

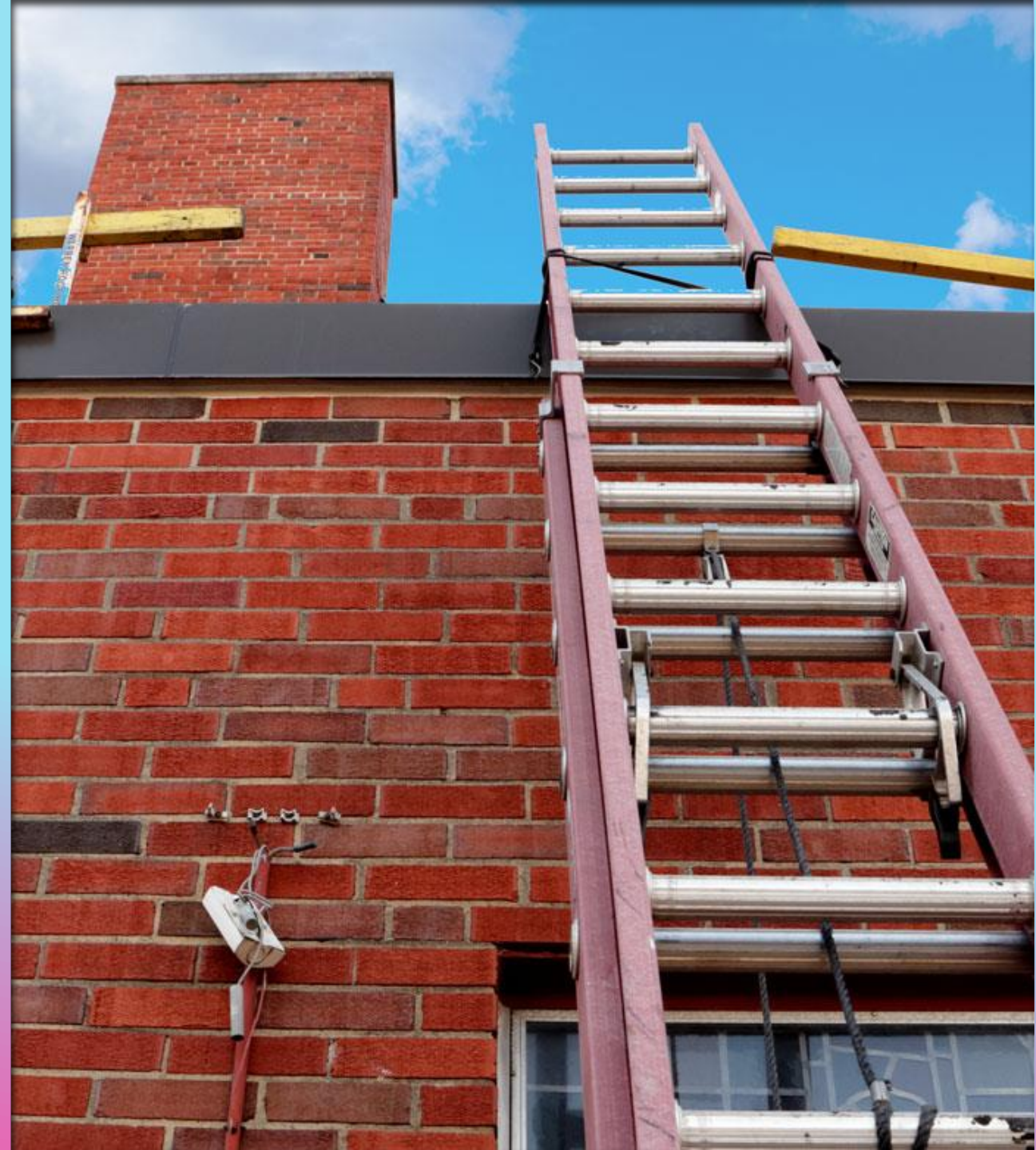


RAISE THE ROOF APPEAL

Church of Saint Clare

A capital project to

- Replace the leaking north roof
- Replace the aged air conditioners



What is the challenge?

- September 2020 Labor Day rain-storm was more than the Sacristy Roof could handle.
- Water is leaking in the choir room next to the tabernacle area.
- The Sacristy Roof and two A/C units need to be replaced NOW
- The two A/C units sitting on this roof have been limping along for the past several years due to age. Replacement parts are scarce.



