

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

Guelph, Ontario

The future of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church is filled with hope, even as we face the challenges of COVID-19. Hope that our parish's current members will continue to be a foundation of faith that allows the parish to thrive. Hope that we can live out our parish mission statement, which reads in part: "In our faith journey, we will be the heart, hands, feet and voice of Jesus Christ, reaching out to all."

And hope that we can unite to meet the building and maintenance needs of our parish.

The *One Heart, One Soul* Campaign gives us an avenue to pursue these hopes and to brighten the future of the parish, as well as to contribute to important diocesan ministries.



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“Those who believed were of one heart and one soul.”

“Saint John's community believed and built this church. With one heart and one soul we continue to let our faith shine through our new commitment to the goals of

this One Heart, One Soul Campaign. Our sacrifices and generosity today will support our community now and will be a living sign of our faith for future generations.”

FR. LASZLO AMASZKA, *Pastor of St. John's*

Special features of the campaign will enable us to maximize the positive effects of our fundraising at the parish level:

- First, we keep 75 percent of what we raise up to our minimum target, which is \$275,000.
- If we raise \$275,000, we will receive a \$55,000 matching amount from the campaign! ***That means we could receive from the campaign almost as much as we raise.***
- We will keep 85 percent of anything we raise beyond \$275,000.
- There are virtually no costs to the parish for the campaign. The diocese is picking up those costs. All the money raised will be used for campaign projects.

What an opportunity! We want to maximize this chance to undertake a vital renewal of our parish.



ONE HEART, ONE SOUL

A Campaign for the Diocese of Hamilton

FUNDING SOURCES: \$330,000

Parish fundraising goal: \$275,000
Potential match: \$55,000

IMPACT OF FUNDS: \$330,000

For parish campaign projects: \$261,250

- Church heating system
- Church and meeting room flooring
- Upgrade to lighting
- “Future Fund”

For diocesan goals: \$68,750

- For shared ministries: \$41,250
- For parishes in need: \$27,500

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.

PARISH CAMPAIGN PROJECTS

REPLACE THE CHURCH HEATING SYSTEM

The church heating system from 1968 has been carefully maintained through the years with periodic upgrades to keep it in working condition. The recent in-pew survey ranked the heating system as a priority project. A new heating system would not only improve the reliability of the system but also provide significant efficiencies to reduce the parish's gas and electrical costs.

REPLACE THE CHURCH AND MEETING ROOM FLOORING

The carpet in the church has been replaced only once since the church was built in 1968. Updating the flooring to a more durable and easy-to-maintain option will reduce ongoing costs in the long term.



REPLENISH OFFERTORY, BUILD A 'FUTURE FUND'

The COVID-19 situation serves as a reminder that we must always be prepared for the unforeseeable. The virus and its effects have had an impact on our operating budget. And although the parish has no long-term debt, we also have no significant savings to assist with unexpected major expenses or to offer new programs or services to meet the needs of the parish. The campaign will help the parish replenish its offertory fund and prepare for future events.

UPGRADE THE INTERIOR/EXTERIOR LIGHTING

In 2019, we commenced the replacement of the church lighting with new, brighter and more efficient LED lighting. Further upgrades for other areas of the church, including meeting rooms and exterior areas, will be undertaken with the assistance of the campaign funds. The efficient lighting will result in reduced energy costs on an ongoing basis.



PARISH CAMPAIGN LEADERSHIP

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

a Diocese cannot thrive without thriving parishes