

Building the Future

O u r L a d y o f L o u r d e s C a t h o l i c S c h o o l

Campaign Prayer

Lord Jesus,

You have blessed our lives in so many ways and we thank You for the gifts we share. It is with Your guidance that we go into the future with confidence and respond to Your call with faith and trust.

Send us Your Spirit as we prepare for Your kingdom and strive to complete Your work in us.

We pray that we may learn more about You by our participation in this successful campaign for Our Lady of Lourdes School.

Amen.

Dear Lourdes Community,

We write this letter with a deep sense of gratitude to you, as you carry forward a shared vision of hope for our students. Together, we are preparing them for lives dedicated to spiritual, academic, and well-rounded excellence.

We hope you will join is in reaching higher to build the future of the school we love. After years of evaluation and discussion, and now in conjunction with the Diocesan Learn to Lead campaign, we are expanding our commitment to our students and to our parish community by moving forward in faith as one community to expand our school just in time to celebrate our 60th year in 2023.

Your prayerful sacrifice to this campaign, no matter the amount, will ensure that Lourdes can continue to provide excellent Catholic education to our children for generations to come. Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us!

Thank you for joining us on this journey,
Father Jonathan Goertz, Pastor
Dr. Carey Jacobsen, Principal

Moreover, God is able to make every grace abundant for you, so that in all things, always having all you need, you may have an abundance for every good work. -2 Corinthians 9:8



The mission of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School is to challenge our students to be courageous learners and hopeful, thankful servants who care for others with a Christ-like spirit of respect, integrity, and service rooted in Catholic teaching.

Our vision is to provide our students with a rigorous Catholic, academic education that nurtures, inspires, and teaches them to be leaders, problem-solvers, and role models, who utilize 21st-century skills, are inclusive in a diverse community, and lead by example as disciples of Christ.

"For where your treasure is,
there your heart will also be."
--Matthew 6:21



BUILDING ON FAITH

Our Lady of Lourdes Church's first generation of parishioners founded Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School in 1963 in what is currently the lower school portion of the building. The turn of the century brought with it our current middle school wing, as we expanded from one classroom per grade level to two. Now, more than ever, we recognize our role in building a physical environment that matches our transformative community spirit and supports our mission far into the future, as the first Lourdes parishioners did for us.

It is now our generation's turn to continue supporting the life of our school by adding a wing with a regulation-size gymnasium, two classrooms, and additional storage, planned to open during the 2023-24 school year. The gym will open a world of opportunities not only for the school athletics program but also for the youth and young-at-heart of our parish. The classrooms will replace the existing modulares and provide a flexible space for music and art that can easily be used as evening and weekend meeting space for small parish groups. The current multi-purpose room will be a truly adaptable location for lunches, collaboration among larger groups of students, parish committee events, moderately-sized meetings, small receptions, and an afterschool hub.

This extra space will also allow for state-of-the-art music and art classrooms, which will bring together the younger members across our parish and community to learn from each other and provide a strong foundation to the start of their educational journey at Lourdes. Several of our traveling teachers will also have dedicated space in which to plan and prepare fantastic lessons for our students.

A future Phase II project will involve constructing a 21st century library and media center as well as a STEM lab, additional classroom, office, and meeting space.

This project is fueled by our community's growth and the state of our current facilities and the recognition that Catholic education intends to form the entire person. Our students need larger and more flexible space for enrichment and extracurricular programs to support their social, physical, and emotional growth, in addition to their intellectual development. Rather than piecemealing and band-aiding solutions, we are taking the bold step of dreaming big thanks to the overwhelming support that we receive from parents, parishioners, alumni, and the Richmond community.

Our vision is a warm, welcoming, safe and highly functional campus that allows students to dream, grow, and create, one that is an attractive, convenient option for events and community-building in Lakeside.

TIMELINE AND BUDGET

TIMELINE

Construction is slated to begin the summer of 2023, to disrupt classes as little as possible.

BUDGET

Our goal is to raise \$4,000,000 in philanthropy from the school, church, and community. This fall, we challenge our supporters to help us fund 1/3 of our goal so that we can begin construction as soon as possible.

The estimate for our building project is \$3,000,000. The remainder of the funds raised will be used for several purposes:

1. to update the current MPR to create a space with truly unlimited uses.
2. to set up a maintenance fund to support our needs from this expansion.
3. to establish an endowment fund to help lower-income families who dare to dream that Lourdes is a possibility for their child's education.
4. to relocate the playground to behind the 4th/5th grade wing for safety and privacy.

