



*Grow with*  
**GRACE**

**PLANTED IN PURPOSE, SOWING OUR FUTURE**

**ICC** WATERTOWN, MN  
**CHURCH**

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**A CASE FOR SUPPORT**

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# Dear *brothers and sisters,*

Over the past year, we have seen some incredible growth as our parish continues to add new members, increase opportunities for prayer and learning about our faith, and draw us closer to the Lord. It is truly an exciting time to be part of the community of Immaculate Conception.

We recognize that we are disciples, following Jesus as a union of body and soul. This is reflected in our parish as well, that we need to tend to the needs of the physical campus as well as the soul of the parish as we continue to seek to grow with grace. Over the course of 159 years, we recognize the many gifts given to our parish to lay the foundation of where we are now. We show our gratitude to God by sowing seeds for the future generation of saints to come. That is why we are introducing Grow with Grace, a capital campaign that will span two years and will include many upgrades to our church grounds and facilities.

Our physical grounds have several large needs to be fulfilled in order to provide a secure place to come worship and grow in our faith and community. Currently, we have asbestos that is being exposed in the church, a failing boiler in the office/religious education building, an elevator that continues to act up and siding that needs to be replaced. These are all things that will allow us to continue to serve our community in the future.

But we also want to pay attention to the spiritual needs of our parish. The sanctuary is meant to be a beautiful place that elevates our hearts and minds to God when we come to pray. It is the beauty of the sanctuary, and its focus on the Eucharistic celebration, that help to educate us about what is most important in our spiritual and communal life. In addition to this, when people come to worship in our church, we want them to know that our parish is dedicated to our Immaculate Mother. The new sanctuary design invites us to pray through the life of Mary from her Immaculate Conception to the Annunciation, to her being crowned as Queen over Heaven and Earth.

I know that together we can continue to grow in the grace that God is giving us in this time, allow Him to plant in us His will and purpose, and to sow the seeds that will bring fruit for generations to come! I hope you will prayerfully consider contributing to this campaign in any way you can, and pray for its success. Thank you for your continued support of our parish and of this important endeavor.

In Christ,

*Fr. Peter Hughes*  
Fr. Peter



# Our history

Immaculate Conception Church can trace its roots back to 1857 when the first Catholic settlers arrived in and around Watertown. The town was first visited by a priest in 1859 and the parish was named Immaculate Conception in 1863 when the first church was built. The church's written records began in 1882. Descendants of the original founders of Immaculate Conception Church remain as parishioners to this day. From our humble beginnings, the church has continued to grow and share the beauty of our Catholic faith and the wonder of Gospel with our community.

# Our future

The extraordinary community of faith that we enjoy today is the result of decades of dedication and hard work of those who came before us. It is both our privilege and our responsibility to honor and continue that legacy each day. Our parishioners have steadily worked to build, expand and care for our parish and its facilities--reimagining and repurposing much of our space along the way. As we look forward to the years ahead, we must be diligent in maintaining our current facilities, enhancing spiritual life and creating a foundation for the future of our parish for generations to come.

# Our vision

As a result of consultation with Father Peter, our Parish Council, our Finance Committee, our Trustees and many outside contractors, Immaculate Conception will begin its *Grow in Grace, Planted in Purpose* Capital Campaign. As our community has grown over the years, so have our needs. This capital campaign will focus on honoring our Blessed Mother, our namesake, by transforming the church and its grounds, maintaining our current facilities, and making our church more accessible to every member of our community.

# Why now?

The last major renovation of Immaculate Conception Church happened in the 1980s and there are still a number of projects that need to be done to preserve and maintain our facility and make it accessible to all parishioners. These projects will allow for greater participation in our sacramental ministry and enhance our liturgical experience by truly becoming a parish dedicated to the Immaculate Conception and our Blessed Mother. The campaign will span over two years and touch each and every aspect of our faith community ensuring our places to worship and gather are well-maintained for years to come.



