



BUILDING OUR  
— FUTURE TOGETHER —



St. Thomas  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## Campaign Prayer

Almighty God, giver of every good gift; by your grace you have called us to this fellowship of faith where lives are touched and hope abounds. As we embrace the future you have promised for us, we ask for your guidance as we build your kingdom together at St. Thomas. Increase our faith, stir our hearts, and give us courage to give sacrificially and joyfully, for your honor and glory. We pray in the name of the One who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*“The God of heaven will make us prosper,  
and we his servants will arise and build.”*

*- Nehemiah 2:20*

# A CAMPAIGN FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE

St. Thomas Episcopal Church is a special and holy place where people come together to encounter the life and light of Jesus Christ through worship, fellowship, and prayer.

We are a grateful parish because we know we are blessed through God's gifts of diversity, friendship, and faith, and we extend these values to every person who walks through our doors. We are a grateful parish because we welcome and embrace all people as we walk in love with Christ. We are more than bricks and mortar, and walls and windows, we are the Body of Christ.

God has called us to a faith-filled and hope-filled future together. Our future depends on people of all ages and backgrounds being welcomed in a warm and inviting place, where all can come to grow in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ.

Thank you for being on this journey.



# SAINT THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH



*For we are the temple of the living God;  
as God said, 'I will live in them and walk  
among them, and I will be their God,  
and they shall be my people.'*

*—2 Corinthians 6:16*

# BUILDING OUR FUTURE TOGETHER

## WHY NOW?

St. Thomas embarked on a successful capital campaign twenty years ago to build our current church building. Throughout the twenty years since, our church buildings have served us very well. Now, improvements and repairs are needed to meet our current and future needs.

Our Parish Hall needs significant upgrades. It is the hub of our community. While we gather around the altar to be nourished by our Lord, we gather in the Parish Hall to sustain relationships and create new ones.

Standing on the shoulders of those who came before, it is time to provide a church where future generations can Discover True Community. Our goal is to raise \$900,000 over two years and begin construction by mid-2026.

**Building our Future Together** will address significant needs by:

- Renewing our **Parish Hall**, including modern acoustics, aesthetics, food service area, and a north parking lot entrance.
- Enhancing **Classroom and Meeting Spaces**. Our current library and large classroom will be reconfigured to create modern and functional education and conference spaces.
- Creating an **Outdoor Gathering Space with a Playground** between the north parking lot and the new Parish Hall entrance.
- Establishing a **Maintenance Fund** to ensure faithful care of the House of God for years to come.

# SAINT THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## RENEWING OUR PARISH HALL

\*\$700,000

*One Great Fellowship of Love*

St. Thomas Church is our spiritual and sacramental home. We worship, break bread, and pray together in our sacred church space. We also enjoy the gift of fellowship, including social time after worship, receptions after Celebrations of Life, festive dinners, lively dance parties, and much more. It has been said that the treasure of St. Thomas is it's people.

Currently, our beloved parish hall does not meet its vast potential.

### **Plans for the Parish Hall renovation include:**

- **A state-of-the-art sound system for acceptable audio clarity.**
- **Modern, sound-control acoustics necessary for a pleasant environment.**
- **A large serving station for food and beverages.**
- **Renovated restrooms.**
- **A new, visible, and welcoming entrance from the north parking lot.**

A renewed Parish Hall will greatly enhance our ability to host luncheons, dinners, and other community events in a welcoming and functional space. Guests, new members, and long-time parishioners will feel welcome, comfortable, and at home.

A renewed Parish Hall will enable St. Thomas to host guest speaking events, musical concerts, and education and worship offerings in a welcoming and functional space that our congregation can be proud of.

A renewed Parish Hall fortifies our mission to be a welcoming and authentic gathering of Christ followers where all people may Discover True Community.

*\* This amount includes the outdoor spaces, classrooms, and restrooms.*





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## ENHANCE CLASSROOM AND MEETING SPACES

*For teaching and for training in righteousness*

Our most used spaces are our classrooms. Whether for Sunday education, Bible Study, outside recovery groups, or various meetings, our classroom and meeting spaces are in high demand and are used frequently. Therefore, we are excited to renovate and upgrade these spaces.

- The current library will be expanded to become a functional conference room for administrative, pastoral, ministry, and other meetings.
- The current large classroom will be updated with new technology for teaching, and renovated to better accommodate our numerous educational offerings, ministries, and community groups.
- Both of these spaces will have direct access to the Parish Hall and will feature floor-to-ceiling glass to create an open and bright atmosphere.

## CREATE OUTDOOR GATHERING SPACE WITH PLAYGROUND

*Jesus said, "Let the children come to me"*

We must be intentional about accommodating children, their families, and our guests. An outdoor gathering space near the new Parish Hall entrance, and the Sunday Church entrance, will be a welcoming and fun place for outdoor fellowship.

Farther from the building, a shaded playground will be created for our children, grandchildren, and their friends to enjoy on Sundays and during special events.

# SAINT THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

ESTABLISH OUR MAINTENANCE FUND \$200,000

*The Gifts of God for the People of God*

Establishing and sustaining a fund for facility repairs and improvements will take pressure off of the annual budget, allowing us to fully fund and expand vital ministries.

In 2025 we replaced an air conditioning unit, made repairs above the altar, and replaced the church roof. Facilities always require repairs, and a Maintenance Fund is a proactive way to care for the church campus without diminishing our ministries.

Establishing and sustaining this fund will ensure that air conditioners, plumbing, electrical, and outside repairs will be resolved without costly delays.

We stand on the shoulders of those who came before us. It is our time to honor their vision, generosity, and care of St. Thomas by taking our place and continuing the legacy for the glory of God.

Jesus looked at them and said,  
'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God;  
*for God all things are possible.'*

—Mark 10:27





Building Our Future Together is a campaign title chosen intentionally to honor our shared life at St. Thomas. These words were carefully selected to call us to action, focus our hearts on the future, and celebrate the strength of our community.

We worship together. We pray together. We celebrate together. And now, we will build our future—together.

I invite you to prayerfully consider this endeavor that God has set before us. First and foremost, I ask for your prayers: pray for our common mission and ministry in this place. Pray that the Holy Spirit will ignite our hearts, stir us to action, and strengthen our faith.

I also ask you to join in building a lasting legacy. I ask for your generosity in this exciting season. Not equal gifts, but equal sacrifice.

May God bless all that we do for the sake of his Kingdom.

With love and gratitude,

The Rev. Robert P. Goolsby  
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