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*Together*

SHARING OUR FAITH,  
ACHIEVING OUR DREAMS





# Dear Friends in Christ,

Our parish has been blessed with a long and rich history since its conception nearly 110 years ago. As we enter a new chapter in our unique faith history, we should take a moment to look back with gratitude on the sacrifices and commitments of those who came before us, and on whose shoulders we currently stand. God’s providence, grace and mercy have brought our diverse Parish Community of St. Anastasia to where we are today. Our forefathers would be humbled to see how their faith and dedication to the mission of the Gospel, is still shaping the Mystical Body of Christ here at St. Anastasia.

For more than a century, St. Anastasia Parish has been providing leadership in multiple areas of: catechetical training, spiritual formation, spiritual nourishment through the sacraments, Sacred Liturgy, devotional opportunities, pilgrimages and much more. These blessings are forging and deepening relationships, building bridges in our community, unifying our parish and school, and serving the spiritual needs of the City of Fort Pierce. Our St. Anastasia School excels in the areas of Catholic identity, academics, sports, strategic planning, and security; while preparing our graduates to transition into a deeper commitment in following the Will of God.

The resources, buildings and programs that we have grown accustomed to need maintenance and

improvements that will allow us to continue growing, serving, worshipping, educating, and nourishing families in the love of Christ. We are providing you with a great opportunity to contribute to a dream that was developed generations before us and, with your help and stewardship, will continue for many generations to come.

The parish of St. Anastasia Church and School are stronger than ever and united in our bright future. The priests, administration, faculty and staff of St. Anastasia are honored and humbled to serve this faith community. We all know that the challenging work in the vineyard of the Lord is never done.

We are asking you to intentionally support our community’s first joint capital campaign that will benefit our whole campus. It is time to elevate our campus’ physical resources because they reflect who we are and provide a safe and welcoming destination for us to renew our identity in Christ. (Matthew 28:18ff).

How? We would ask for your prayerful support for a successful campaign and your generous commitment of time, talents and treasure as we live out our campaign slogan -- “Together: sharing our faith, achieving our dreams.”

**Fr. Richard E. George, II**  
Pastor, St. Anastasia Church

*Have no anxiety at all,  
but in everything, by  
prayer and petition,  
with thanksgiving, make  
your request known to  
God... Then the peace  
of God that surpasses  
all understanding will  
guard your hearts and  
minds in Christ Jesus.*

*Philippians 4:6,7*

*Each of you must give as  
you have made up your  
mind, not reluctantly  
or under compulsion,  
for God loves a cheerful  
giver. And God is able  
to provide you with every  
blessing in abundance,  
so that by always having  
enough of everything, you  
may share abundantly in  
every good work.*

*II Corinthians 9:7-8*

**Dr. Kevin Hoeffner**  
Principal, St. Anastasia School

# Frequently Asked Questions:

## Why are we embarking on this now?

St. Anastasia’s vision is to serve our community and educate the next generation of Catholics who will carry the torch of our Faith into the future. We simply cannot do this effectively in our current situation. Our current parish offices and facilities are more than 60 years old. As one parishioner noted, there will never be a better time for these projects and they will never be any cheaper than right now.

## Why should I consider contributing to the campaign?

We are truly blessed to have the community of faithful believers that we do. As you no doubt have heard, support for a capital campaign was through the roof. It seems that this parish does not need much convincing about our current needs and the sacrifices they require. We have a responsibility to grow in our service to the community and build for the future of our church. When we think about the legacy we have enjoyed as parishioners, it seems only right that we as a community would be inspired to give sacrificially for the next generation of St. Anastasia.

## Why do we need a capital campaign?

Obviously, we are not able to sustain and improve our beautiful parish campus from our offertory alone and it would be irresponsible for the parish or school to incur debt in the amount needed to accomplish this. As many of you have already expressed, this is really the only way to accomplish our goals.

## If I can’t make a large donation, will my contribution still help?

Absolutely! We cannot expect every individual to give at the same financial level. However, what we do need is for everyone to give at the same sacrificial level.

