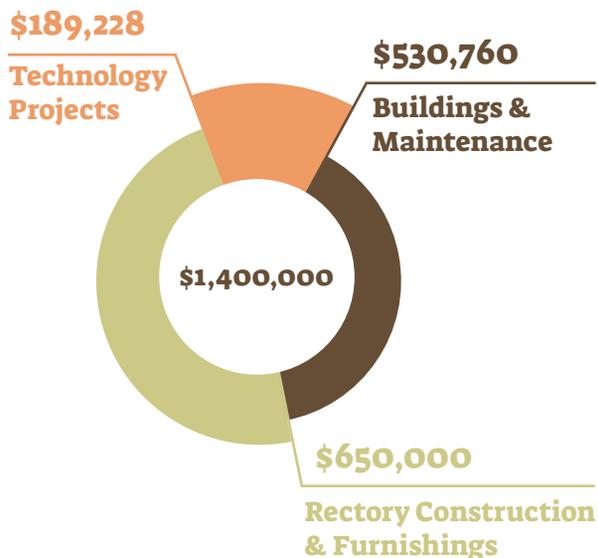


## How Will My Gift Be Used?

The Living Stones Campaign will help keep our parish strong by proactively financing major projects through 2026 like a new HVAC system for the high school and for the church, a bathroom remodel at the high school, an upgraded campus-wide phone system and a new home for our priests. The rectory will not only have 2,875 square feet of living space for the priests, but will also have 661 square feet for parish use (i.e., money counters) plus a full basement for parish storage.



### Rectory Construction & Furnishings

- Demolish Existing Rectory
- Asbestos Abatement
- Rectory Construction
- Rectory Furnishings
- Contingencies

### Technology Projects

- Computer System Upgrades
- Phone System Upgrades
- Projectors, Apple TVs
- Network Servers
- iPads

### Buildings & Maintenance

- HVAC
- Bathroom Remodels
- Roof Repairs
- Reseal Parking Lots
- Caulking

## Make Your Gift Today.

Gifts and pledges received by March 1, 2018 will ensure the completion of the Living Stones Campaign projects. Every gift – no matter how large or small is welcome. All gifts will remain in the St. Anthony of Padua Parish's Living Stones Campaign Fund.

### 1 Peter 2:4-7a

Come to him, a living stone, rejected by human beings but chosen and precious in the sight of God, and, like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it says in scripture: "Behold, I am laying a stone in Zion, a cornerstone, chosen and precious, and whoever believes in it shall not be put to shame." Therefore, its value is for you who have faith, but for those without faith: "The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone"

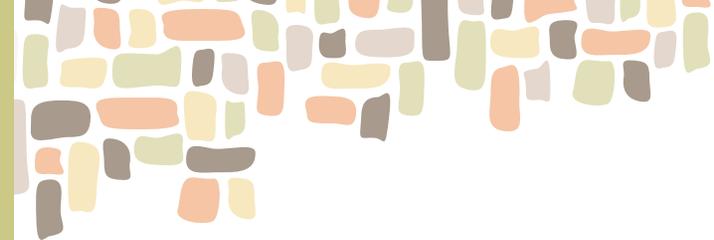
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# Living Stones

C A M P A I G N

## Building Our Future Together

St. Anthony of Padua Parish





“Our long term obligation is to be good stewards of all that God has given us through the generosity of our parishoners.”

## A Message From Fr. Chris

A few years ago, Pope Francis called us to be Living Stones of the Church with the intent to unite Christians and the Church. Pope Francis referenced the apostle Peter who likened the Church to a temple made of living stones. “Jesus is the rock, the foundation. All of us make the church, the temple. As we become strong in living our faith through prayer, humility, kindness, and generosity, we strengthen the Church-just as Jesus intended.”

I wanted to introduce the Living Stones Campaign so that we can keep our parish strong and united today and into the future.

I ask you to pray about how you and your family can join in becoming Living Stones and supporting the future of our Parish.

*Fr. Chris Brey*

## Why Is This Campaign Needed?

Nearly 66 years ago, members of St. Anthony of Padua Parish built the Parish’s third rectory. The beauty and structure of our priests’ home has slowly diminished over time as the parish placed the needs of the church and schools before the rectory. Repairs to the church steeple and building, plus renovating our grade and high school, were given priority to our parish’s limited financial resources, meaning the rectory is now in desperate need of repair.

**A closer look** reveals substantial water damage from a leaking roof, old single-paned windows that are drafty and leaking, water damaged flooring, old plumbing that continuously needs repaired, inefficient heating and central air conditioning, 66 year-old original electric wiring, insufficient insulation, and tired furniture and home décor.

That list, along with the need to remove a substantial amount of asbestos and the need to become handicapped accessible, has made a difficult decision easier. A Rectory Steering Committee, comprised of parishioners of whom

include experienced builders, contractors, and others with building experience, has **recommended to the Parish Council and Finance Council that a new rectory be built.**

In addition, we have devoted the past several years to developing a **5-8 year proactive plan** for major projects in maintenance and technology. Planning ahead will allow us to be better prepared financially for the future rather than continually responding to a crisis or problem. A couple of key items, like the high school heating, ventilation, and air conditioning and the phone system, are significantly dated and will require our attention in the next few years.

**It is time for us to address the needs of the rectory and implement a plan** that will keep our parish and its facilities strong today and into the future. Further delay will only increase the costs to build a new rectory, to keep our students and schools up-to-date in today’s competitive world, and to maintain our parish campus buildings, infrastructure and equipment. Join us in becoming Living Stones and supporting our parish and schools!