# The Challenge Before Us

St. Francis Xavier parish is embarking upon a significant project that will enhance our beloved church as we approach an historic milestone.

This project will be the renovation of **St. Francis Xavier Church in celebration of our 100th anniversary in September 2025.** This renovation project aims to honor our rich history while preparing our church for future generations.

#### The renovation will include:

- New Altars for the Sanctuary: As you may know, the nearby Our Lady of Perpetual Help (OLPH) church sadly closed in 2022. Our diocese has been actively seeking a new home for OLPH's beautiful, original altars that date back to 1905. Among them is a high altar, with a beautiful statue of Our Lady, that bears a striking resemblance to the magnificent one that originally adorned SFX when it was dedicated in 1925—a reproduction of an historic 1845 high altar in St. Mary's Church in New Orleans, which was regrettably dismantled at SFX in the 1970s. With this in mind, we will transport and install the beautiful high altar, main altar, and two side altars here.
- Decorative Painting: To further beautify our church, we will undertake decorative painting of the sanctuary and ceiling.
- Refinishing Hardwood Floors: The original hardwood floors of our church will be refurbished, and new flooring will be installed in the sanctuary.
- Adding a Bathroom and Partition: A new bathroom and a glass partition will be installed in the entryway to enhance accessibility and functionality.

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## Prayer for Generosity

### ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the many ways that You have blessed us.

You have blessed our lives, our families, and the St. Francis Xavier community.

We pray that through these blessings, You will bless us with a spirit of generosity as we strive to raise the money to renovate and preserve the rich history of our Church.

In the Name and Spirit of Jesus, we commit ourselves to share our time, our talent, our treasure, and our prayers to succeed in our efforts.



In Preparation for Celebrating

100 years

Since the Dedication of the Church

1925-2025



#### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Your pledge is **in addition to your weekly offertory contribution.** Your consistent weekly offertory support enables our parish to provide our vital ministries and services.

- † There is no minimum pledge. All gifts and pledges will be gratefully accepted.
- † To raise a minimum of \$300,000, we will need sacrificial gifts from as many families as possible. A pledge of **\$1,000** or more by every family will make this project a reality.
- † A pledge is not legally binding but a promise you hope to keep to the best of your ability.
- † Pledges can be paid over **12 months**. Monthly reminders will be mailed to each family with a pledge balance.
- † Please consider an initial payment of 10% with your pledge, however, an initial payment is not mandatory with your pledge.
- † You may complete your pledge electronically via our Parish website: www.sfxparish.com

Suggested Gift/Pledge	10% Initial Payment	12 Monthly Payments
\$5,000	\$500	\$375 per month
\$2,500	\$250	\$188 per month
\$1,500	\$150	\$113 per month
\$1,000	\$100	\$ 75 per month

Thank You For Your Generous Support!

### In Preparation for Celebrating 100 Years



Historic Image of St. Francis Xavier Altar



**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Altar** 



**Rendering of Renovated Altar and Sanctuary** 

