



ROOTED IN FAITH GROWING THE VISION

Holy Trinity Catholic
Elementary School Project

PHASE II

Building on Faith. Expanding for the Future.

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The Foundation

"Education is one of the highest expressions of Christian Charity... The world needs this form of hope." - Pope Leo XIV

Catholic education has been the heartbeat of our community since the early 1840s. Our ancestors understood that a faith-based education is a gift that lasts a lifetime. Through generations of sacrifice, hard work, and unwavering dedication, our Catholic schools have remained a cornerstone of our identity.

A Legacy of Success

We want to express our deepest gratitude for your role in this journey. The HTC Elementary Capital Campaign (Phase I), conducted from 2017–2019, did more than just build walls—it secured a faith-filled future for our children. Because of your generosity, we are standing on solid ground.

The Next Step: Phase II

Now, the time has come to grow that vision. We are at a pivotal moment, and we need your help to complete the next chapter of our story.

- If you joined us in person: Thank you for your time and for listening to our vision. We hope the need for this expansion is clear and that you feel inspired by what we can achieve together.
- If you are reading this at home: Please review the enclosed story and the formal "ask" letter. We want you to feel fully informed about why this expansion is vital for our students.

Our Call to Action: The \$6.3 Million Goal

We ask that you prayerfully consider a contribution to Phase II of the HTC Elementary expansion. Our goal for this campaign is \$6.3 million—a target that will allow us to fully realize the environment our students deserve.

The Path Forward:

- The Milestone: Construction will officially begin once we reach 60% of our fundraising goal.
- Groundbreaking: Planned for 2026.
- Target Completion: Scheduled for 2027.

Whether your gift is large or small, every contribution is a building block for our future. Just as Phase I relied on the collective strength of our people, this effort requires the support of our entire community to move from vision to reality.

Together, let us grow the vision and provide the hope our world needs.

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For decades, Dennis Menke and his wife Kate shared a steadfast belief: that faith-based education is one of the greatest gifts a community can give its children. Together, they envisioned schools where academic excellence and spiritual formation walk hand in hand where every student grows not only in knowledge but also in faith and character.

Through their dedication, the Holy Trinity Catholic Elementary School became a living testament to that vision. Dennis's leadership and Kate's commitment helped raise the funds, rally volunteers, and bring to life a new school that continues to serve families across southeast Iowa with pride and purpose.

Before his passing, Dennis had already begun laying the groundwork for Phase Two, a thoughtful expansion that would answer the growing need for more classrooms, early childhood spaces, and specialized learning environments. With his unexpected passing, Kate and their family have affirmed a deeply personal mission; to honor his legacy by completing the next phase he started, expanding a school that continues to shape lives through Catholic education.

The Menke family's enduring faith and vision remind us that when a community builds together, it builds more than walls – it builds hearts, faith, hope, and generations of believers.



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“Dennis believed Catholic faith and Catholic education were the greatest gifts we could give our children. We carry that belief forward.”

