

St. Dominic Capital Campaign Update

July 2026

Please accept our sincere appreciation for the responses to the capital campaign survey. The information below provides a summary of the survey results including the more common themes provided in the comments. We are tentatively planning townhall meetings in September and Commitment Sunday is planned for mid-October. Please continue to pray our capital campaign prayer that can be found in the bulletin.

Responses to what is most valued about St. Dominic (listed in order of value, highest to lowest): Community, family, spiritual formation, priest & leadership, dedication of parish members, ASA, church beauty, choir music, mass availability, St Jude & devotions

Responses on what aspects of the campaign are most important and meaningful (in order of highest priority): (1) Stewardship of facilities/infrastructure, (2) intentional spiritual formation, (3) strong lay leadership, and (4) vibrant outreach.

Inputs for improvement opportunities: Family & youth involvement, outreach, young adult involvement, mass times, adult faith formation, more social events

Ideas suggested for more parish involvement: service projects utilizing entire parish, Sunday school, Bibles & Brews, social events to draw young parishioners (i.e., trivia night, socials after mass), more involvement/sponsorship beyond just ASA & MDHS, pairing older parishioners with youth/families, be open to younger ideas/try new things, have students play instruments during mass, small groups/bible study/missions/retreats/speaker series, mass for 18-25 age group, adoration evenings, more volunteers for music/singing, and change mass times

Ideas suggested for outreach: students & parish leadership visit nursing homes & assisted living facilities; ministry for caregivers, widows, divorced; Stephen Ministry/Bereavement; invite immigrants to parish; support the needy; provide meals to struggling families; more involvement with Cosgrove's Kitchen; & reach out to inactive members to encourage return

Results of inputs for prioritization of projected infrastructure improvements:

1. School roof replacements
2. Cafeteria vent/AC update
3. Feasibility Study of Rectory Building
4. Update Parish Center Kitchen
5. Improved Church interior & exterior lighting
6. Sanctuary & choir area update
7. New fence around school playground
8. Gym air conditioning
9. Parking lot on vacant lot east of Ace Hardware

Ideas suggested for additional infrastructure improvements: Improve Jr High Building, new school building, cushions for pews, more trees and landscaping, more handicap parking, cry room improvements (make sensory friendly), more handicap seats in church, adoration chapel, build office space, tear down rectory for playground & gathering area, lighting for steeple (make it more visible),

Other comments submitted: divorce/annulment support, ensure ASA/MDHS families contribute fair support and are active members, publish parish council minutes (note – minutes are available on parish website), provide online masses, support for Catholic schools is important – make scholarships visible, have mid-range & long-range plans, ASA should cover majority of its cost, need a deacon and more lay leadership