Additional funds over the \$4,000,000 goal will be used on Phase II.

No gifts will be used to support overhead, administrative, or fundraising projects. 100% will be used towards the above campaign goals.



INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE

Lourdes consistently outperforms other area schools in preparing students for the future:

- 100% high school graduation rate
- Standardized reading, math, and religion test scores above the national average
- At least 20 service hours served per middle school student each year to give back to the community that so richly supports them
- A great start to high school with at least two, and up to six, high school credits earned at Lourdes
- A full, four-year private high school tuition earned by a graduating 8th grader in five of the last six years
- Students that are well-versed in writing, critical thinking, and public speaking

YOUR LEGACY

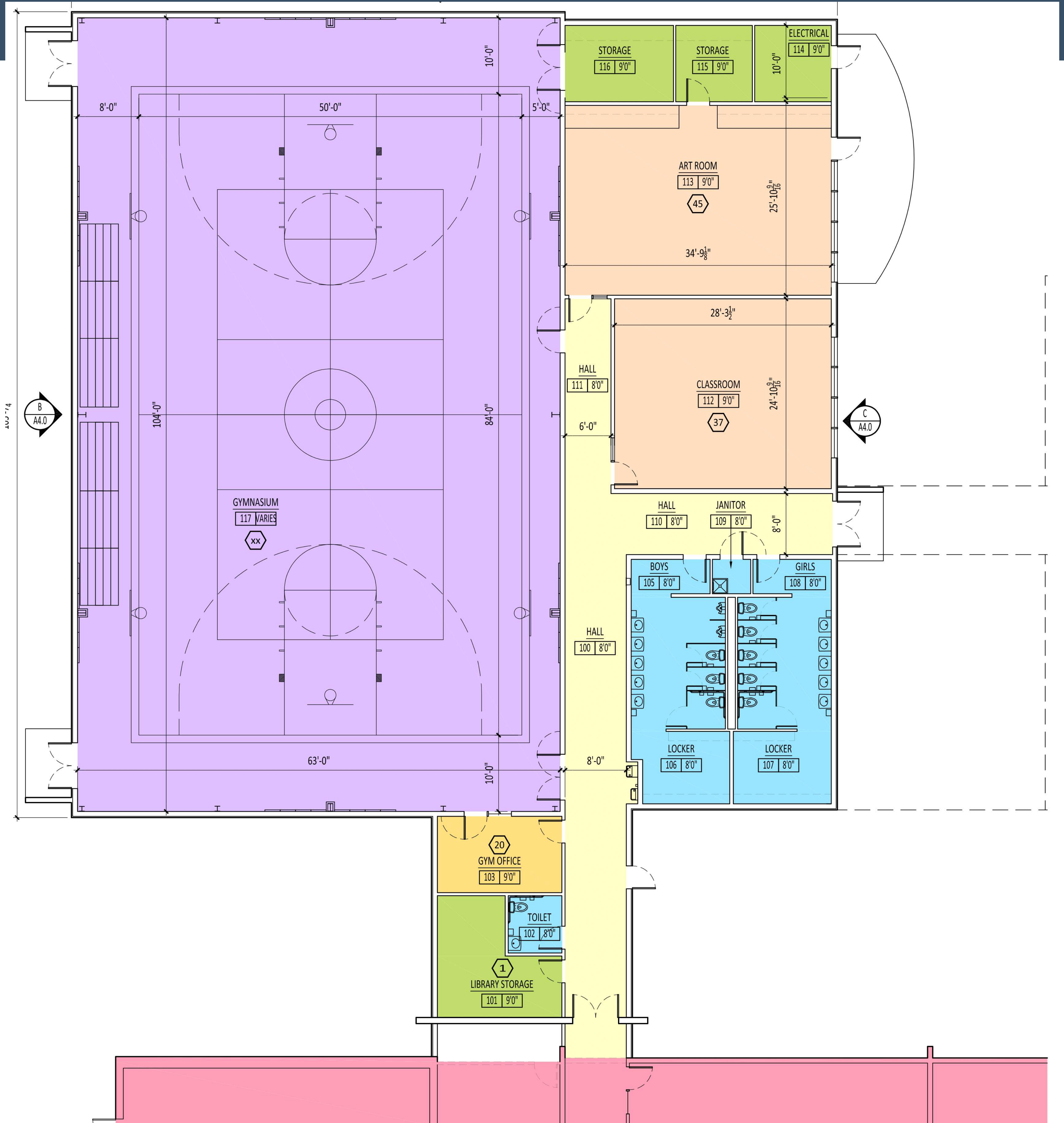
This year, we humbly ask each member of the Lourdes community, past and present, to make their best gift possible and to consider repeating it for 3 to 5 years. A campaign of this size is intended not only to transform our facilities but, more importantly, to transform our mission, our vision, and our future.