— **Kate Menke**

WHY NOW

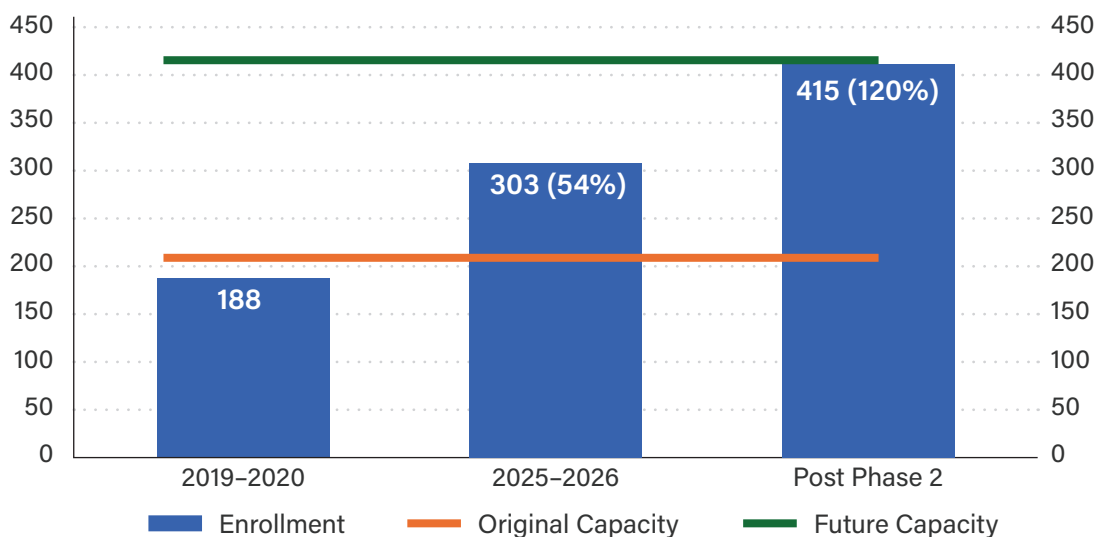
Holy Trinity Catholic Elementary School has become a beacon of excellence in faith-based education across southeast Iowa. Since opening our new facility in the 2019–2020 school year, the response from families has been extraordinary so much so that our school has quickly reached full capacity.

What began as a space for 210 students has grown to accommodate 303, a 47% increase in just five years. Our classrooms are full, and families are waiting to join our vibrant Catholic community.

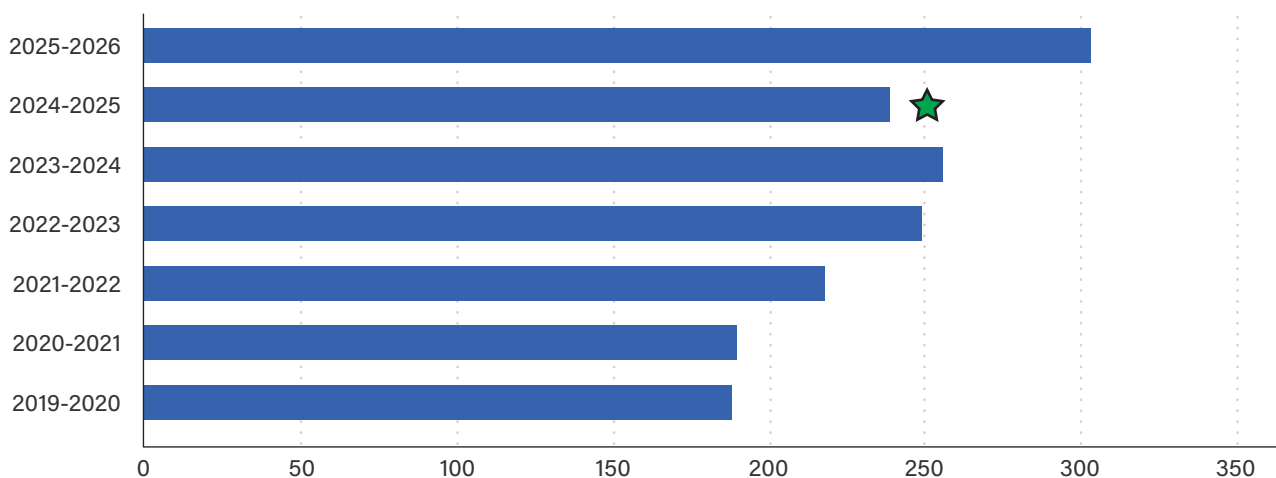
Phase Two of our expansion will allow us to grow further, with the capacity to serve 402 students, a 91% increase from our starting point. This growth reflects not only rising demand, but also our commitment to providing high-quality Catholic education to every child possible.

This is more than just a numbers story. It's a clear sign: the time is now to build for the future.

Enrollment Growth: Then, Now, and Future



Growth by Total Number of Students



★ Sixth grade was moved to high school to make room for more students in the elementary school.

ARCHITECTURAL VISION: A GLIMPSE INTO THE FUTURE

These architectural renderings offer a visual preview of the Phase Two expansion. The new addition aligns with the existing building structure, while introducing modern, accessible features for our growing student body.



