

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church – Lisle, Illinois Campaign Readiness Assessment Survey Results

Many thanks to everyone who filled out and returned a survey for our Campaign Readiness Assessment. The results are published below. We will have the cumulative report from this process at the beginning of December. Peace and God's blessings – Lorraine Klemz

Celebrating 100 years as a faith community, what is your favorite thing about being a parishioner?

As an open-ended question, we received many thoughtful responses. The five listed below were the most frequent:

- The community
- Fr. Gabriel and his homilies
- The School
- Being able to attend mass and celebrate the Eucharist
- Having fellow parishioners as true friends

Proposed updates to the Church to celebrate the 100th anniversary in 2024 are listed below. We would like to understand your feelings regarding the proposed projects. Please let us know if you are in favor of the following:

Refurbish and Repair the Pews - \$250,000

A majority of respondents felt that refurbishing the pews was needed. It should be noted that respondents also wanted to see the kneelers refurbished. Further, it was also requested to reposition the book racks so that they were easier to access.

Yes – 79% No – 21%

Replace the carpet and tile flooring in the Church with Terrazzo - \$600,000

There was a strong sentiment for the flooring to be replaced but not with the proposed terrazzo. A number of the "No" recorded here were specific to the terrazzo but a yes to the flooring if done with carpet or tile. It was felt that terrazzo, especially with the sloped aisles, could be slippery if wet.

Yes – 61% No – 39%

Painting the interior of the Church - \$200,000

A majority of respondents felt that the church could benefit from a fresh coat of paint. It was mentioned that the new color should remain light in order to keep the open feel of the church.

Yes – 85% No – 15%

Do you feel St. Joan of Arc parishioners would be willing to make financial gifts and/or pledges in a capital campaign in order to accomplish the \$1,050,000 of projects listed above?

Many respondents said that the \$1,050,000 fundraising goal seemed doable and was much better than a project with a larger scope offered previously. While a majority of respondents thought the parish would support a capital campaign, there was some concern for the current economic climate. It should also be noted that a number of the "No" responses were because the person did not have an understanding of the capacity for what parishioners could give.

Yes – 76% No – 24%

Would you personally be willing to make a financial commitment to a capital campaign to help pay for the projects?

More than 80% of respondents approved moving forward with a 100th Anniversary capital campaign to honor the Church. Some of the “No” responses were from seniors on a fixed income who simply cannot give more at this time.

Yes – 84% No – 16%

Please offer any additional comments here:

Being an open-ended question, there were a variety of responses. Below are the most frequent answers:

“St. Joan of Arc is a wonderful faith community and feels like family.”

“The School is a tremendous resource and does an excellent job of educating students and preparing them for high school.”

“We come for Fr. Gabriel and his wonderful homilies that inspire us.”

“Terrazzo is too slippery for the church and narthex, especially with the sloped floors.”

“Terrazzo is too expensive. Please use a more cost effective material.”

“Please simply replace the carpet in the church. I like the warm feeling and it helps absorb sound. We can save up to replace it again in 10 years or so when it needs to be done again.”

“Refurbish and repair the existing pews, do not replace them.”

“Please repair the kneelers and adjust where the books are so they are easier to access.”

“These projects will honor the Church for the 100th Anniversary and I think people will be excited to support this.”

“Please let us know about other campus maintenance projects that are slated to be done with other parish resources.”

“We are retired and on a fixed income. We can only give a little.”