



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the Catholic Strong Campaign?

- A Diocesan Campaign that will provide resources to strengthen our parishes and Catholic education, expand our outreach, and enhance social services. At a parish level, it will address parish revitalization and evolving needs.

What's the fund-raising goal at St Joseph's?

- To raise \$1.16M over a 5-year period.
- The parish gets 70% of all money collected, distributed twice a year
- The Diocese of Camden gets the remaining 30%

How did St Joseph's decide how the money would be spent?

- A cross section of 30 parishioners/civic representatives were invited to attend a "Summit" in March for the purpose of defining what Sea Isle would look like in five-years. This discussion identified certain areas of focus.
- Of the initial group, a committee of 12 individuals was formed to further define our vision for five-years out -- 2023.

What does St. Joseph's plan to do with the money?

- Create a multi-purpose Spiritual Life Center
- Invest in equipment and technology to safeguard parish assets, live stream mass in an overflow area, and in people's homes
- Senior Ministry – We envision new programs and enrichment activities that address the spiritual, physical, and emotional welfare of our seniors.
- Auditorium Improvements -- Update the bathrooms to meet ADA requirements and make modest improvements to the kitchen

Is there more specific detail on the above areas?

- The Case for Support outlines, at a high level, how we envision Catholic Strong as an enabler of parish revitalization here at St Joseph's. This Case was published in the parish bulletin on August 12 and can be found on the parish website (www.stjosephsic.org)
- Detailed project plans will be developed as the campaign progresses.

Are there restrictions on how this money can be spent?

- Yes – The money must be spent on the items identified in the Case Statement

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