

## 60 for 60

### “Celebrating our Past, Passing on our Tradition”

Immaculate Conception Parish dates back to 1904. Founded by the Passionist Community, a monastery and wooden church stood tall among fields and orchards. Over the course of many generations, families have been educated, formed, and spiritually nourished under the banner of the Virgin Mary, the Immaculate Conception.

Throughout the years, our parish has seen four churches erected on this campus. The most recent and longest-lasting church is our current one. Begun in 1960 and completed in 1962, the very first Mass was celebrated here on December 8<sup>th</sup>, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

Now, sixty years later, we look fondly at the past and prepare for the future. Among our eight key values for our parish is the “Transformative Sunday Experience.” This relates to everything from the quality of our music, the readiness of our ministers, to the cleanliness of our church and campus. We give our best to God and create an environment that is a spiritual home to everyone.

Over the past few years we have upgraded our sound system, repaired major damage caused by water, tuck-pointed the exterior, repainted and repaired the rotunda, recarpeted our church, and installed new kneelers.

This fundraiser looks to upgrade the actual Sunday Experience itself by acquiring a new piano, replating and polishing our original candle stands, repairing and upholstering our sanctuary furnishings, and beautifying our school façade—the longest standing part of our campus.

On the following pages, please review our proposed upgrades—including why we are addressing them and how they will beautify our worship space and campus.



## New Piano

Our current Kimball Piano has served Immaculate Conception well for many years. Given to us used back in the late 1980s, the instrument is now failing and in need of replacement. With many strings and keys permanently damaged because of age, humidity, and use, we decided to make a change.

We are looking to get a new Steinway Piano. Fortunately, with our updated sound system, we can use specialized microphones to amplify our piano. This means that we can look at a smaller, higher quality instrument.

Since it serves as our primary instrument and accompanies our choir, a rich, fuller sound will certainly elevate our liturgy and music. Please take a look at some of the specifications below:

### **Steinway Model M**

- + 5' 7" in length**
- + Made from high quality materials**
- + Better suited to a church environment,  
i.e., handles humidity and light better**
- + Better acoustics than our current model**
- + Traditionally a long-life span,  
meaning it could serve  
Immaculate Conception for  
decades to come.**





## Sanctuary Appointments

Our presider's chairs, benches, and kneelers are a mixture of new and old. The cushioning on the benches and chairs have worn through significantly, and our kneelers have faded significantly with age.

Our plan is to work with Stempers, a local, Catholic family business who specialize in church architecture, art, and furnishings. They recently refit and repadded all of our pew kneelers.

They will repad and upholster all equipment. They will likewise make a third presider's chair to match our current two walnut chairs.

Not only will these improvements provide ebetter seating for priests, deacons, servers, lectors, and volunteers, it will also be made to match the aesthetic of our sanctuary and church, similar to the recent updates made to our carpet and pew kneelers.

## Replating and Polishing our Brass

Our brass candlestands and tabernacle are original to our current church. From many years of movement and use, they have lost their luster.

We propose to professionally polish those candlestands which are in good shape and replate the tabernacle and others stands which exhibit significant erosion over the last 60 years.

Our church has always used color, light, shadow, and reflection to express its beauty.

Restoring these brass ornaments to their original intention will provide a fresh look to our sanctuary.





## 1938 Graduation



### Front of the School

The final aspect of our project focuses on enhancing the historic façade of Immaculate Conception School. Pictures of this building date back nearly 115 years. Originally, there were stairs leading up to the front entrance of the school, but it is now a grassy hill.

We plan to update the appearance of this hill with additional landscaping attention, and to revamp the IC logo, prominently featured on the hill. Many photographs of graduates, children, and families are taken at this spot—cleaning and updating this area provides a nice image to the hundreds of people who pass Immaculate Conception each day.



## Present Day