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REMEMBER YOUR PAST
PROTECT OUR FUTURE
a special appeal

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**When a Church closes, people
lose a part of their history.**

Dear Friend,

We are so excited to begin the **Remember your Past, Protect our Future** campaign! With our parishioners and our partners, we will raise enough money to take care of some much needed maintenance, we will replenish some losses due to COVID, we will invest in ministries and give scholarships to our school children.

You can designate any one of those areas for your gift, and if you want to be more specific with your gift, you can!

Our founders built our beautiful campus with their bare hands. It was before the age of power tools, and even before there were cars. Imagine all the bricks for the church arriving by horse drawn carriage! Imagine the limestone blocks in our basement arriving by barge, then being dragged by horses to the church. Holy cow! They must have really thought this was important work. It was. Look what they left for us!

Inspired by that same spirit, let us step into the future. Join us, and let's have some fun, too!

Fr. Mike
Pastor
St. Paul Church

our mission

We exist to be one with Jesus and to make Him known in our neighborhood, to change the city and the world by the power of His love.

our vision

We will become a beacon of hope where we form virtuous friendships, strengthen community, live as disciples of Christ, and invite our neighbors into holiness through truth, beauty and goodness.

our campaign

We will tell the stories of those whose came before us and protect a future for those who will follow.






OUR PAST

St. Paul Catholic Church is visually stunning, calling to mind the medieval cathedrals of Western Europe. It was established in 1876, five years after the Great Chicago Fire, to serve the resettled German immigrants who lost their churches to the fire.

Father George Heldmann became pastor of the makeshift stable that served as a church. He had a grand vision for St. Paul parish. To keep the families and make home ownership affordable, he and the parishioners organized the St. Paul Savings and Loan Association, which became one of the five largest S&Ls in the state.

In 1897 Heldmann hired the young architect, Henry Schlacks to design a grand structure. Schlacks came up with a twin-tower Gothic design to remind parishioners of the old country and its churches, most notably the famous Cologne Cathedral. Among parishioners were skilled masons and bricklayers who did the work that earned St. Paul the nickname, “the church built without a nail.” At 245-feet tall, the twin towers were higher than all Loop office buildings of the time.

St. Paul Catholic Church is located in Pilsen, a historically important port-of-entry community for immigrants. In its history, it has been home to Eastern European newcomers and, for the past 60 years, has been home to Spanish speakers - predominantly from Mexico.



OUR FUTURE

In 2020, the leadership met, reflected, and prayed about what we hoped for the parish, the parishioners and our entire community. We could hear a theme in our discussions. We must welcome all people. We must pray as a community. We must love one another. We must build a culture where the desire to create is embraced.

Welcome. Pray. Love. Create.

These words will be the foundation of our growth as a parish and community. With these four pillars we embark on this campaign. Join us, tell your story and protect the future.

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WELCOME

PRAY

LOVE

CREATE



YOUR INVESTMENT MATTERS

\$300,000 GOAL

We are already invested in much of what is listed here. With the help of added donations and our volunteers we will protect the future of St. Paul and look forward to a healthy tomorrow.

BUILDING UPKEEP: \$60K

This beautiful 125-year-old structure needs constant attention and costly maintenance.

COVID LOSSES: \$50K

By mid-spring 2020, we were closed and facing financial troubles. While we saw much growth and were able to support many who were struggling in the community, we were left with major losses in income, and had to use what we had saved for our future projects. We need to fill that financial hole.

MINISTRIES: \$55K

We focus on ministries that will strengthen the community, engage our youth, serve those in need and participate in social justice. As we grow in each area, we will need to invest.

NEW CAPITAL PROJECTS: \$100K

We are currently building a chapel in the lower level of the rectory, installing AC in school classrooms, and creating a digital media lab. These projects have already begun!

ST. ANN SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS: \$35K

All children deserve the education that is provided at St. Ann's School, but not all families can afford it. We are committed to Protecting the Future of our youth and investing in their growth!

