

St. Joseph Catholic Academy

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN





CAMPAIGN PRAYER

O Lord,

through the intercession of
St. Joseph, faithful spouse of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

and guardian of Your Son, help us to
build up St. Joseph Catholic Academy in
faith and excellence.

Provide for the needs of our Academy: for
beautiful and safe campuses, for classrooms
that inspire truth and virtue, for teachers
formed in wisdom and faith and for scholars
shaped by reason and the Gospel.

Unite us in faith, strengthen us in hope
and guide us in charity. Make us faithful
stewards of the gifts You have given us,
that all we offer may serve Your will,
as we move forward in excellence for
generations to come.

Amen.

CULTIVATING EXCEPTIONAL SCHOLARS TO
KNOW, LOVE AND SERVE JESUS CHRIST.

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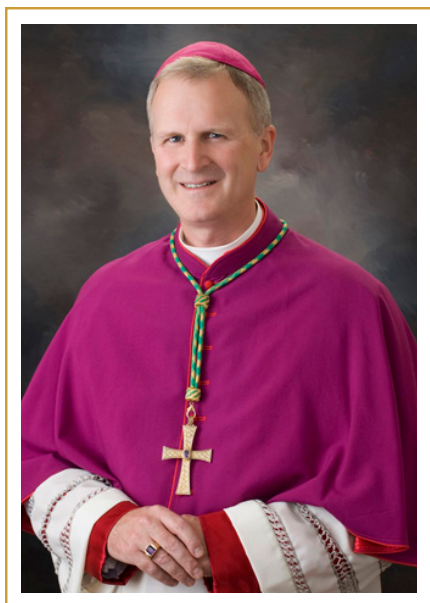
“The SJCA means so much to us. As a family, we engage our faith in many ways at home and having a school that reinforces and nurtures our children’s faith in the classroom makes all the difference. Supporting this campaign will help ensure that Catholic education will continue to thrive in our community and serve young people eager to grow in their faith.”

– Dan and Melissa Pfister, SJCA Parents





DIOCESE OF KANSAS CITY-ST. JOSEPH



Dear Friends in Christ,

For nearly two centuries, Catholic education has been a staple in St. Joseph, Missouri and over all those years the schools have been a vital part of the community. Across the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, there is profound awareness of the importance of these schools in building our future generations.

Most recently, significant progress has occurred by engaging the community of St. Joseph as we created and developed St. Joseph Catholic Academy. This integration, while maintaining the parish connection to each elementary school, has been greatly successful. In addition, last year an assessment of the needs of each campus and its buildings was made with input from school leadership and the Academy, along with assistance from diocesan offices. I am writing today to invite you to be a part of the next chapter for St. Joseph Catholic Academy.

The capital campaign to renovate and revitalize our buildings so they can better serve our children is officially being launched. The work that is envisioned will transform many of our buildings and the spaces used for education. Planned improvements include critical infrastructure upgrades, enhanced accessibility and dedicated space for theater and arts. **Most importantly, these will ensure that our buildings are welcoming for our students to gather, learn and thrive.**

I am truly excited for St. Joseph Catholic Academy – for the progress already made and for its future. I ask you to join me in this important and historic campaign to upgrade our facilities and place Catholic education in St. Joseph on firm ground for the future.

Thank you for your belief in the mission of St. Joseph Catholic Academy and for all the ways you support Catholic education.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ James V. Johnston, Jr.

Most Reverend James V. Johnston, Jr.
Bishop of Kansas City-St. Joseph

“The best part about being a student at St. Joseph Catholic Academy is the feeling of being in a big family that cares for everyone.”

– Finn Sullivan, LeBlond Class of 2026



UNITED in FAITH, FORWARD in EXCELLENCE

For almost two centuries, Catholic education has shaped the lives of young people in St. Joseph, Missouri. Across generations, families, pastors and religious brothers and sisters built schools that not only educated students, but also united communities around a shared Catholic identity and mission that has positively impacted our wider community.

Today, that legacy continues through St. Joseph Catholic Academy, where our bold vision calls us to be *United in Faith, Forward in Excellence*. We must prepare for the next century of Catholic education in St. Joseph, Missouri by elevating our buildings and campuses so that future generations continue to benefit from our deep, abiding tradition.

