



ST. FAUSTINA
CATHOLIC CHURCH

SMALL COMMUNITY to **THRIVING PARISH**

***Our mission** is to be a community where the deep love and mercy of God is lived, experienced and shared. From the beginning, we have prayed for the Holy Spirit to bless our parish and provide us with the graces to establish a community where many souls will experience the tender mercy of God.*

In the past four years, our new church has grown from a small community meeting in an elementary school on Sundays to a thriving parish of over 3,100 parish families. As we continue to grow at a rate of 30 percent per year, it is imperative that we continue to minister and provide for the spiritual needs of the people the Lord has entrusted to us.

Saint Faustina, our patroness, wrote, ***“The past does not belong to me; the future is not mine; with all my soul I try to make use of the present moment.”*** At the present moment in the life of our parish, we are actively discerning the best way to serve the needs of our parish community. Those needs include priorities of worship, engagement, formation, discipleship and evangelization. To complement our programming in these areas, we need facilities and spaces that will enhance our dynamic parish life.

MASTER PLAN VISION

Phase I

Construction of Parish Hall, Land Purchase and Infrastructure
(Completed)

» Phase II

Construction of Parish Life Center and Rectory (TODAY)

Phase III

Construction of Permanent Church (Anticipated 2025/2026)

Our burgeoning parish makes for a vibrant faith community, but it also creates significant challenges. With more than 1,700 students enrolled in our youth religious education programs, our young parish has one of the largest faith formation ministries in the archdiocese. In addition to that, we have over 20 active adult ministries and many more initiatives ready to take flight when space becomes available including a part-time daycare, men’s ministries and prayer groups. The ministries and parishioners in our dynamic parish can only continue to flourish if parish facilities provide adequate meeting and gathering space.

Our current building, which has four fully dedicated meeting/classrooms and five shared rooms, is woefully inadequate to support the 1,700 students across 12 grades seeking religious education. Nor is it adequate to support our young adults and families seeking spiritual enrichment through the many programs that have developed within our parish community including, the Women of Mercy, the mom’s group, the Knights of Columbus, ACTS teams, the healing ministry, the music ministry, Bible study, Small Christian Community and many more. We fully use all available offices and conference rooms every day and still many ministries must meet in homes instead of within our building. Likewise, many meetings are held at times that do not encourage maximum participation. The largest meeting room, not including the nave of our current church, can only accommodate groups up to 25 people.

THE FUTURE OF SAINT FAUSTINA CATHOLIC CHURCH IS HERE!

Our capacity to grow in love and knowledge of God and our capacity to serve you and others is currently limited by our lack of space. Together, we can make a change. Understanding our limitations and responding in faith, our parish leadership has identified the following priorities as the most effective and impactful way for our parish to grow:

PARISH LIFE CENTER **\$10,000,000**
LANDSCAPING, PARKING, WAYFINDING **\$1,400,000**

A new, 32,700-square-foot Parish Life Center will provide us the much-needed space to respond to our call to love God and our neighbor. The air-conditioned, one-story center will feature:

- 2,400-square-foot **MASS OVERFLOW** and **CONFERENCE ROOM**.
- 2,080-square-foot dedicated **YOUTH ROOM**.
- Full-service **KITCHEN**.
- 18 **CLASSROOMS** (including 7 flexibly designed classrooms to accommodate mother's day-out requirements).
- 10 ministry and administrative **OFFICES**.

PARISH RECTORY **\$600,000**

Currently, our priests reside in a home in an adjacent neighborhood near the parish. The new onsite rectory will be modest in both scale and cost, but of nice architectural styling to complement the existing parish center facilities. It will fulfill the need for bedrooms/private apartments, kitchen, dining, living, small chapel, laundry, garage, and some outdoor space. An onsite rectory will have the following:

- Allow our priests to be more **AVAILABLE AND ACCESSIBLE** (especially in the case of emergencies). They can also **MONITOR THE SECURITY** of the campus.
- Provide **PLACE OF REST** and time for meals between events. Activities often begin at 7 a.m. and finish at 10:00 p.m.
- Provide enough **BEDROOMS** for visiting clergy, missionaries, or seminarians (internships).
- Improve overall parish health by providing **ON-SITE HOME** for our priests. Satisfy the expected model of an on-site rectory in companion with the church.

ARCHDIOCESE IGNITE CAMPAIGN **\$646,000**

(Saint Faustina Catholic Church Goal)

Saint Faustina Catholic Church, along with every other parish in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, must undertake a capital campaign to raise funds for the Archdiocese **IGNITE** Campaign. Funds raised from the **IGNITE** campaign will be used for:

- St. Mary's Seminary (\$30 million)
- Education (\$20 million)
- Lay Ministry (\$10 million)
- Future Disaster Relief Fund (\$20 million)
- Rebuilding our parishes and schools in light of Hurricane Harvey (\$20 million)

By including our parish goal for the **IGNITE** Campaign, our parish will meet its obligation to support these initiatives without an additional fundraising effort.



» WE NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU!

All parishioners are invited and encouraged to participate in the planning study. Your feedback will help parish leaders determine whether there is adequate support to move forward with a capital campaign. Thank you for your prayers and for your participation in this crucial planning process.