TELL YOUR STORIES

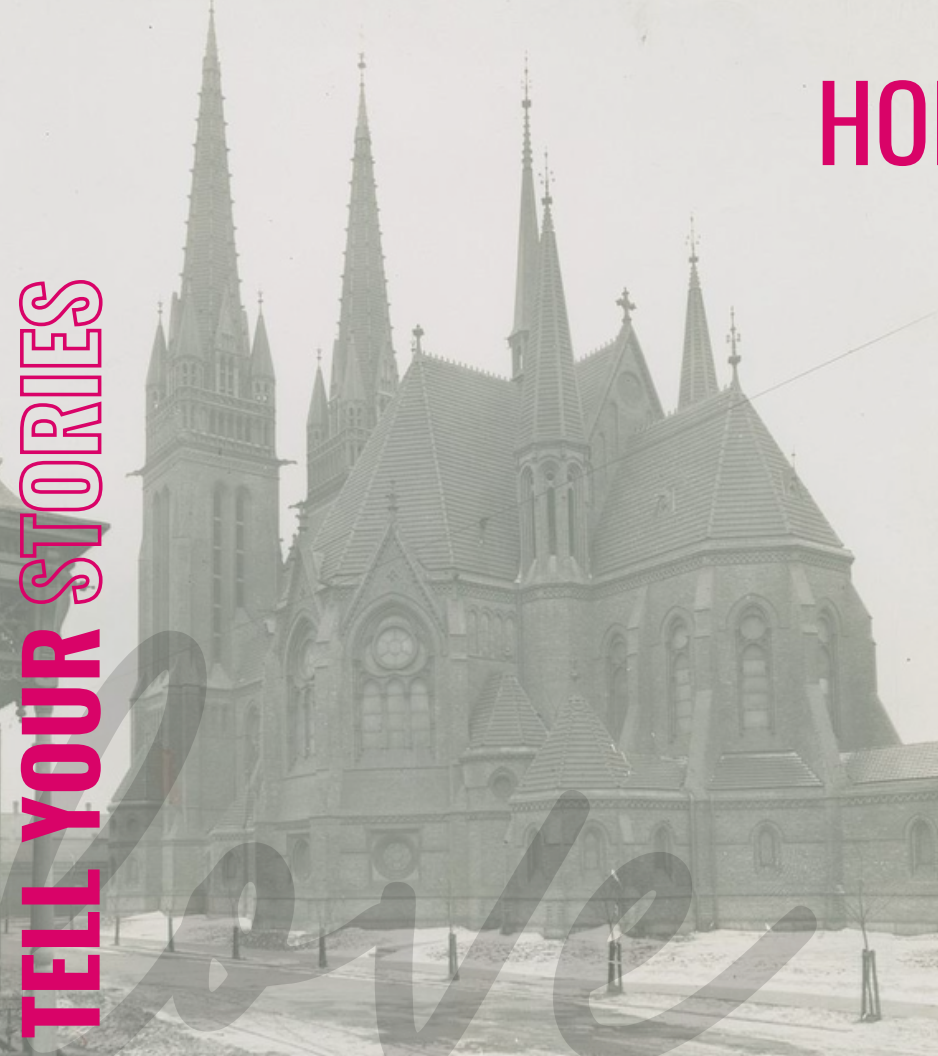
HONOR YOUR PAST

Someone once wrote that all knowledge is essentially a story. Think about something like electricity, and how it was developed. Someone tried one thing, and it didn't work. Then someone tried something else and it worked! They told the story, and added to it.

In the picture here, the lamps are gas lamps... it's from before electric light!

When you tell the story of your past, you are communicating something that cannot be replaced, and you are shaping the present and future.

Tell us a story or two, throughout the year. We'll share some of these stories with our whole community!