Formally established on July 1, 2022, the Academy is the result of nearly two decades of strategic collaboration among parish and school leaders who recognized the opportunity to do more – together. By uniting the community’s Catholic campuses into one system, the Academy has strengthened academics, elevated athletics and reinforced a shared Catholic identity, all while stewarding resources more effectively for the good of every student. In every way, we are living out what it means to be *United in Faith*.

Today, the five campuses that make up St. Joseph Catholic Academy – Bishop LeBlond, Cathedral, St. Francis Xavier, St. James and St. Gianna Early Childhood Center – serve more than 700 students, from as young as six weeks old through high school graduation. **Across every campus and every classroom, we are cultivating exceptional young men and women who come to know, love and serve Jesus Christ.** Grounded in faith and driven *Forward in Excellence*, our students are prepared to lead lives of purpose, compassion and lasting impact.





OUR HISTORY

1853: The Sisters of the Sacred Heart open Convent of the Sacred Heart Catholic school, the first Catholic school in St. Joseph.

1857: Christian Brothers College is built in St. Joseph. The building is used as a Civil War hospital

1867: First classes held at Christian Brothers College.

1891: St. Francis Xavier School, Church and Rectory are dedicated, serving 40 parish families.

1901: Cathedral school opens with 190 students; high school classes are added three years later, bringing total enrollment to 405.

1910: Father James O'Donnell opens St. James Catholic School on the second floor of St. James Parish.

1919: Sacred Heart Academy begins serving high school students exclusively.

1927: Christian Brothers High School opens.

1934: St. Francis Xavier builds a new school building, despite the challenges of the Great Depression.

1954: St. James begins constructing its current school under the leadership of Monsignor John J. Moriarty.

1960: Bishop LeBlond is established as an all-girls school by the Benedictine Sisters of Atchison, Kansas.

1970: Bishop LeBlond becomes a co-ed school after Christian Brothers High School closes.

1985: Cathedral school begins its preschool program.

2004: Bishop LeBlond completes construction on Eagle Stadium and Grace Gym as part of the *Miracle on 36th Street* capital campaign.

September 2008: Bishop LeBlond High School expands its theater program to serve students in grades 4-12.

September 2018: The Middle School Eagle Sports Program launches, uniting Catholic grade schools across St. Joseph through athletics.

August 2021: St. Gianna Early Childhood Center opens, expanding Catholic early childhood education opportunities.

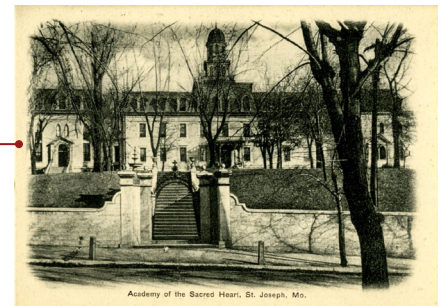
July 1, 2022: St. Joseph Catholic Academy is formally established to serve the Catholic community of St. Joseph.

May 13, 2024: Academy campuses are consecrated to Mary through Jesus.

March 2025: SJCA completes capital campaign feasibility study.

October 2025: Academy announces a direct admission partnership with Missouri Western State University for Bishop LeBlond graduates.

January 2026: Academy begins preparations for the *United in Faith, Forward in Excellence* capital campaign.



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“These facility upgrades have been needed for a very long time. Moving forward with these projects on our campuses will create an even greater atmosphere and will benefit our students daily. Moving forward with this campaign as an Academy demonstrates to the community that Catholic education in St. Joseph is here for the future and we are investing in that future.”

– Kimberly Huss, Bishop LeBlond High School principal



WHY NOW?