# Campaign Leadership

Many people contribute to the life of our parish and provide vision for our future. Our deepest gratitude extends to the members of the Stewardship Ministry Team who have given the gifts of their time and talents to make this project a success.

**Fr. Richard George**  
**Fr. Daniel Daza-Jaller**  
**Dr. Kevin Hoeffner**  
**Jimmie Anne Haisley**  
**Quinn Haisley-Wheeler**  
**Linette Trubulsky**  
**Joanna Marazzi**

**Claire Melville**  
**Pudge Guettler**  
**Karen Hogan**  
**Rita B. Stikelether**  
**Rita Gilcrest**  
**Kerri Boyd**

**Maria Fanizzi**  
**Jennifer Fee**  
**Janie Reed**  
**John Langel**  
**Joy Yancy**  
**Building & Grounds Committee**  
**Construction Design Committee**

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# Ways to Give

We need your help. If we are going to succeed in continuing to support our parish family and provide the next generation and beyond with a unified and sustainable home, we need a sacrificial gift from everyone who is a part of this community.

Selecting the best gift plan depends on your personal financial situation. As tax laws are always changing and each individual's situation is unique, donors are encouraged to consult with financial or tax advisors to determine the most beneficial contribution method.

## PLEDGES

Pledges are commitments made in good faith, but not legally binding. You may want to consider stretching your pledge over three years to maximize the total amount of your support. This commitment can be fulfilled through monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annual installments. However, we encourage donors to consider a 10% initial gift to provide immediate assistance to meet near-term costs associated with the initial construction.

## CASH, SECURITIES & ONLINE GIVING

Gifts of cash by check or gifts of appreciated securities are the most common and allow the campaign to address immediate needs. Securities include stocks, bonds and mutual funds and can often be a tax-advantaged form of giving. Gifts of cash can also be made



by giving online through bank direct withdrawal, credit card or debit card. To make your gift online, please visit [www.StAnastasiaChurch.org/Faith-Direct.html](http://www.StAnastasiaChurch.org/Faith-Direct.html)

## GIFTS OF STOCK

Donors can use their own broker/agent or the parish agent to transfer stock. If the stock has been held long-term (over one year), the donor does not have to pay capital gains tax on the stock, and is allowed a tax deduction for

the full value of the stock. Donors may also choose to sell stock in order to claim a loss, which may be beneficial for tax circumstances. In either case, the stock must first be transferred to the parish before being liquidated. Please contact the parish office for more information

## PLANNED GIFTS & BEQUESTS

Planned giving is the process of carefully selecting the best method and assets for making a charitable gift. Such a gift can enable you to take full advantage of the tax laws to accomplish your financial and charitable goals.

## RETIREMENT PLANS

Naming St. Anastasia as a primary or contingent beneficiary of a retirement plan (i.e. IRA, 401(k)) can benefit both the parish/school and your estate.

## IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER

Those who are 70 1/2 years of age or older may donate a very generous and tax free direct distribution of up to \$100,000 (married couples can give \$200,000) from their IRA account, avoiding taxes that would otherwise have to be paid on the required annual distribution.

## CORPORATE MATCHING GIFTS

A matching gift program provided through your employer may allow you to increase the value of your gift. Many companies match charitable gifts of employees, retirees or board members.



## Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Thank you for your faithful example of discipleship at the parish of St. Anastasia in Fort Pierce. You shine as beacons of light and strive to make Christ present to all those in your community. Your love for your faith, the community and your parish is evident in the many selfless ways you share yourselves with those around you.

Together: sharing our faith, achieving our dreams, is the new capital campaign to revitalize the parish buildings and grounds to properly reflect the beauty of the faith of the living stones, the people of St. Anastasia Church and School. Your prayerful and financial generosity will greatly assist the parish and school to realize this dream. Thank you for all that you can do.