PROTECT OUR FUTURE

Give in honor of someone from the past. All donors will receive a Remember your Past, Protect our Future t-shirt and listing in our campaign program for special Masses in honor of a loved one lost.

PROPHET CIRCLE

\$250- 499

Teacher who spreads the word of God

DISCIPLE CIRCLE

\$500-999

A follower of Jesus

Disciple Circle Members will also receive an additional t-shirt and a listing on our website - honoring a loved one lost with photo and short bio. Other opportunities for members of the Disciple Circle to honor their past will occur throughout the year.

APOSTLE CIRCLE

\$1,000-1,999

Sent by Jesus to teach and build the Church

Apostle Circle Members will also receive an additional t-shirt, 2 tickets to dinner with our pastor and a 1-2 minute video created by our team to honor a loved one lost. It will be posted on our website through October 2022.

SAINT CIRCLE

\$2,000-4,999

A good and Holy Person

Saint Circle Members will receive an additional t-shirt, 4 tickets to dinner with our pastor and a 2-5 minute story telling video honoring a loved one lost, including imagery and music, available to be shared through our website until October 2022

ANGEL CIRCLE

\$5,000 +

A messenger of God

Angel Circle Members will receive an additional t-shirt, 8 tickets to dinner with our pastor and a 5-7 minute video honoring loved ones lost. Their honored family member will receive a key feature in our Remember the Past video series highlighted throughout the year and special mention in our Mass Companion Guides and on our website.

Anonymous donations can be made and story-telling videos can be donated to another family

INDIVIDUAL DONORS

BUSINESSES & ORGANIZATIONS

Our founders were skilled laborers and entrepreneurs who gave their resources and gifts to construct St. Paul and create a beacon in the community. Without their dedication and commitment, we would not be here today. We know that when a church closes, the entire community suffers. St. Paul Church is GOOD for your COMMUNITY. We host food drives, work with youth, engage in social justice and build lasting relationships with area businesses and organizations. Help protect this anchor in the neighborhood!

PARTNERSHIPS

WOOD WORKERS CIRCLE

\$5,000

The woodworkers of St. Paul made our pews and carved the edges by hand - making each one exactly like the last.

- Company/organization logo on all digital mass companion guides and Oktoberfest 2023 programs
- Business listing on Remember your Past, Protect our Future webpage on our website
- Logo placement in church entryway under Remember your Past, Protect our Future announcement boards
- Short-form video highlighting the history of your organization or business and your hopes for the future.
- Two tables (20 tickets) at our Remember our Past, Protect our Future Campaign
- Paver with business or family name outside of St. Paul Church Fountain

MASONRY CIRCLE

\$10,000

The masons laid each brick by hand and forever cemented our reputation as "the church built without a nail."

- Company/organization logo on all digital mass companion guides with links
- 1/4 page ad in all Special Mass Companion Guides and Oktoberfest 2022 Programs
- Prominent logo in church entryway under Remember your Past, Protect our Future announcement boards
- Video highlighting the history of your organization or business and your hopes for the future, displayed on our website and distributed to you for use in your own advertising/promotions.
- Business listing on Remember your Past, Protect our Future webpage on our website. Includes logo, organizational bio and links to website or social media.
- Up to FOUR tables (40 tickets) at our Remember our Past, Protect our Future Campaign
- Paver with business or family name outside of St. Paul Church Fountain

STONE CARVERS CIRCLE

\$25,000 +

The stone carvers worked in Italy to bring the architect's design to life and sent it on ships, railroads and horse drawn wagons to 22nd & Hoyne.