As a private school, we do not receive tax dollars, government grants, or school bonds for our capital projects. We DO have all we need in our wonderful supporters. Although a significant gift on top of tuition can be daunting, the pay-it-forward mantra on which we are built has always made us strong.

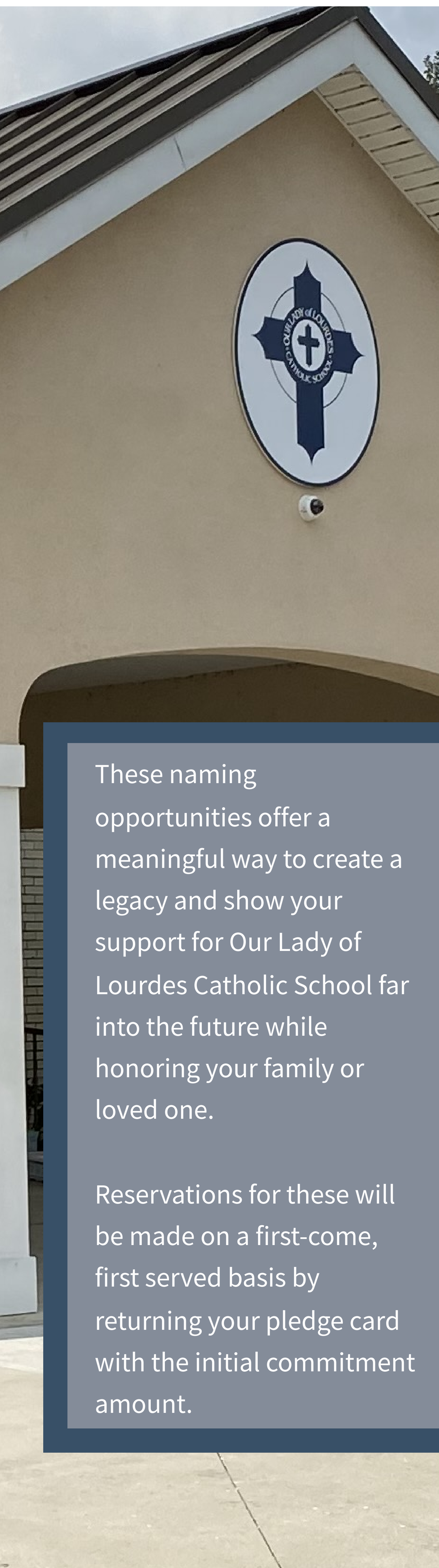
We invite you to prayerfully consider how you can help build our future, for your children and for those to come.

Thank you for giving boldly, generously, and with great hope for the future, knowing that we are creating a lasting legacy for our children.

THE VISION



Campus Naming Opportunities



These naming opportunities offer a meaningful way to create a legacy and show your support for Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School far into the future while honoring your family or loved one.

Reservations for these will be made on a first-come, first served basis by returning your pledge card with the initial commitment amount.

Sponsorship	Total Investment	Deposit	5yr Monthly Cost
New Wing (_____ Center)	\$1,000,000	\$500,000	negotiable
Gymnasium	\$500,000	\$250,000	negotiable
Large Basketball Court	\$100,000	\$40,000	\$1,000
Exterior Cross Mural	\$50,000	\$20,000	\$500
Center Court	\$50,000	\$20,000	\$500
Art Classroom	\$30,000	\$15,000	\$250
Music Classroom	\$30,000	\$15,000	\$250
Interior Hallway Entrance	\$25,000	\$10,000	\$250
Exterior Hallway Entrance	\$25,000	\$10,000	\$250
Half-size Court (2 available)	\$25,000	\$10,000	\$250
Dedication Wall	\$20,000	\$5,000	\$250
Sound System	\$20,000	\$5,000	\$250
Cheering Section (2 available)	\$20,000	\$5,000	\$250
Interior Lourdes Lion Mural	\$15,000	\$3,000	\$200
Athletics Office	\$10,000	\$2,500	\$125
Equipment Room	\$10,000	\$2,500	\$125
Crucifix above interior entrance	\$10,000	\$2,500	\$125
New Hallway	\$10,000	\$2,500	\$125