May God bless you, the people of St. Anastasia Church and School, and may our Blessed Mother always intercede for you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Gerald M. Barbarito



## Heavenly Father,

We know that you have planned for us more than we can ask, or even imagine. Quiet our fears and help us with any concerns we may have about this campaign, that we may know and experience the abundant life that our Savior Jesus Christ calls us to. Be with us as we make the commitments of sacrifice and effort which will lead us into paths you have placed before us to walk. Continue to fill our St. Anastasia community, parishioners, friends and visitors with cheerful hearts as we respond to the opportunity you have set before us. May our Joint Campaign provide the best parish ministries and school opportunities to our families, children, seniors, the poor and all those associated with our faith community. Jesus, as we believe in the Power of your Holy Name, may we receive your most abundant blessings and grace. Mary, Queen of Apostles, pray for our parish family.



# Our History



The story of St. Anastasia begins with the first Catholic residents in St. Lucie County. Thomas O’Brien, an Irish immigrant, came to Fort Pierce in 1879 and worked as a clerk in Capt. Benjamin Hogg’s newly opened general store. He became one of the first leaders in the Catholic community. The store was purchased by Peter P. Cobb, and O’Brien entered the fishing business with another local gentlemen named Ransom R. Ricou.

### IN THE BEGINNING:

- On February 2, 1901, T. J. O’Brien’s signature was among the fifty-three people who acted to incorporate the city of Fort Pierce.
- The first Catholic Mass in Fort Pierce was celebrated at the O’Brien home (west of 10th Street and South of Orange Avenue) in 1903.
- In 1906, the Reverend Michael J. Curley, pastor of St. Peter’s in Deland, began making bi-monthly visits to Fort Pierce along with Fr. Patrick J. Bresnahan, another priest who served the people of the area.
- Senator James P. McNichol, a Catholic statesman from Philadelphia and a winter visitor, was the first great benefactor of the Catholic Community of Fort Pierce. McNichol purchased a block of land on the western edge of the city and donated it for the construction of a church, rectory and school. The wood-framed church was established in 1908 and seated 125 people. The parish was named St. Anastasia, in honor of the patron saint of McNichol’s deceased first wife Anastasia.



The early days of St. Anastasia

### A TIME FOR GROWTH & PROSPERITY:

- On December 4, 1910, almost two years after the completion of St. Anastasia’s Church, Fr. Rupert Gabriel arrived to become the parish’s first pastor.
- The parish became the center of missionary activity for the region, and the many mission churches visited by Fr. Gabriel later became independent Catholic parishes we know today including St. Joseph’s in Stuart and St. Helen’s in Vero Beach.
- In 1914, St. Anastasia’s three-story school was built next to the church on Orange Avenue along with a convent to house Dominican sisters who would later come to teach.
- When the first church became infested with termites and torn down, a chapel was set up in the school from October 1923 until December 1924 for Masses. During this time a larger church was built on the site of the original St. Anastasia.
- On Christmas Day 1924, the first Mass was said in the new church building and the first Baptism was on January 11, 1925: Katherine Margaret Ricou.
- In September 1926, three Dominican Sisters from Adrian, Michigan came to staff the school. Sisters Generosa Solon, Jane Francis Woelkers and Sabina Mack opened the school to 52 students.

# Commemorative Naming Opportunities

Memorials are special ways of honoring the people we love, whether living or deceased. Our facilities will serve as a lasting tribute to honor the sacrifices our parishioners generously made. The good they do is not interred with them, but will remain to share in the divine activity of God on earth. St. Anastasia Catholic Church and School is a living memorial to the people who served and sacrificed in support

of the parish since its founding. Those who help to secure its future in this campaign will provide a legacy for other generations of parish families and friends. The legacy of these donors will remain as a sign of God’s activity among us. Due to a limited number of these special opportunities and memorials, they are reserved on a first come, first served basis. Please contact the parish office for availability or to reserve a memorial/naming opportunity.

### SHARING OUR FAITH, ACHIVING OUR DREAMS NAMING OPPORTUNITES:

The following commemorative naming opportunities offer the chance to remember a loved one and leave a lasting legacy at our parish and school for years to come. A wall of honor will be established to recognize all gifts above **\$250**. If you’d like to make a commemorative gift, contact the Parish Office.