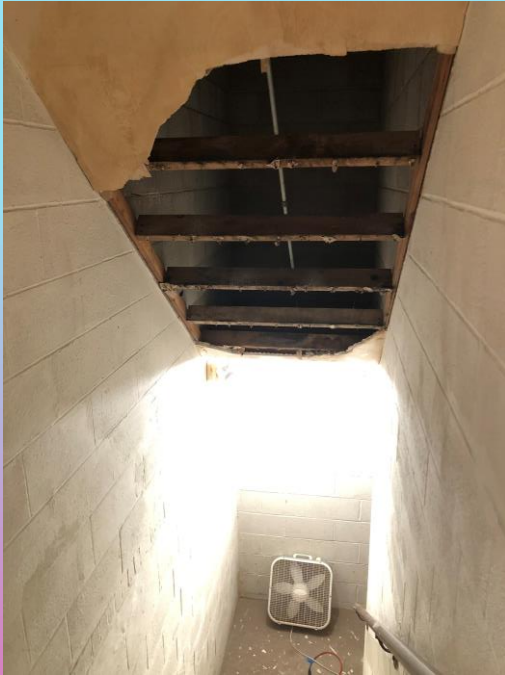
Why The Urgency?

- Our plan for the two units above the Sacristy were planned to be addressed in the Spring/Summer of 2021, but Mother Nature did not cooperate and has accelerated the urgency of the situation.
- The damage caused by the leaky roof is making its way from the Choir room, which is not visible from the pews, to the ceiling in the Tabernacle area, which is visible and sacred, which we desperately want to avoid.
- To avoid further damage, the Diocese gave us permission to “advance pay” for this project, provided we appeal to our parishioners for help to replenish our Capital Improvement Fund.
- We planned/replaced the two units on the south end of the church



The Damage

Stairwell Ceiling



Choir Hall Ceiling



Project in Progress



What is the cost?

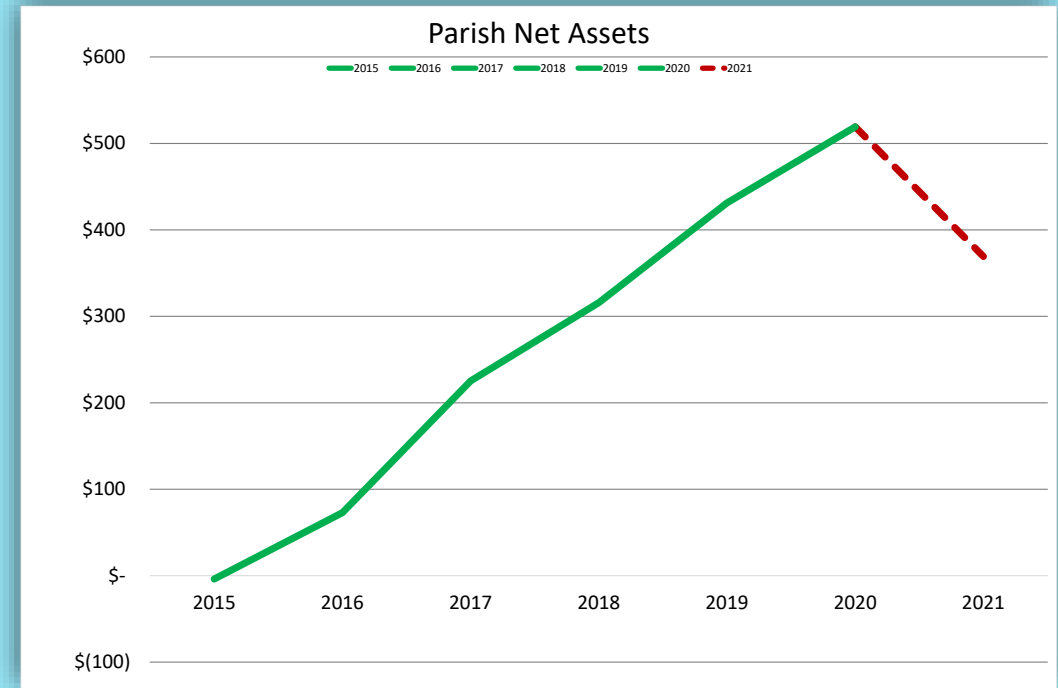
\$150,000

Payment in full will be due by January 31, 2021 !!