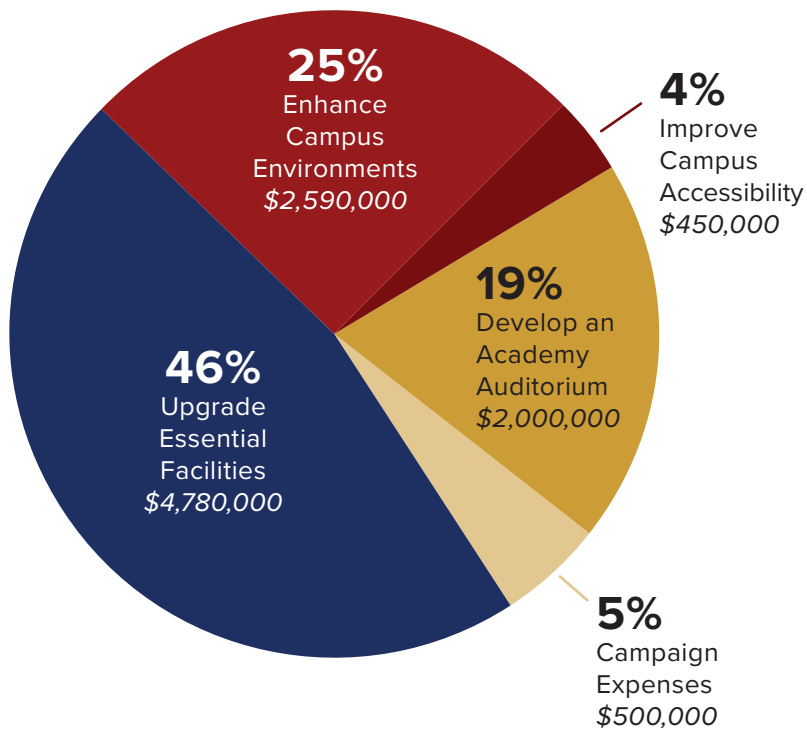
St. Joseph Catholic Academy has been blessed by previous generations with campuses that reflect the beauty and legacy of Catholic education. To honor our legacy, we must also invest in it and ensure that our campuses are updated, safe, welcoming and fully equipped to support our young people as we prepare for the next century of Catholic education in St. Joseph. Every student deserves a space that fosters focus, comfort and excellence, not one that creates barriers to learning.

There is also growing demand for Catholic education in St. Joseph. Families are actively seeking strong academics grounded in faith, along with facilities that reflect that same commitment to excellence. By acting now, we position St. Joseph Catholic Academy to meet this moment, expand our reach and continue forming the next generation of faithful leaders.

This is a moment of extraordinary opportunity. Through generous matching gift offers, every dollar given can go further, amplifying the impact of each contribution across all Academy campuses. With these opportunities before us, we are called to move forward together – strengthening our schools today and securing our mission for the future.



CAMPAIGN GOAL: \$10,320,000



At the heart of St. Joseph Catholic Academy's mission is a simple and enduring call: to form young people who know, love, and serve Jesus Christ. *The United in Faith, Forward in Excellence* campaign has a bold goal to support this mission for the future: raising \$10,320,000 to invest in facilities, programs, and opportunities that will ensure we are moving *Forward in Excellence*. By embracing this ambitious vision, we invite you to join us in shaping the future of Catholic education in St. Joseph because this mission, and the young people it serves, are truly worthy of our most generous support.

POINTS OF PRIDE



97% teacher and staff retention in 2024.



Bishop LeBlond's Fall student-athletes earned a combined GPA of **3.68** in 2025.



SJCA scholars attend **Mass at least weekly** and **Adoration monthly**.



St. James scholars pray a **Rosary every Tuesday**.



In 2025, **93%** of St. Gianna graduates enrolled in a St. Joseph Catholic Academy grade school campus.



Bishop LeBlond class of 2025 completed over **4,000 community service hours**, graduated with **500 college credits** and were awarded **\$700,000 in higher education scholarships**.



Cathedral scholars' standardized test scores have consistently ranked in the **top 15% of the nation** for the past 20 years.



In 2025, St. Francis Xavier was a Noyes Home **Kindest School Finalist**.



In 2023, the Academy hosted its inaugural **Festival of the Arts** showcasing fine arts performances from scholars at all campuses.

United in Faith, Forward in Excellence includes projects across four key categories to strengthen our Academy for years to come. Our scholars deserve facilities that match the excellence we ask of them, and they deserve a Catholic education in St. Joseph that sets a high standard.

UPGRADE ESSENTIAL FACILITIES

Strong Catholic schools require updated and reliable spaces. Upgrading the essentials keeps daily life on our campuses comfortable, safe and ready for our scholars today and in the next generation.

Heating and Cooling at Bishop LeBlond - \$1,250,000

- » We will install climate control in every classroom and repair the rooftop cooling units that serve Grace gym and student commons. By creating a comfortable environment year-round, this investment will directly support student focus, teacher effectiveness and the welcoming atmosphere that Bishop LeBlond strives to provide each day.

