

Saint Catherine Laboure Catholic Church

A Catholic Community Serving God, One Another and the Poor

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A message from The Pastor

Dear St. Catherine Laboure Parishioners,

The Lord has been so gracious to us, and we thank Him for all the blessings and graces we have received as a community of faith. We hold our hands together in the spirit of St. Vincent DePaul as we live the faith entrusted to us by Christ himself, inviting us to go out and make disciples. By our way of life, we live the faith, invite, nurture, bless and celebrate the fruit of our faith and the sweat of our sacrifices as we see its fruits. As we make a difference in people's lives through faith, education, and service to the poor, we clearly respond to the mission entrusted to us of **investing in our faith today**, we **invest in our future of our Parish**. This comes with commitment and sacrifice. I would like to share with you the status of our parish and invite you to prayerfully consider making a difference through your giving and active participation in our liturgy and community activities.

Fr. Dominic

A message from the Parish Finance Council.

As members of the St. Catherine Labouré parish community, we want to share an update on the financial health and future needs of our parish and school. While parish and school activities may appear separate, they operate as one unified mission—spiritually and financially. Each year, the parish provides significant support to the school to help cover the true cost of Catholic education. Even after tuition, fundraising, and other school income, the parish currently subsidizes school operations by approximately \$440,000 annually, or about \$1,000 per student. In addition, our parish faces nearly \$2 million in critical capital improvements over the next five years, including safety systems, roofing, HVAC, and other essential infrastructure needs that ensure a safe and functional campus for all who worship, learn, and gather here.

School families have recently been asked (see documents) by Father, the School Board, and the Parish Finance Committee to contribute a one-time \$400 per-student School Improvement Assessment as part of a broader plan to responsibly address these needs while avoiding long-term debt. We believe it is important to share that responsibility across the entire parish community. We respectfully invite parishioners without children at the day school to prayerfully consider making a one-time matching gift of \$400, or another amount as they feel called, to help support our shared parish and school mission. This is an opportunity for all of us to invest together in a strong, vibrant St. Catherine Labouré community and to ensure it remains healthy and thriving for generations to come.

Your generosity affirms that Catholic education, strong parish life, and thoughtful stewardship matter here. Thank you for your continued support of St. Catherine Labouré through your prayers, presence, and generosity.