

## ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH DID YOU KNOW?



### **DID YOU KNOW?**

St. Joan of Arc parish was erected on July 14, 1987, by Bishop James A. Griffin naming Msgr. George Schlegel as our first pastor. This is the same founding date as St. Brigid of Kildare in Dublin.

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In June of 1988, just 1 year after the parish was founded, then-Fr. George Schlegel, announced the first capital campaign "Through His Love... We build our faith... In His Name... We build His House." This campaign included a 24,500-square-foot building that included the current worship space, narthex, Mercy Chapel, 10 classrooms, the Parish School of Religion office, sacristy and business office. The proposed cost of the original building was \$2,000,000.

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On November 12, 1989, Bishop James A. Griffin dedicated the new building with a Solemn Mass of Dedication. The final cost for the structure and infrastructure was approximately \$2.2 million.

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Since the dedication of the Church in November of 1989, there have been two major additions to our building footprint. The first, completed in 2000, added the Social Hall with kitchen, 11 new classrooms (including 5 within the flexible Social Hall space) and the current PSR office. The second addition in 2007 expanded the worship space to allow for seating of almost 1,000 people, 4 more classrooms, and 4 support staff offices.

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When the church was dedicated in November 1989, St. Joan of Arc had just more than 700 registered families. When the last addition to building was completed in 2007, we had 1,869 registered families. Since that time, our number of registered families has nearly doubled.

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Since 2010, Delaware County has been consistently the fastest growing county in Ohio. This is not likely to change in the near future. Current projections have the population of the county increasing by almost 20% before 2030.\* The infrastructure for this anticipated growth is already seen with the roundabouts

on Sawmill Parkway. Our parish boundaries incorporate much of this currently undeveloped land, and the Diocese of Columbus currently does not own any vacant land in Delaware County.

\*Source: <https://development.ohio.gov/files/research/P6022.pdf>

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

St. Joan of Arc is dedicated to formation in the faith of all parishioners. Currently we have nearly 1,200 students in our Parish School of Religion being taught by more than 280 volunteers across 94 different class offerings 3 days each week. In 2016, we launched a full-fledged adult faith formation program that now serves more than 550 adults through 9 different opportunities. The building is alive with faith formation activities up to 6 days per week and often until 9 p.m. or later.

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

With so many faith formation activities on our calendar, a number of our parish groups struggle to find available rooms. Soon we will be engaging the parish in a capital campaign *Expanding the Foundation* to address this issue. As we have focused on deepening our parishioners' faith, we now need to increase our physical space to accommodate this growth. The goal of *Expanding the Foundation* is to provide sufficient meeting space for multi-generation faith formation programs as well as our other ministries and organizations.

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

*Expanding the Foundation* will include building and renovating. Our hope is that we are able to build a self-contained Faith Formation Wing for both youth and adults that will free up the space that we have now for many other things. The new building will contain 24 classrooms and a dedicated youth ministry space. It will also contain two new restroom facilities. The current building will be renovated to include dedicated adult meeting spaces, a social hall expansion and an additional restroom facility. Be on the lookout in the near future for more information about how you can participate in *Expanding the Foundation* of St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church.