Electrical and Lighting Improvements Across the Academy - \$1,250,000

- » Reliable electrical systems and well-lit classrooms are essential to safety, security and strong learning environments. This project will modernize aging electrical infrastructure across Academy campuses and support new systems like heating and cooling at Bishop LeBlond.

New Bleachers in Grace Gym - \$180,000

- » The lower-level bleachers in Grace gym are damaged and require replacement. As a primary gathering space for our community, installing modern lower-level bleachers will improve seating set-up, safety and accessibility for games, assemblies, events and other regular uses.

Cafeteria Updates - \$1,100,000

- » Nourishing our scholars for their busy days of learning is an important part of the school day. We will update cafeterias with improved seating, refreshed finishes, new equipment and upgraded service areas to better meet daily student needs and support efficient meal programs.

Painting, Flooring and Lighting - \$1,000,000

- » Our campuses serve hundreds of students, and they see constant daily traffic. This project will refresh high-impact areas as needed with updated paint, durable flooring and LED lighting, creating brighter, more welcoming learning environments. By investing in these improvements, we extend the life of our facilities and ensure learning spaces remain functional, inviting and worthy of our mission.

ENHANCE CAMPUS ENVIRONMENTS

First impressions set expectations, and our scholars deserve the best. These improvements elevate the quality of campus life and learning so Catholic education in St. Joseph continues with excellence for generations.

Campus Security Improvements - \$140,000

- » Providing safe spaces for our scholars to learn is important now more than ever. Through this campaign we will strengthen campus security across the Academy, starting with updating the main entrance at St. Francis Xavier and St. James.

Fully Branded Exterior Signs - \$200,000

- » We are proud to be St. Joseph Catholic Academy and we want the wider community to know it. We will update exterior signage across all Academy campuses with branded signs that reflect our unified identity. This will increase visibility from nearby streets and ensure each campus is represented clearly and consistently in the St. Joseph Community.

Bishop LeBlond Parking Lot - \$600,000

- » We will resurface the Bishop LeBlond parking lot to address worn surfaces, drainage concerns and traffic flow needs for daily drop-off, pick-up and events. An updated parking lot will create a safer, more efficient arrival experience for families, reduce wear on vehicles and better support campus gatherings, athletic events and community use throughout the year.



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“These improvements will allow us to welcome students who may not have been able to attend in the past because of accessibility limitations. Our buildings were constructed in a different era and they were not designed with today’s needs in mind. By making these changes, we open our doors wider to all families.”

– Kent McEnaney, Cathedral principal

STEM Lab - \$200,000

- » We will create a dedicated Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Lab at Bishop LeBlond to give all Academy scholars a hands-on space for building, experimenting and solving real-world problems. The space will support robotics, engineering activities and project-based learning across grade levels. Academy teachers will receive professional development to effectively use the space with their scholars. By providing a modern environment for innovation, this project will strengthen academic excellence, spark curiosity and prepare students with the skills and confidence to thrive in high school, college and future careers.

Playground Enhancements - \$1,250,000

- » Repairs and upgrades at each Academy playground mean more students can enjoy recess at Cathedral, St. Francis and St. James. This project will address improvements that increase safety, durability and accessibility, creating more inviting outdoor spaces for recess.

Chapel and Sacred Space Improvements - \$200,000

- » Our Catholic faith is central to education at St. Joseph Catholic Academy and the spaces dedicated to it are essential. This project will refresh the Bishop LeBlond chapel and other sacred spaces across the Academy, including Catechesis of the Good Shepherd classrooms.

IMPROVE CAMPUS ACCESSIBILITY

Every family should be able to say “yes” to Catholic education in St. Joseph. By removing barriers, we open our doors wider and make full participation possible for today’s scholars and those yet to come.

Accessibility - \$450,000

- » Cathedral Campus: An ADA-compliant lift at Cathedral will give scholars, staff and visitors with mobility needs safe, independent access to key areas of the building. With this improvement, every child can participate more fully in the complete life of the Academy.
- » LeBlond’s Track and Football Field: A new switchback ramp at Bishop LeBlond’s track and football field will create an ADA-accessible route to spectator areas and event spaces. Families and community members will be able to attend games, performances and outdoor gatherings with dignity and ease.
- » LeBlond’s Library: Removing the east stairs and installing a ramp will create a safe, accessible entrance to the Bishop LeBlond library. More students and families will be able to use the library’s resources without barriers.