Northwest View – New Classroom Wing



Northwest View – Connecting to Existing Structure

DESIGNED FOR GROWTH: FUNCTIONAL LEARNING SPACES

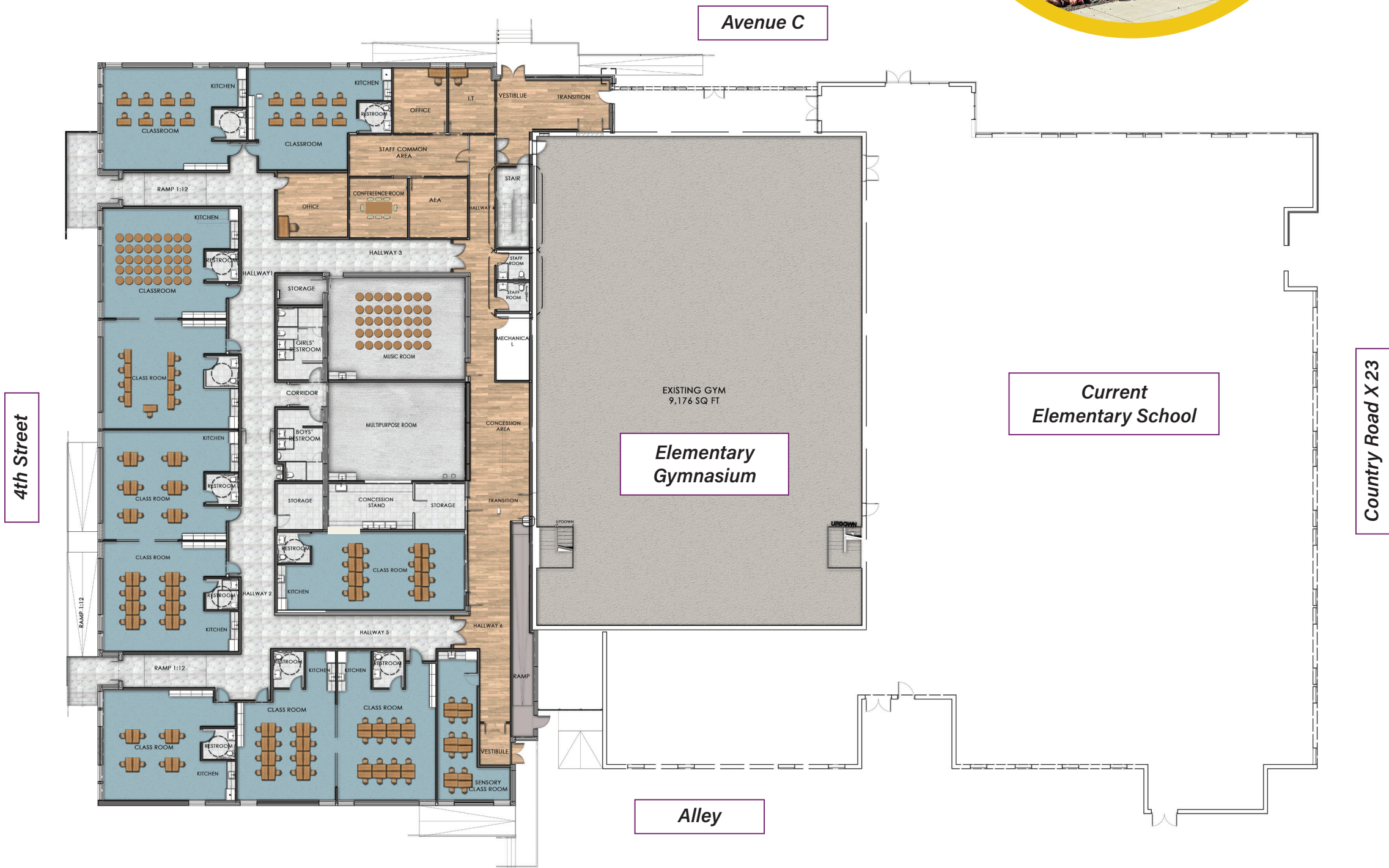
Holy Trinity Catholic Elementary School's Phase Two expansion is guided by a clear mission: to create spaces that enhance both learning and community. Every new room and renovated space has been thoughtfully designed to meet the spiritual, developmental, and academic needs of our students.



