

Forward In Faith, God's Vision... Our Decision



PROJECT REVIVE

KICK-OFF DINNER

On February 7, we hosted the Project Revive kick-off dinner at the Parish Center. During the event, Mark Leggett and Mike Godfrey presented the results of the survey, providing valuable insights for our restoration efforts.



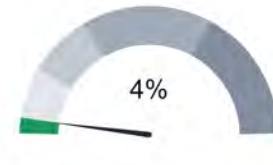
A special THANK YOU to the Knights of Columbus and their wives for servicing this event and preparing fabulous soups and desserts.





campaign **METER**

Goal: \$700,000



Raised \$30,000 - 4%

FAQ

Our recent feasibility study has shown that many of you share the same questions about the future of St. Elizabeth Church. In this update, we'd like to address some of these questions and concerns:

What is Project Revive?

The name "Project Revive" was originally defined as an initiative to address serious maintenance issues with the historic church. This included falling roof tiles, decaying gutters and downspouts, clogged drainage system and water seepage/interior damage. The objective was to determine the needed repairs in order to maintain the historical significance of this beautiful church. However, this project has also been expanded to address the many needs of the Parish Center as well.

What is the Cost/Funding for this Campaign?

The parish council approved a goal of \$700,000 for this project based on the initial bid of \$622,944. The source of funding includes cash-on-hand, donations and pledges (over a three year period). The status of the parish finances is good. There is no debt, cash reserves are over \$135,000, and YTD income vs expenses is positive. The Diocese of Little Rock will loan the required funding based on an 80% commitment of pledges, donations and cash reserves.

What is the Timeline for this Campaign?

This campaign is currently engaged in various activities that will culminate with "Pledge Weekend" on May 3-4. Based on a successful campaign, we will then be able to engage in contracts. It is estimated that the construction phase will be completed in 12-16 months due to material lead times.

Meet Our Campaign Consultant



Mark Leggett

"As both the campaign consultant and a parishioner of St. Elizabeth Church, my role is to guide leadership and engage parish members in a stewardship journey that best aligns with the needs and spirit of our church community."

Meet Our Campaign Chairperson



Mike Godfrey

"As campaign chair for Project Revive, I oversee all aspects of the campaign, from leading the five committees to coordinating construction bids and labor for the restoration of our historic church. I'm excited and honored to be part of this project, and I know our efforts will ensure that St. Elizabeth Church remains a place of beauty and worship for generations to come."

Our Parish Prayer for Campaign Revive

God our Father, we give You thanks for all your blessings in our lives. As we labor and strive to build your kingdom on earth, we ask that our sacrifices of time, talent and treasure be united with the sacrifice of your Son, Jesus Christ. May your Holy Spirit bind us together with love and respect as we commit to restoring your sacred Church. Help us to work together in harmony to praise and glorify You, through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

My dear Parishioners and all people of God,

Every time I have the opportunity to admire the beauty of our beloved St. Elizabeth church, it reminds me of the strong desire King David had to build a temple for God. King David gathered the gold, silver, bronze, and iron, and planned its construction, and instructed his son, Solomon to build the temple, ensuring it would be a befitting place of worship for God (1Kings 6:37-38). Thanks to the Kerens family and to many Davids and Solomons before us, we have inherited St. Elizabeth Catholic Church - a place fit to call a house of God.

As I write this letter, our church is in dire need of immediate attention. To restore and preserve our beloved church, we have embarked on a Capital Campaign named, *Project Revive*. The goal is to raise at least \$700,000 - a huge, but noble task, one that requires the involvement of all, and calls us to dig deep into our hearts and pockets.

As your pastor, I want to thank you all for your love and commitment to St. Elizabeth. I consider it a blessing to be your pastor and an honor and privilege to serve you. Together, with faith and dedication, we will ensure that St. Elizabeth Church continues to be a beacon of faith and history for generations to come. This is our chance to heed the call of faith, embrace the challenge, help restore and preserve the magnificence of St. Elizabeth, and write our names in the annals of history.

So, join me - let us **revive** St. Elizabeth!

Yours in Christ,



Fr. Joseph Archibong

Committee Spotlight

PRAYER TEAM



*Back, left to right; Mary Mills, David Abell, Mary Abell, Janice Boyes, Deb Pickens, Jennifer Boardman
Front, left to right: Virginia Jankowski, Sharon Parker, Millie Bezjian, Mary Szafranski, Lou DaRosa Not Shown: Jo Elworth & Robert DaRosa*

The Prayer Team is dedicated to seeking God's will for St. Elizabeth Church and its members through the power of prayer. We offer daily prayers for all those involved in preserving our beloved Church— Father Joseph, our parish family, visitors, and the workers restoring this sacred space.

As part of our mission, we create a special Campaign prayer and invite the entire Parish to join us in daily prayer. We also organize activities and events that bring our faith community together in spiritual unity.