- Company/organization logo on all digital mass companion guides with links
- Full page ad in all Special Mass Companion Guides and Oktoberfest 2023 programs
- Primary logo placement in church entryway under Remember your Past, Protect our Future announcement boards and signage used throughout the year
- Primary logo placement and mention for all campaign events including Oktoberfest
- Long-form Video (5-8 minutes) highlighting the history of your organization or business and your hopes for the future, displayed on our website through October 2022 and distributed to you for use in advertising/promotions.
- Primary business listing on Remember your Past, Protect our Future webpage on our website. Includes video, logo, organizational bio and links to website or social media.
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"As you can see, we have spent a good deal of time and effort working with our young people. They had a lot of fun, and so did we! We helped our kids grow, and the adults learned as they went along, too. We know that you want to look into the future with us, and we will use your gift to yield the best return!"

Fr. Mike



GROWTH IN LEADERSHIP

We can't protect the future without a strong body of leaders. They have done so much this year. Here are some facts from our most recent growth report.

volunteer
71,338 HOURS
IN 18 MONTHS!



Bereavement support, food distribution, Christmas gifting, mass opening, building repairs, maintenance, mass ministries, religious education, street outreach and capital improvements have mostly been done by parish leaders. We are so proud of this community!

 **185 LEADERS**

Our leaders have launched a youth employment initiative, opened our new coffeeshop - HOLY GROUNDS, hosted a talent drive welcoming 92 new leaders, kept us open during COVID and helped the community. They are ready to protect the future.

 **NEW CHAPEL**

Built mostly by volunteers (including youth), St. Ann Chapel is almost ready to be opened to the public. Using the stained glass windows and pews from St. Ann Church, we are eager to honor the memory of that space and the parishioners who loved it.



We wanted a place where all members of a family could form good friendships and build community. Volunteers designed and built our new coffeeshop. Newly graduated high school students launched it. Our growth is real, and really tasty.

LAY LEADERSHIP

FAQS

Frequently Asked Questions

Can I be a part of this campaign if I don't have the funds to make a heavy contribution?

Yes! Submit your stories to our website and help us honor the past. You can also volunteer to assist us with some of the many events going on all year.

Is my gift deductible?

Yes, it is, and we will happily give you a letter for your tax preparer.

How do I find out about campaign events?

You can follow us on Instagram and Facebook AND go to our website and fill in the pop-up box that says *Remember your Past, Protect our Future.*

Should I plan on coming to other events during the year?

Please do! We hope that each of our partners and donors will be able to recruit a few people for the next event, all during the campaign.

Can I give my gift with a credit card or by bank transfer?

Yes, you can. Our staff will be able to help you navigate the process if you need the help.

I am already a parishioner and giving to St. Paul. Is this gift over and above my normal Sunday giving?

Yes, it is. This is a special appeal for special needs. We do not anticipate doing another campaign like this one for a few years!

What if I'm not a parishioner of St. Paul?

If you live in our area, you are automatically a parishioner! We also have some friends and supporters who have a history or connection with our parish. We have friends as far away as South America!

Why does St. Paul need this money? Doesn't the Archdiocese pay your bills?

While our connection to the Archdiocese is vital to our existence, each parish is responsible for our own financial health and well-being. In fact, parishes pay a percentage of our weekly giving to the Archdiocese. Since this is a special appeal, St. Paul will benefit from 100% of the proceeds.

1 WEBSITE

Whether you are donating as an individual or on behalf of an organization, you can make your donation online. Visit our website, www.stpaulchgo.org/fundraising

2 REALM

If you already have a REALM account with St. Paul, you can add your Remember your Past, Protect our Future campaign gift under the Giving tab. Choose BEQUEST, as the giving account.