What is the financial condition of the Parish?

Over the past few years we have been able to enjoy a modest annual surplus and we have increased the net assets of the Parish accordingly.



- A significant but necessary expenditure like this Roof and HVAC replacement, if not replenished, can consume a significant portion of our modest reserves.
- The intention/hope is to give a “Boost” to our Capital Improvement Fund and replenish it in a modest way.



Has the Diocese/Bishop approved this expenditure ?

- Yes, we submitted a business case to the Bishop's office and on October 9th received approval to proceed
- Diocese approved but is not funding any portion of this project.
- Approval was granted on the condition that Saint Clare will make every effort to replenish the Capital Improvement Fund.
- Accelerating the project places the expenditure ahead of the “fund-raising” efforts, creating a greater challenge.



What other benefits result from this project?

- These new HVAC units will replace one of our boilers.
- They are more energy efficient which will reduce future operating costs and help mitigate the risks we face with our aging boilers.
- The replacement units are HVAC units that serve a dual purpose of air - conditioning and heat.
- The current and aged A/C units were single purpose A/C only.



WHAT IS THE GENERAL CONDITION OF OUR FACILITIES?

There is much to maintain. We stretch every dollar and strive to be good stewards of parish funds.

- Facilities overall are in good condition.
- Inspections are conducted every year by experts in the applicable fields.
- The boilers are aging but are well maintained.
- The Bell Towers are inspected annually.
- To date we are not aware of any other major issues.
- Preventive maintenance deferred in 2020 will be revisited in 2021.



What has been the spend from the Capital fund?

In FY 2019/2020:

- ❑ Total spent for Capital Improvement fund in 2019/2020
\$56,463
 - ❖ Roofing repairs and replace \$19,190
 - ❖ Masonry repairs, rebuilds & tuck pointing \$16,688
 - ❖ Overlay one third of north parking lot \$11,452
 - ❖ Replace Chapel A/C unit \$3,100
 - ❖ Tractor Replacement \$2,696
 - ❖ Replace Rectory HVAC controls \$2,000
 - ❖ Replace closers on church doors \$1,337
- ❑ Budget for Capital Improvements in 2020/2021
\$50,000



**Here's how
you can
help
support this
project**

- ✓ Give directly with envelope from the Parish-wide mailer
- ✓ On-line giving to “Raise the Roof Appeal”
- ✓ We Give Catholic, (24 hour giving day on-line) Dec. 1st, 2020
- ✓ Make a pledge and fulfill by the end of January 2021
- ✓ Contact the business office for other contribution options



FACT:
Saint Clare
is a
“Giving”
parish

Saint Clare always rises to the occasion!

- 🏆 We Exceed Catholic Charities annual goal year after year
- 🏆 We Exceeded the “Rooted in Faith” Diocese goal of \$1 million
- 🏆 Our faithful parishioners have supported past campaigns for Sanctuary remodel (Together at Table), Adopt-a-Light, and more

***Will you help “Raise the Roof”
and Boost the Capital Improvement Fund?***



A stylized illustration of a hand holding a megaphone, pointing towards the right. The megaphone has an orange handle and a grey body with a red rim. A light blue speech bubble with a purple outline is positioned to the right of the megaphone, containing the text 'The call to action'.

The call to action

- Appeal to the generosity of our loyal and dedicated parishioners to help offset the cost of this project and replenish our Capital Fund
- Position Saint Clare to remain financially stable
- Enable Saint Clare to address future needs of a similar nature with confidence when they arise, because they will.



Levels of giving

Saints \$3,000 and above

Angels \$2,000 to \$2,999

Disciples \$1,000 to \$1,999

Believers \$100 to \$999

Donors will be listed in the bulletin unless requested to be anonymous.



OUR ASK OF YOU!

- Father Klasinski has committed to being a “**Disciple**” and is donating his travel money earmarked for his cancelled trip to Italy.
- Father Klasinski invites you to do what your heart and budget allow.
- Donate the funds you would have spent at the Saint Clare Festival.
- Donate the funds you would have spent on a vacation this year, cancelled due to the pandemic.



Your consideration and help will be greatly appreciated.