



GROWTH
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A CAMPAIGN FOR ST. THERESA
CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS: *School Expansion and Remodel*

Why is the school expansion and remodel necessary?

Our growth has created an urgent need for additional space for students and teachers. Since the 2019-20 school year, enrollment from our Early Learning Center through 8th grade has increased 87%, with steady growth each year. With an already full Early Learning Center as of 2020, our K-8 program has increased 150% in the last eight school years.

The growth reflects the strength of our Early Learning Center, increased retention in our middle school, our commitment to outstanding Catholic education, and the dedication of our excellent teachers and staff. To continue helping every student grow academically, spiritually and personally, we must provide learning spaces that support their success today and into the future.



As we get ready to launch our *Growth in Christ* Capital Campaign, we know you have a lot of questions. We will try to keep you informed about our plans and the campaign through a series of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs).

Visit our campaign website at st-therese.org for additional information about our campaign.

What projects are included in the expansion and remodel? How will each project benefit our school?

The expansion and remodel are designed to meet our current needs while preparing for the future.

Three new classrooms: The project will add two new classrooms to the south end of the school, adjacent to the current music room and middle school commons. These new spaces will allow the PreK–8 Art and Spanish programs to relocate to dedicated classrooms, freeing up two existing classrooms in the middle school wing for core middle school instruction.

As part of the renovation, the current locker rooms will be reconfigured, creating an opportunity to repurpose the existing music room into a dedicated band room. This new space will support our growing band program while also providing a flexible area for school activities and faith formation programs throughout the week.

Middle school commons: A larger dedicated commons area will give middle school students a place to gather, collaborate, study, and build friendships in a safe, supervised environment. The space also will serve as the home for Spirit Club and provide additional room for faith formation activities, student leadership meetings, and small group gatherings.

New restrooms: Currently, middle school students and teachers share two single-stall restrooms, creating long waits and limited privacy. Adding two multi-stall restrooms will improve accessibility, increase privacy, and allow students (and teachers) to spend more time where they belong – in the classroom.

Remodeled administration offices: The current entrance and main office area will be reconfigured to create a secure entrance into the school, while the Martin Family Center will have its own separate secure entrance. This improvement will strengthen campus security and provide a more welcoming experience for students, families, and visitors.



Why are school safety and security improvements not included in the campaign?

Over the past year, our Gala and North Star Night Out have raised nearly \$400,000 to strengthen school safety and security. These funds are currently being used to implement a proactive and multilayered school safety approach. As part of the Martin Family Center project, we are also creating a new secured entrance into the school, which will give school staff greater visibility of everyone entering the building, helping create an even safer environment for our students, teachers, and visitors.

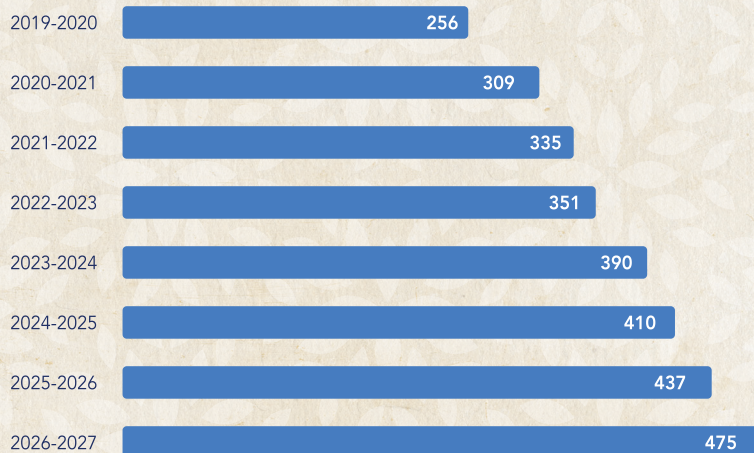
Do we plan to continue increasing enrollment?

We are grateful for the tremendous growth God has blessed our school with over the past eight years. At the same time, our goal is not unlimited enrollment. To preserve the close-knit, faith-filled community that makes St. Therese so special, we plan to maintain two sections per grade in kindergarten through eighth grade. This approach allows us to continue providing the personal attention, strong relationships, and academic excellence that our families value.



Growth in Numbers

Total Early Learning Center and K-8 growth



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