DEVELOP AN ACADEMY AUDITORIUM

As a Catholic, liberal arts school, our mission is to nurture well-rounded scholars in mind, body, and spirit. This auditorium will serve as a central venue for Academy-wide activities supporting generations of scholars in their academic and personal development.

Academy Auditorium - \$2,000,000

- » At St. Joseph Catholic Academy, our students demonstrate their talents and achievements in many ways. By transforming the original Bishop LeBlond gym into an Academy auditorium, we provide a dedicated space where scholars can gather for Mass, be recognized at award ceremonies, explore creative expression through music and theater, and come together for assemblies that foster community and school spirit. This auditorium will be a vibrant gathering place for families and the wider community to support and celebrate our students’ accomplishments.





COMMEMORATIVE OPPORTUNITIES

To honor the generous supporters of the *United in Faith, Forward in Excellence* Capital Campaign, donors will be recognized in these distinguished giving levels throughout and at the conclusion of the campaign.

\$2,000,000+ | *The St. Joseph Society*

\$1,000,000–1,999,999 | *The Carpenter's Society*

\$500,000–999,999 | *The Lily Society*

\$250,000–499,999 | *The President's Circle*

\$150,000–249,999 | *On Mission Circle*

\$100,000–149,999 | *Eagle Legacy Circle*

\$50,000–99,999 | *The Academy Circle*

\$25,000–49,999 | *Excellence Club*

\$10,000–24,999 | *Scholars Club*

\$5,000–9,999 | *Builder's Club*

\$1,000–4,999 | *Friends of the Academy*

HOW to GIVE

Together, we are *United in Faith* and we are moving *Forward in Excellence* – and every gift helps us get closer to achieving our goals.

There are many ways to give to this campaign and support St. Joseph Catholic Academy. Many donors prefer making a pledge over three years to maximize the impact of their support.

Donors may fulfill their commitment through monthly, quarterly or annual installments. While pledges are not legally binding, they are commitments made in good faith. We encourage you to start your pledge with a 10% to 20% initial payment, which will help us begin addressing campaign initiatives like Bishop LeBlond's heating and cooling and campus security as soon as possible.

You can give via:

- **Cash or Check:** Checks made payable to St. Joseph Catholic Academy.
- **Online Giving:** Visit sj-catholic.org/campaigndonation to make your gift.
- **Securities:** Reach out to Theresa Schuman at schuman@diocesekcsj.org for more information.
- **IRA Distributions:** Giving through an individual retirement account can have tax benefits.
- **Planned Gifts:** Opportunities include bequests, life insurance, real estate and trust arrangements.
- **Corporate Matching:** Check with your employer's HR office to see if it will match your gift.
- **Donor-Advised Funds/Family Foundations:** Gifts made through these avenues can optimize giving and tax benefits.

We are grateful for your generosity and your partnership in advancing our mission.



“By investing in these improvements now, we are not only fixing what is worn or outdated, we are preparing our schools for the blessings that lie ahead. When the Holy Spirit moves in the hearts of families to seek Catholic education, we must be ready to welcome them with facilities that are safe, accessible and worthy of the mission we carry forward.”

– Kent McEnaney, Cathedral principal



PLANNING your GIFT

This chart serves as a guide as you prayerfully consider your level of support.

Total Gift	Initial 10% Investment	Monthly	Quarterly	Annual
\$100,000	\$10,000	\$2,500	\$7,500	\$30,000
\$75,000	\$7,500	\$1,875	\$5,625	\$22,500
\$50,000	\$5,000	\$1,250	\$3,750	\$15,000
\$30,000	\$3,000	\$750	\$2,250	\$9,000
\$15,000	\$1,500	\$375	\$1,125	\$4,500
\$10,000	\$1,000	\$250	\$750	\$3,000
\$6,000	\$600	\$150	\$450	\$1,800
\$3,600	\$360	\$90	\$270	\$1,080
\$1,800	\$180	\$45	\$135	\$540

Note: The incremental payment examples are based on an initial 10% investment, followed by the preferred payment plan for three years.

This information is not intended as legal or financial advice. You should consult your own qualified professional advisor for specific recommendations.



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