

ST. STANISLAUS KOSTKA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Hamilton, Ontario

St. Stanislaus is more than just the buildings. We are, most importantly, a community of believers – and a very particular one, too. Our parish, since its foundation, has been serving the Polish community of Hamilton and the surrounding cities. The *One Heart, One Soul* Campaign will allow us to address the most pressing physical and spiritual needs of our parish and, at the same time, to contribute to neighbouring parishes in need and to support important shared diocesan ministries.



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“The last four years of my ministry here at our beautiful church have been a privilege – both working in such a breathtaking church and with such a gracious and caring community. I have no doubt

our church and parish have a bright future – if we only continue to support it with our time, treasure and talent as we have done in the past. I am hoping this campaign, which is aimed primarily at helping parishes in our diocese, will bear much fruit here at St. Stanislaus Kostka and support its current and future spiritual and physical wellbeing.”

FR. MICHAL KRUSZEWSKI, CR,
Pastor of St. Stanislaus Kostka



WHAT THE PARISH WILL RECEIVE

We have been particularly blessed to receive a special variance to keep more funds for the parish than the original campaign plan allowed.

- To assist us with our most urgent needs, diocesan campaign leadership has generously allowed us to keep **85 percent** of the funds we raise in the campaign. This is 10 percent more than the original plan.
- There are virtually no costs to the parish for the campaign. The diocese is paying those costs. All the money raised will be used for parish and diocesan campaign projects.

See the back of this page for more details about the parish needs that we hope to address through the *One Heart, One Soul* Campaign.

ONE HEART, ONE SOUL

A Campaign for the Diocese of Hamilton

PARISH GOAL: \$400,000

For parish campaign projects: \$340,000

- Stained-glass window restorations: \$120,000
- Pew refurbishment: \$100,000
- Hiring of a Polish nun (six years of salary): \$120,000

For shared ministries: \$20,000

For parishes in need: \$40,000



PARISH CAMPAIGN PROJECTS



PARISH CAMPAIGN LEADERSHIP

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STAINED-GLASS WINDOW RESTORATION (\$120,000)

Our church has 14 beautiful stained-glass windows depicting the mysteries of the rosary as well as one window with Our Lady of Czestochowa above the organ in the choir loft. They are one of the first things visitors notice when they enter the church – how breathtaking they are! Depicting the mysteries of the Rosary, they also lead us prayerfully through Christ's life and teach us our faith.

While they look gorgeous when looking straight at them, many of them are in poor condition. If you stand underneath looking up, you will notice that many of them are bulging. Some of them are missing parts and quite a few are leaking, causing damage to the walls. It has been determined that six of them need immediate attention and another six will need attention soon. The last two are in fairly good shape. Funds from the campaign will allow us to take the windows out one by one, refurbish them top to bottom, and re-install them with a new protective shield on the outside.



PEW REFURBISHMENT (\$100,000)

Among many projects we have in mind for our parish, the refurbishing of the pews has always been on our radar since many of them are badly scratched and a little wobbly. However, since COVID hit and we were forced to sanitize them after each function, their condition has worsened. On average, when there are no extra funerals, weddings or baptisms, the pews are washed around 15 times a week. On a busy week, this number can go as high as twice as much! It is easily noticeable, especially on the edges, how all this cleaning affected the varnish – it is almost gone. The campaign will allow us to refurbish all the pews, which entails taking them out of the church, completely restoring and bringing them back into the church to be installed.

HIRING OF A POLISH NUN (\$120,000)

As much as the church's physical needs require maintenance, our community's spiritual needs should also be looked after. Although we are an active and viable parish today, this could change drastically within a generation or two. As a result, we need to invest in our youth to continue to live out their faith. In addition, we want to share the richness of our specific Polish customs and to teach them our traditions expressed in our native tongue – here at St. Stan's.

We are planning to welcome religious sisters from Poland, who would live close to the parish and minister in our church – mostly to our youth and children, catechizing them, leading youth groups, etc. We need to invest in our youngest – the future of our faith and Church, the future of our parish here on Barton Street. As a result of the campaign, we would be able to budget for this position for at least six years.

For more details about the campaign, the allocation of funds raised, donor privacy, our gift acceptance policy and much more, please visit onehearttonesoul.ca/faq and hamiltondiocese.com.

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