



Dear Parishioners,

For over 115 years, we have gathered in St. Anselm Church to celebrate life events: Baptisms, First Communions, Reconciliations, Confirmations, Weddings, Funerals, and School Activities. This beautiful facility now needs our assistance.

As with all physical structures, our church requires considerable repairs and maintenance beyond the scope of the daily, monthly, and yearly projects.

Approximately 8 years ago our Finance Council invited a group of parishioners and professionals skilled in the areas of architecture, construction, and facility maintenance to evaluate the needs of our church structure. Due to Covid 19, improvement projects have been on hold for the past 6 years.

The results of this study showed that there are significant repairs that should be addressed. The most critical repairs are: The bell tower and the bell tower concrete foundation: waterproofing paper behind the which has disintegrated over multiple decades leading to excessive water damage and rot to the wood frame structure.

It is estimated that the bell tower repairs will cost approximately \$3,000,000. We initiated the capital campaign over 6 years ago, typically called the “Silent Campaign”. Covid-19 put a hold on all fundraising efforts. In 2021 a long-time parishioner passed away and donated \$1,000,000 to St. Anselm Church. We now have adequate funding to commence the project.

Our Catholic faith, this Church, and this Parish, requires a commitment from each one of us. Giving money in the Sunday collection or electronically is not simply a contribution - it is an obligation for the sustainability of our parish community.

It is incumbent on each family to decide what their commitment will be. Can each of us seek to reallocate monies within our personal budgets to go towards St. Anselm's and its long-term sustainability?

You are a blessing to this faith community. The parish thanks you and needs your support.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Gabriel T. Wankar, Pastor



Frequently Asked Questions

Will the Church be closed for construction?

Proposed construction is scheduled for approximately April 2026 through November 2026. The Church will be open during this period.

Can I make a pledge? If so, how long can my pledge extend?

Yes, we continuously welcome pledges. Cash donations, Stocks/Securities, and IRA proceeds are all tax deductible. Please, approach the Rectory Office or Steve Easley for Donation/Pledge envelopes.

What would happen if we didn't do this work?

The Church structure will continue to deteriorate and if not addressed now, the cost will continue to inflate.

What is our annual church budget?

Annually, our Church budget is approximately \$585,000 which includes our Annual Archdiocesan Appeal of approximately \$80,000

What is the financial health of the parish?

The parish has been operating very prudently. Through cost improvement measures and fiscal discipline, the parish has been able to operate at a modest surplus each year.

Why don't we have enough from the "Building & Maintenance" second collection?

The Building & Maintenance collection total is approximately \$15,000 annually. This money has enabled us to do ongoing

maintenance on the Church, including repairing leaks, HVAC, and improving the sound system. The collection amount is not substantial enough for a major restoration of the Church.

When was our last capital campaign?

The Centennial Campaign was conducted (2008-2010) over 15 years ago. The purpose of that campaign was the construction of the parish rectory, offices, residences, and Centennial Hall, along with substantial work at the school at a cost of approximately \$5,000,000.

Where can I get more information?

Visit: SaintAnselm.org/Bell-Tower-Restoration.

Questions?

Call or email Mark Wilson, Parish Administrative Assistant.
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Throughout St. Anselm history, many have responded to the call to preserve and strengthen our parish. **OUR TIME IS NOW.**

