnsunbury.org, 740/965-1358 x123. Thank you for your support!

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

Grotto Statue	\$100,000 RESERVED
Grotto Altar	\$50,000 RESERVED
Grotto Crucifix	\$50,000 RESERVED
Bells (3 available)	\$50,000
Confessional (2 available)	\$30,000 RESERVED
Landscaping (3 available)	\$25,000
Grotto Bench (4 available)	\$15,000 RESERVED
Organ Pipes (10 available)	\$10,000
Classrooms	\$10,000 RESERVED

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