Join us in prayer and be part of this important journey. For more information, please contact Mary Szafranski 479-295-5586.

THANKS TEAM



*Back, left to right: Mark Elworth, Nanette Barnett, Gary Finkeldei, Missy Leggett, Michael Boardman, Steve Vitt, Kari Vitt
Front, left to right: Sally Meyer, Karen Finkeldei, Joe Ricciardi, Yvonne Reddoch Not Shown: Chrys McClung & Millie Bezjian*

The Thanks Team's motto is "**A gift given; A gift acknowledged.**" This team devises a process to recognize and thank those who contribute to the capital campaign. For more information, contact Kari Vitt at 417-671-2722 or Karen Finkeldei at 479-363-9661.

Project Revive Campaign Committees

Campaign Senior Consultant
Mark Leggett

Campaign Chairman
Mike Godfrey

Prayer Committee
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Janice Boyes
Jennifer Boardman
Lou DaRosa
Robert DaRosa
Deb Pickens
Mary Mills
Virginia Jankowski
Millie Bezjian
Sharon Parker
David Abell
Mary Abell
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Dennis Barnett
Missy Leggett

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Gary Finkeldei
Mark Elworth
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Yvonne Reddoch
Chrys McClung

Parish Survey Results

Thank you to everyone who participated in the feasibility study! We received an incredible 77 responses—an outstanding level of engagement from our parish family of 98.

Below is a simplified summary of the survey results. For those who would like to review the full survey, including all comments, a detailed report is available for checkout at the Parish Center office.

For questions that asked you to rate on a scale, please note that 1 represents the lowest rating and 5 the highest."

1. *How would you describe your level of involvement at St. Elizabeth?* - Avg Score 3.6
2. *How would you respond to this statement "St. Elizabeth effectively meets my spiritual needs."* Avg Score 4.5
3. *What level would you agree with "St. Elizabeth is effective in providing opportunities for community and fellowship."* Avg Score 3.8
4. *What do you like most about St. Elizabeth?* Father Joseph was mentioned in the majority of the responses, but you can read all of the comments in the detailed survey located in the office at the Parish Center.
5. *In your opinion, please rate the importance of the following elements on how they meet your needs in your faith journey?*
 - Homilies: 4.69
 - Spirituality: 4.10
 - Welcoming/Hospitality: 4.06
 - Music Liturgy: 3.95
 - Ministry Opportunities: 3.78
 - Faith Formation: 3.24
6. *Today, before reading the Case Statement, how aware are you of "Project Revive"?* Avg Score 3.80
7. *I am confident that Fr. Joseph, parish staff, finance and parish councils, will make wise decisions regarding the future of St. Elizabeth.* Avg Score 4.28
8. *How important is it to you to be involved in a ministry at St. Elizabeth?* Avg Score 4.29
9. *What level of debt should St. Elizabeth Parish bear after the completion of "Project Revive"?* \$250,000 or less.
10. *What is your perceptiveness of the statement "The overall financial condition of St. Elizabeth is strong."* Avg Score 3.46
11. *How supportive are you, of a possible capital campaign to support "Project Revive"?* Avg Score 4.42

12. *There are many elements proposed as potential improvements/enhancements within the church and property. Please rate the importance of each of these items:*

Art Restoration: 3.51

Exterior Pathway Lighting: 3.47

Pew/Kneeler Renovation: 2.78

Rotunda Chandelier 2.29

13. *Are there any suggestions the parish might consider that would lead you to be more supportive of a possible capital campaign? You can review all of the responses in the detailed survey results located in the office at the Parish Center.*
14. *If St. Elizabeth conducted a campaign in the spring to support "Project Revive", how supportive do you anticipate the rest of the Parish will be? Avg Score 3.81*
15. *"It is urgent for St. Elizabeth to conduct a capital campaign now to address "Project Revive" issues?" Avg Score 4.44*
16. *If all of your questions were answered to your satisfaction, is this a campaign you would be willing to support financially at some level? 94% of the participants stated they would support it financially, the other 6% said they would like more information before they commit.*
17. *Do you foresee any obstacles or have any concerns that might prevent the Parish family from conducting a successful capital campaign? These comments are available in the detailed survey.*
18. *If you are encouraged to pledge 3% of your income to "Project Revive", how do you think this will be perceived by the Parish? Avg Score 3.64. How does this agree with you personally? Avg Score 3.72*
19. *If the campaign was held today, would you contribute, and if so, what amount would your family consider committing to? 21 families responded with a yes, and a total amount of more than \$335,000.*
20. *Would you consider working on a committee for "Project Revive"? 54 people said they would.*
21. *Who do you think might make a good volunteer to be involved in this campaign? For a complete list, please see the detailed survey located in the office at the Parish Center.*