*Those who help secure its future in this campaign will provide a legacy for future generations of parish families and friends.*



Bricks	\$250.00
Pews	\$1,000.00
Prayer Walk Benches (5)	\$1,000.00
Prayer Walk Statutes	\$2,500.00
Altar Serving Room	\$2,500.00
Confessional	\$5,000.00
EM/Lector Room	\$5,000.00
Sanctuary Statutes (4)	\$5,000.00
Candle Station	\$10,000.00
Conference Room	\$10,000.00
Family/Cry Room	\$10,000.00
Pulpit	\$10,000.00
Church Murals (3)	\$12,000.00
Main Altar	\$15,000.00
Stations of the Cross	\$15,000.00
Teacher Lounge	\$15,000.00
Choir Loft	\$25,000.00
Classrooms (6)	\$25,000.00
High Altar	\$25,000.00
Kitchen	\$50,000.00
Student Services Suite	\$50,000.00
Cafeteria	\$125,000.00
Sanctuary	\$150,000.00
Education Building	\$250,000.00



# Suggested Giving Plans

*I have found that among its other benefits,  
giving liberates the soul of the giver.*  
**Maya Angelou**



## SUGGESTED GIVING PLANS — MADE SIMPLE THROUGH FAITH DIRECT ONLINE!

TOTAL GIFT	10% DOWN	3 ANNUAL PAYMENTS	6 SEMI-ANNUAL PAYMENTS	12 QUARTERLY PAYMENTS	36 MONTHLY PAYMENTS	3 YEAR DAILY SACRIFICE
\$1,000,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$821.92
\$500,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$37,500.00	\$12,500.00	\$410.96
\$250,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$37,500.00	\$18,750.00	\$6,250.00	\$205.48
\$100,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$7,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$82.19
\$50,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$7,500.00	\$3,750.00	\$1,250.00	\$41.10
\$25,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$3,750.00	\$1,875.00	\$625.00	\$20.55
\$15,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$2,250.00	\$1,125.00	\$375.00	\$12.33
\$10,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$750.00	\$250.00	\$8.22
\$5,000.00	\$500.00	\$1,500.00	\$750.00	\$375.00	\$125.00	\$4.11
\$2,500.00	\$250.00	\$750.00	\$375.00	\$187.50	\$62.50	\$2.05
\$1,000.00	\$100.00	\$300.00	\$150.00	\$75.00	\$25.00	\$0.82