# Our goal \$500,000



## Phase One



Phase One is the largest undertaking of the Capital Campaign, focusing on the interior of the church. It will include a newly designed sanctuary that focuses on lifting our eyes, minds and hearts to Heaven. As a parish dedicated to Mary our Blessed Mother, it will include many elements that tell the story of Mary from conception to being crowned with stars in the Book of Revelation. It will also include upgrades throughout the church including new carpet, refurbished pews and kneelers, redesigned confessionals and a new elevator.

## Phase Two



Phase Two of our Capital Campaign will focus on updating the church grounds and exterior of the church and will include resealing and repairing the parking lot, updating the siding on the West and South side of the church and installing security cameras throughout our church campus.

## Phase Three



Phase Three will focus on updating the Office/Religious Education building by making restrooms ADA accessible and compliant, replacing carpet and replacing the aging boiler.

“ Growing up, I heard stories of my ancestors and the part they played in forming the Catholic community in Watertown. It is our duty to continue that tradition for generations to come, so that we may watch our children's children come to know God as members of Immaculate Conception. ~Pat Neaton

# A Call to *Action*

Keeping in mind the many blessings the Lord has given us, we are asked in the Gospel to give back a portion of these gifts in thanksgiving for God's goodness to us. Your gift to this campaign is an opportunity to help inspire hope for a renewed, stronger, Catholic presence in this community. The *Grow with Grace* campaign will rely on gifts from our parish and community. You can help by giving a tax-deductible gift in one of the following ways:



## **CASH GIFTS**

Donors can make cash payments using a check, credit or debit card, EFT or automatic bill pay.



## **PLEDGES**

Donors may choose to make a more substantial gift payable over a period of time determined by the donor (up to two years). Donors who pledge may determine payment schedule to meet their own charitable or tax needs.



## **MATCHING GIFTS**

If your company has a matching gift program, you may be able to enhance the impact of your gift by requesting a matching gift form from your employer and including it with your pledge form.



## **SECURITIES**

Charitable gifts of stocks, bonds or mutual funds, which have been held for at least one year and have appreciated offer special tax advantages to the donor.



## **IRA TRANSFER**

If you are over the age of 70-1/2 and have an IRA, you may be interested in donating directly from your retirement assets. Any gift of IRA assets must be transferred directly from your IRA brokerage account to the campaign.

We're looking forward to the church renovations as a means for securing the future of our parish, but most importantly as a way to bring the greatest possible glory to God. We hope this project honors the faithful followers that were here before us and those that come after us. We are so grateful for our ICC family, and we pray this project will help others feel the same sense of comfort and joy this church family brings us. ~Brian & Bridget Fritzke



# A Campaign *prayer*

Heavenly Father,  
We praise You for You are the source of life. We thank You for our parish and the many blessings You have given us over the past 159 years. Open our hearts and minds to Your purpose and vision. Help us to be good stewards of the many gifts You have given us, sowing seeds now and for future generations of saints to come. Help us be like Mary, always faithful to You. We especially pray for the success of our capital campaign. Together, help us step forward in faith and recommit ourselves to Your mission of love. May our effort, combined with Your aid, allow us to serve the people of our faith community, and to grow with grace.  
Amen.



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## Pledge Card

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Envelope #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Our Commitment to the Grow with Grace Campaign is:

**One Time Donation**  
Amount to be donated: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Date of donation: \_\_\_\_\_

**Recurring Donation** No donations later than June 30, 2025  
Amount to be donated: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ I prefer: Check/Cash/Electronic Giving  
Contribution Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Contribution End Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Give Weekly on Fridays  Give Twice Monthly on the 1st and 15th

Please Contact Me Regarding a Multi-Year Pledge Plan

Please Contact Me Regarding a Stock or IRA Gift

**Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)**  
Preferred method as no fees are charged  
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I understand I can stop or change my electronic gift at any time by notifying the Parish Office at Immaculate Conception. Credit Card processing fees are charged to Immaculate Conception. I understand that this commitment is not legally binding. Please contact the Parish Office at (952) 955.1458 or office@iccwatertown.org regarding any portion of this form or any questions concerning charitable giving.

I authorize Immaculate Conception to automatically withdrawal my contributions. **This authorization is valid December 4, 2022 through June 30, 2025.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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