3 PHONE

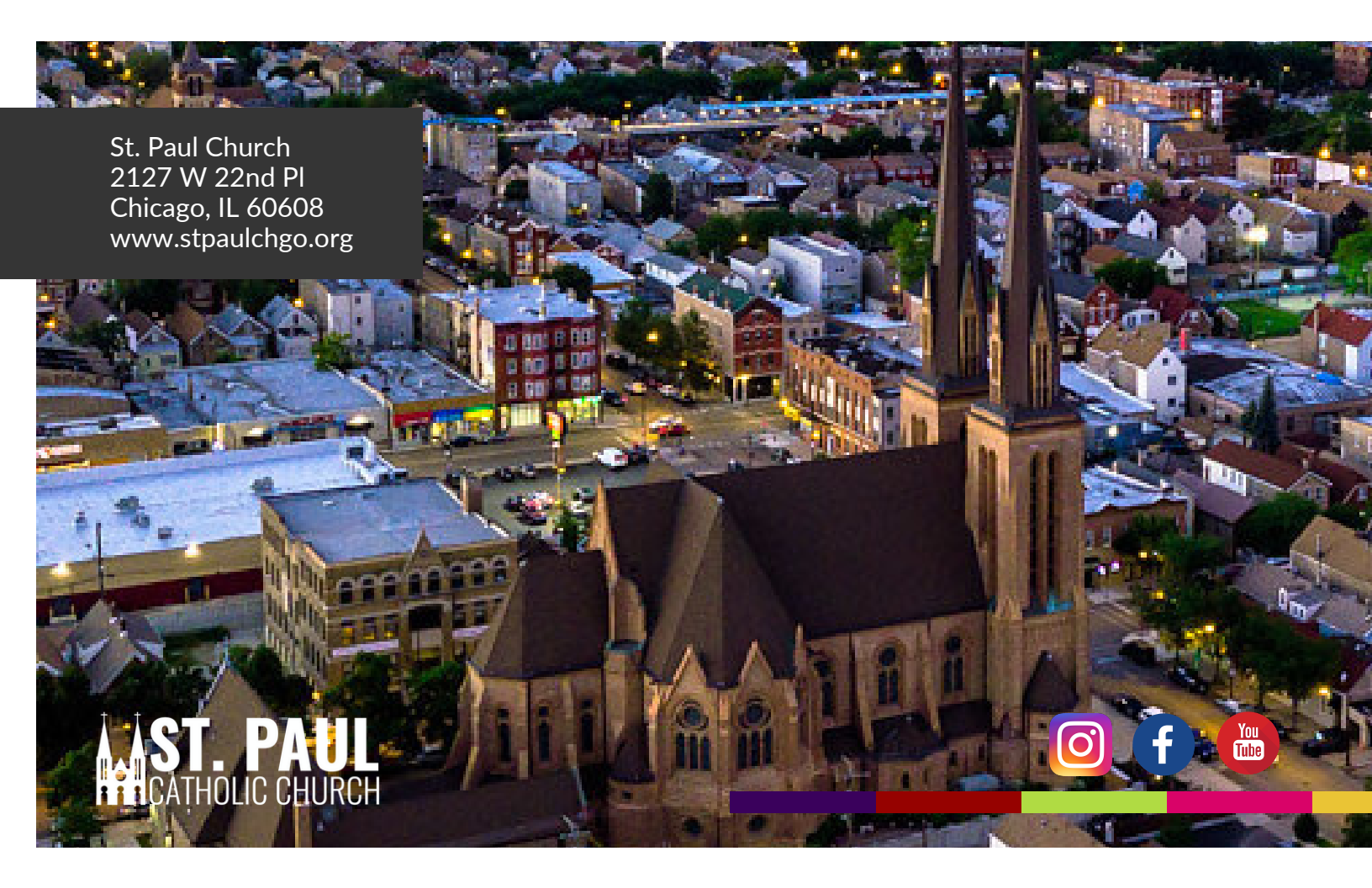
A member of our office can assist you with your gift. With a credit or debit card ready, call 773-847-6100

4 CHECK / CASH

Checks made out to: St. Paul Church, should have **Remember your Past, Protect our Future** in the memo line. Cash can be delivered in an envelope with your name and information on it.

Once your donation is made, a member of our team will contact you about next steps. Thank you for your generous commitment to the future of St. Paul Church!

WAYS TO GIVE



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