

## The We Are Living Stones Archdiocesan Campaign

In January of 2015 our Archdiocese of Newark launched the We Are Living Stones Campaign to help fund various important Archdiocesan needs as well as to help local parishes. This historic campaign has a goal of \$90 million and every parish is expected to participate to the best of their ability.

The We Are Living Stones Campaign will help our entire Catholic family around the Archdiocese by providing long-term funding for our seminarians, the medical care of our retired priests, support Catholic education, ongoing formation of our clergy and lay leaders as well as to fund the continued ministry of the Catholic Church in Northern New Jersey with programs such as Catholic Charities.

Here at St. Aloysius our Archdiocesan campaign goal is set at \$493,249 (\$267,624 for Archdiocesan needs and \$225,625 for our own needs). However, because our needs here are so great, our parish leadership has asked the Archdiocese of Newark to allow us to conduct our own “combined campaign.” We would then incorporate the Archdiocesan share of the total goal (\$267,624) into our own larger parish goal. This plan will allow us to fulfill our Archdiocesan goal and raise as much as we can for our own parish needs outlined above.

## Our Parish Mission

*We, the people of St. Aloysius Parish are united in one faith in Jesus Christ and His Church. We are proud to be Catholic and express this faith in the Roman Catholic tradition. As a local church, we encourage the people here to welcome those newly arriving to become a unified and loving family of Christians. We provide for the continuing educational and formational needs of our youth and adults. In this unity of faith, we desire to evangelize, to inspire lay leadership and to nurture a sense of ownership of mission and ministries that incorporate our multi-ethnic traditions.*

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*Campaign Feasibility Study*

## What is a “campaign feasibility study?”

Our parish leadership is currently seeking the input of our entire parish family regarding some very important projects that we would like to undertake.

The feasibility study will help us determine the level of knowledge and support that exists among our parish family regarding the various projects as well as to guide our efforts in educating our families about the urgent needs we have here at St. Aloysius.

Our study will involve everyone filling out a short survey questionnaire and then reporting back the findings to the parish.

## What are the various parish projects we are looking to undertake?

### Repairing Our Church Ceiling and Repainting Our Church

Our beautiful church building is aging and is in constant need of maintenance and repairs. Currently our leadership has taken on the task of repairing the church ceiling which has become somewhat of an emergency in our parish. The cost of the repairs is over \$500,000. However, when we finish paying for those repairs, our parish emergency accounts will be completely depleted.

Our pastor and parish finance council feel that this is not a responsible financial place to be considering the size of our parish plant and the various buildings, we must care for. A campaign will allow us to, first of all, replenish our parish funds and help us to stabilize our parish finances once the emergency repairs are completed.

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*A “combined campaign” will allow us to do much needed repairs around our parish campus as well as to financially prepare for the inevitable emergencies that we face in the future.*

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### Updating the Electrical Wiring in Our Church and Rectory

Our electrical wiring in the church and rectory are antiquated. Currently they cannot adequately support the loads they share and are not efficient by today’s standards. As time goes by it is becoming more and more difficult to find the right replacement parts for our systems. They must be updated to remain safe and efficient.

### Install New and Brighter Light Fixtures in our Church

Our current light fixtures are both inefficient and hard to maintain. Most families are unaware that we change many bulbs in our fixtures every single month. In addition, it is very difficult to change any one bulb because of the dangerous crawl space that our maintenance staff must navigate just to get to the bulbs. New fixtures will allow us to both save money into the future and avoid a potentially dangerous situation for our maintenance staff.

### Repave Sidewalks Around the Church

A simple walk around our church will inform the pedestrian of the need to repave our sidewalks. We have not been immune to the ravages of the past few winters and we must repave our property to keep it as safe as can be.

### Maintenance to our “Little Old School Building” (site of the original church)

Currently the walls are allowing water to seep into the building. We are fortunate to have as new tenants the “Three Little Birds Day Care” but we, as good landlords, are responsible for the care of the property they will be occupying. We must repoint and seal the building to make it safe and dry.