

Caring and Repairing

Through God's goodness and the donations of people who have gone before us, we have a beautiful building in which to gather and pray. Our work of repairing the church building will help St. Mary's Church continue the caring work of Christ.



Time, weather and pollution have damaged the stone and brickwork.

What needs to be done?

The church is in good shape. However, the church needs repairs to prevent future damage.

- **The roof** is old and needs to be replaced. Shingles are falling off. Copper gutters, flashing and metalwork also need repair and replacing.
- **The bell tower**, a city landmark, requires the greatest attention. The brick, mortar joints, and masonry are failing and need repair. The **metal and wood trim** need repairing, refinishing and painting.
- **The exterior walls and stonework** of the church building also need repairing and re-pointing.

How can you help?

Your support of the Building Restoration Fund is critical to its success. We appreciate your prayers most of all, but we also need your financial support.

There are multiple ways you can contribute:

- Volunteer to work for the parish festival or other fund-raising events
- Place a contribution in the collection basket. Mark your envelope "Building Restoration Fund"
- Mail your contribution to the church using the form to the right
- Call the parish office at 616.459.7390 with your Visa or MasterCard number and the amount of your contribution. Automatic transfers can be set up to occur on a regular basis from a bank account or credit card account.



Total cost for repairs, restoration and fees is approximately \$1.5 million. However, costs will likely increase with inflation if not completed in 3 years.

Donation / Pledge Card

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

- I pledge \$ _____ to the Building Restoration Fund *(options below)*
- I will volunteer for fundraising events
- I will attend fundraising events
- Other: _____

Payment Options:

- I have enclosed \$ _____ of my total gift of \$ _____ The balance will be paid in (#) _____ installments of \$ _____ each beginning on *(date)* _____ .

These payments will be made:

Monthly Quarterly Annually

- I authorize the Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) of my gift using my
 Checking Account *(enclose voided check)*
 Savings Account *(enclose deposit slip)* or
 Credit Card *(Visa / MasterCard):*

Card # _____

Exp. Date *(mm/yy)*: _____

Billing Zip Code: _____

- Please contact me about my gift of stocks, bonds, IRA, or other transfers
- Name recognition will appear as: _____
- Please send me pledge reminders:
 monthly quarterly annually
 don't send

Donor Signature: *(required)*

_____ Date: _____

Note: *All information provided is confidential. If at any time you wish to terminate these services, please contact St. Mary's, 423 First St. NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504.*