### A TIME FOR CHANGE

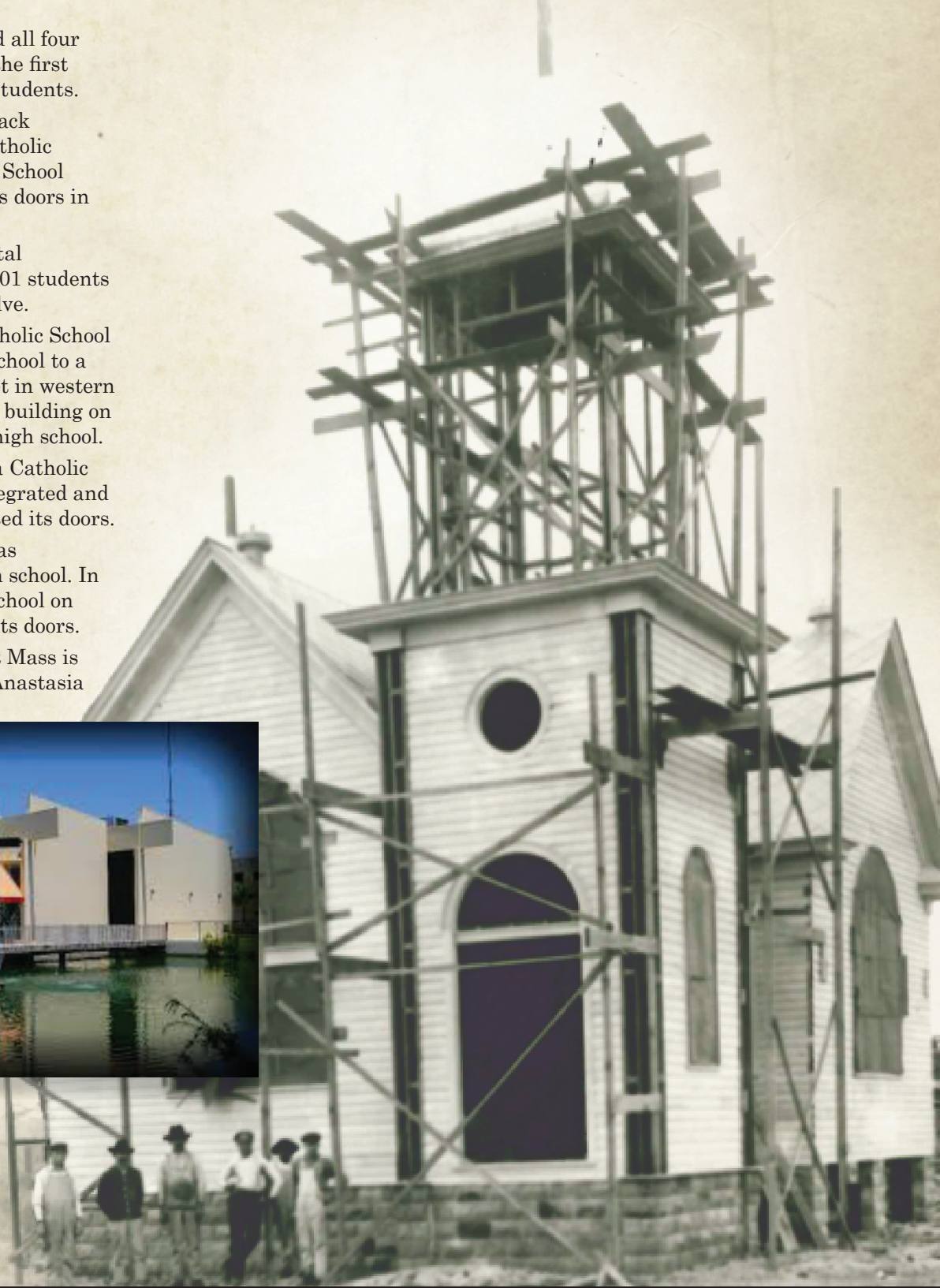
- In 1929, Monsignor Michael Beerhalter replaced Fr. Gabriel as pastor and pioneered additional catholic communities in Fort Pierce, Port St. Lucie, Okeechobee, Jensen Beach, Indiantown and Moorehaven. Beerhalter went on to serve the St. Anastasia parish for nearly 46 years.
- In 1932, St. Anastasia added its first year of high school.
- By 1936, St. Anastasia had all four grades of high school and the first graduating class had five students.
- Addressing the needs of black students who wanted a Catholic education, Blessed Martin School on Eighth Street opened its doors in September 1940.
- In 1951, St. Anastasia’s total enrollment had grown to 201 students in grades one through twelve.
- In 1960, St. Anastasia Catholic School expanded its elementary school to a new location on 33rd Street in western Fort Pierce and the School building on 10th Street served as the high school.
- At that time, St. Anastasia Catholic School became racially integrated and Blessed Martin School closed its doors.
- In 1962, the high school was designated a diocesan high school. In 1965, John Carroll High School on Delaware Avenue opened its doors.
- On June 20, 1976, the first Mass is celebrated in the new St. Anastasia Church on 33rd Street.



St. Anastasia Church on South 33rd Street.

St. Anastasia parish under construction in 1908.

- In 1977, the Parish rectory is built.
  - In the 1970s and 80s, additional classrooms were added to meet growth demands.
- A TIME FOR EXPANSION**
- For the next 16 years, St. Anastasia had many new facilities come to fruition due to the efforts of Father Mark Christopher, including the the Parish center in 1996.
  - In 2000, St. Anastasia Catholic School welcomed Pre-School students.
  - In 2006, a state-of-the-art Media Center was completed.
  - On December 11, 2010, Bishop Barbarito celebrated the Centennial Mass and dedicated the 24-hour Adoration Chapel.





