

THE CATHEDRAL OF
OUR LADY OF VICTORY

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OUR PARISH

Our Lady of Victory Parish has served the Catholic faithful in our area for nearly 70 years. Our parish family is dedicated to one another and to caring for those in need throughout our wider community. Our ministries are widespread and committed to good works, and service to God and community is woven throughout all we do. Our Cathedral Center provides us with space for fellowship and family. Our school – our largest ministry – is a dynamic center of learning and growth.



OUR SCHOOL

Our Lady of Victory Catholic School partners with parents and families to lay a strong spiritual and academic foundation for their children. We are committed to academic excellence, and we emphasize respect, compassion and Christ-like behavior. By prioritizing character development, academic rigor and religious education, we prepare our students for high school and beyond. Our school also introduces many families to Catholicism, and it inspires many parents to become more involved and engaged with their church and their faith.



OUR NEEDS

Our Lady of Victory School needs more space. We have been blessed with a large school family, one that strains to fit inside our school buildings. Each class and grade are nearing capacity, and our breezeways and common areas are congested and busy. Our curriculum and the academic opportunities we can offer are maximized within the available space. We need more room to continue to provide an exemplary Catholic education to our children, grandchildren and future generations. Without more space, we could be forced to turn away students and families, which could result in our community losing generations and families in Catholic education.



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OUR VISION: *Promoting Individualized Student Attention and Creating New Learning Spaces*

Recognizing our space limitations, we plan to alleviate overcrowding on our campus and in each classroom. Since our school's beginning, we have offered small class sizes to ensure students are supported through the learning journey. Although blessed with a strong enrollment, we must radically address the lack of space, scheduling headaches, noise and congestion that trouble our current campus. Reducing the number of students in each classroom will go a long way toward empowering students to spread their wings.

Working toward this vision, we plan to renovate the second level of the Cathedral Center into a new junior high, thus continuing the vision that started more than a decade ago with the purchase of the Town & Country Mall. A designated junior high will allow OLV to distribute each grade's students, PK-8, into smaller class sizes by increasing the number of sections per-grade from two to three. This intentional de-densifying of the current campus promotes a better student-teacher ratio and ensures individualized attention and support.

Transforming the Cathedral Center into a junior high will require thoughtful planning and a lot of work, but the space we create will benefit our school and parish community for generations to come. The 24,000-square-foot space will open to our 6th, 7th, and 8th graders in August 2025. The new junior high will include:

- Nine spacious classrooms, including a state-of-the-art science lab with lab sinks and tables.
- A 4,700-square-foot commons space for group assemblies, presentations and meals.
- Office space, a teachers' workroom and storage space .
- Chapel for reflection, reconciliation, and classroom Mass.
- Accessible and abundant restroom facilities.
- An elevator, three renovated stairwells, and numerous additional safety features

The learning spaces created on campus and in the Cathedral Center will propel OLV to develop the curriculum in new ways and provide our children with opportunities, particularly enhancing STEM, the arts, religion and the ability to identify student learning needs more immediately. The state-of-the-art junior high educational environment will offer students more independence and spaces to learn, mature and evolve from children into young men and women.

▶ **TOTAL ESTIMATED COST: \$4 MILLION**



YOUR VOICE

Our Lady of Victory is considering a capital campaign to raise the funds for this project. As we consider the next steps, we want to hear from you as a valued member of our faith family. We respectfully ask you to share your time and participate in this planning study, which will help determine strategy for a potential campaign, identify volunteers and determine a realistic fundraising goal.

Thank you!