The plan includes:

- ✓ Flexible elementary classrooms that adapt to changing enrollment and educational methods.
- ✓ Early childhood education areas designed for safety, creativity, and exploration.
- ✓ Dedicated rooms for music and art ensuring every student has a chance to discover and develop their talents.
- ✓ A redesigned layout that separates care programs (before and after-school) from academic spaces to enhance focus.
- ✓ Improved site flow, including better access for families and optimized facility usage.

These new and improved spaces will not only address today's challenges but also position Holy Trinity Catholic Elementary School for decades of faithful service to the children and families of our region.



WAYS TO SUPPORT THE CAMPAIGN

There are many meaningful ways to support the Holy Trinity Catholic Elementary School Expansion Campaign. Each gift, large or small, plays a vital role in helping us shape the future of faith-based education in our community.



Pledges

Multi-year commitments made in good faith to support the full campaign.



Cash or Check

Simple and direct way to help us meet immediate needs.



Gifts of Securities

Donating stocks or bonds may provide tax benefits.



IRA Charitable Distributions

Satisfy required minimum distributions and reduce tax liability.



Gifts of Property or Equipment

Donating real estate or physical assets can offer lasting value.



Corporate Support

Businesses, banks, and local industries are invited to partner with us.



Grain or Livestock Donations

Farmers can donate crops or livestock to benefit the campaign.



Matching Gifts

Ask your employer about matching your gift to multiply your impact.





HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS, INC.

Phase Two Capital Campaign – Donor Pledge / Letter of Intent

I/we wish to support the Phase Two Capital Campaign for Holy Trinity Catholic School.

Name:	
Address:	City, State, Zip:
Phone:	Email:

Affiliation: ☐ Alumni ☐ Parishioner ☐ Parent/Former Parent ☐ Faculty ☐ Grandparent
☐ Friend ☐ Business

Gifts of Prayer, Time and Talent

☐ Daily Prayer ☐ Campaign Leadership ☐ Ambassador for the Campaign
☐ Other: _____

Gifts of Treasure

In consideration of the gifts of others for the same purpose, I/we agree to contribute:

Total Pledge Over 5 Years: \$_____ Enclosed Today: \$_____

Make checks payable to: Holy Trinity Capital Campaign

Circle pledge duration (years): 1 2 3 4 5

Payment Frequency: ☐ Annually ☐ Semi-annually ☐ Quarterly ☐ Monthly

Payment Start Date: _____ Ending No Later Than: _____

My company has a matching gift program: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Payment method / in-kind contributions:

☐ Appreciated Stock ☐ Crop Donation ☐ Credit Card ☐ Electronic Funds Transfer

I/we wish to donate the following materials or services: _____

Recognition

Please list name(s) as you wish to appear: _____

☐ I do not wish to be recognized; list as "Anonymous"

This gift is ☐ In Honor of / ☐ In Memory of: _____

For more information, contact
Ann Menke - ann@htccampaign.org or
Brian Foecke - brian@htccampaign.org
Phone: 319-214-0603

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please return this pledge sheet to:
HTC Elementary School Project, P O Box 66, West Point, IA 52656

VOICES OF OUR COMMUNITY

At Holy Trinity Catholic Elementary, our mission is lived each day through families, students, and educators. Here's what some of them have to say...



Our family was moving to the area and looking into multiple school options and nervous about our transition, but I could not be more thrilled with the decision to choose HTC. It's been a really great experience! There are small class sizes with a more individualized experience. Our children are getting a wonderful education and as a parent, I don't think you can ask for much more.

— **Samantha DaVolt**

We are very impressed by the positive experience our kids have had both at the HTC Early Childhood Center in West Point and at the Elementary school. The teachers and staff have been wonderful. It's been so great to see how excited our kids are to share with us what they have learned at school and also what they have learned about their faith. HTC does a wonderful job incorporating both within the curriculum. We couldn't ask for a better experience.

— **Michelle Schulte**



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