# Our Need

These are exciting times at St. Anastasia and it is not everyday that a parish community has such an opportunity to build upon a foundation established more than a century ago. Our current buildings are extremely old and desperately in need of upgrades, not only for the sake of maintaining our infrastructure, but also to become an attractive spiritual and educational destination for families moving to the area.

Over the last several years, parish and school staff and lay leadership

have discussed, discerned and studied the need and potential growth of our parish. They have engaged countless volunteers, leaders, parishioners and parents from throughout St. Anastasia to help determine the future. From their labor, a plan for major renovations and improvements to our facilities has been developed. These plans provide for liturgical enhancements to our church, more welcoming facilities, more classrooms, and a healthy and safe environment for all who worship and learn at St. Anastasia Catholic Church and School.



The renovation and expansion of our Church & School includes:



- Church roof, ceiling and skylight repair
- Parish Center roof repairs
- New heating and air conditioning
- Exterior painting of all buildings
- Hurricane windows and/or shutters on all buildings
- New flooring for church
- Renovate administrative offices and lobby
- New church pews
- Renovation and expansion of sanctuary
- School bathroom renovations
- New signage at 33rd and Delaware
- Renovation and upgrades to school cafeteria & kitchen
- Prayer gazebo and brick paver walkway/garden
- Resurfacing parking lot with improved drainage

*Real generosity toward the future lies in giving all to the present.*  
*Albert Camus*

# How We Will Get There

Throughout the history of our parish, the people of St. Anastasia have always made the necessary sacrifices in all aspects of parish life and stewardship. We are confident that these projects will be met with the same degree of commitment and participation.

Throughout the Together: sharing our faith, achieving our dreams campaign, Fr. George, Dr. Hoeffner and the Stewardship Ministry Team will reach out to all members of our community to convey our parish's dreams for the future and describe how everyone can get involved. Several important events are being held in order to give every parish family an opportunity to participate.

Families will be invited to attend one of a series of campaign events. These receptions will allow our parishioners the opportunity to gather as a family and to learn about the needs of our parish.

The families that do not attend a campaign reception will be able to read about our plans through various materials available in print and online.

All families will be asked to make a prayerful decision about how they will support this effort.

*Not everyone can make the same size gift, but everyone can make the same size sacrifice.*

Whether you participate by attending a campaign event, responding at Mass, by mail or through online giving, it is

your act of involvement that will make this campaign a success.

We do not intend to tell you how much to give. Only through prayer and discernment can each parishioner/family decide what to contribute, since the financial obligations of each are different. What you give will be held in the strictest of confidence.

*This is our parish and only through sacrifice can we achieve our goals.*

All contributions, from the smallest to the largest, will be gratefully appreciated. Your decision is a personal one and it should be made in good conscience and in true Christian spirit.

St. Anastasia is looking to raise as much as possible toward the overall campaign goal of **\$2.5 million**. Every member of our parish community is integral to our success in reaching this goal, and, therefore, each family is asked to consider making a pledge to the campaign to the best of their ability.

We know that a sacrificial pledge will be a challenge for some of our parish households, therefore, it is vital to the success of our campaign that those who are able to make larger pledges do so. The giving plans outlined in this booklet are provided as a suggested guideline when considering your gift. This campaign will need to receive gifts of all shapes and sizes in order to be successful. Please review the giving plans carefully and select one that fits your family's financial situation.

*Start by doing what is necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible.*  
*St. Francis of Assisi*

**During this campaign, we are asking everyone who calls St. Anastasia home to:**

1. **Pray for the success of the Campaign.**
2. **Be an ambassador for St. Anastasia. Get involved and share this information with as many people as you can with enthusiasm, encouraging them to get involved.**
3. **Make your sacrificial pledge.**

**Individuals financially capable of pledging \$25,000, \$50,000, \$100,000 or more, are asked to step forward and become leaders of our campaign.**

- **Payments may be made over a period of three years.**
- **Pledge payments are fully deductible for tax purposes.**
- **Please make checks payable to: St. Anastasia Capital Campaign.**

**If you have any questions about the campaign or making your gift, please contact the Parish Office at 772-461-2233.**