



Saint Louis Catholic Church

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Dear Family and Friends of Saint Louis,

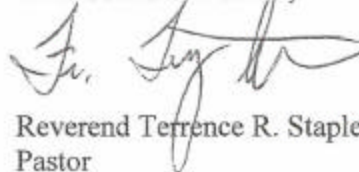
Since our founding in 1920, our beloved Parish has seen a lot of growth and change, yet we remain a vibrant community of dedicated, faith-filled, Catholics, eager to reverently worship our God in spirit and truth, to grow in the life of grace our Beloved Savior has won for us. We have been blessed with strong forbearers who have given generously and sacrificially from one generation to the next to establish and maintain the wonderful grounds and structures of St. Louis that we enjoy today. It seems every generation has responded to the call to preserve and improve our beloved parish and school for the subsequent generation.

Today we enjoy the benefits of the sacrifices of so many of our predecessors. We are blessed with beautiful facilities for worship, education and ministry. We are blessed with deeply committed parishioners who love our parish and continue to grow in faith and love while helping others by word and example to do the same. At the same time, our church, school, and other buildings are showing some wear and tear from the passing of the years and are now in need of repair and renovation.

For a number of years, we have been developing a plan of action to identify and address both the needs of the parish and the potential improvements. We believe we are now in a position to put our plan into action. If we, following the example of our forbearers, rise to the occasion, we can upgrade, restore and renovate our beloved school for the spiritual formation and education of our children and our children's children; we can fashion a parish hall/auditorium/gymnasium (McClunn Hall) of which we can all be proud; we can restore and enhance our beautiful church so that it can continue to be a place where almighty God is glorified and honored, bringing healing and saving grace to the weary; and the list goes on...

We pray that in this hour of opportunity we will become a strong, united force in building a new legacy, knowing that we will all be blessed in its completion. It is our hope that those who will one day stand where we stand will say, "Thank God they had the vision, determination, and love to make it possible for us." Please join me in making this vision a reality. Let us work together and build an enduring and strong foundation for the future.

Your Servant in Christ,



Reverend Terrence R. Staples, S.F.O.
Pastor