



April 11, 2025

Dear Friends in Christ,

As you may know, our school families recently came together during our annual auction to raise funds for a much-needed new playground for our children. I'm happy to share that through their incredible efforts, they raised \$140,000 toward this goal. This is a remarkable start, and we are deeply grateful.

However, we still need your help to cross the finish line.

Our current playground has served us well for over 20 years, but the wear and tear of time has made parts of it unsafe for use. More than just a play area, our playground is a daily part of our students' joy, growth, and learning. And it's not just for our students — it's a place where our parish families bring their children and grandchildren to play, gather, and enjoy time together.

We are planning two new playgrounds:

- A fenced-in, safe space for our youngest children (ages 2–5)
- A larger structure for our school-aged students to enjoy

Both playgrounds will feature zero-level entry and will be fully ADA compliant, creating a welcoming, inclusive space for all children — something our current equipment cannot offer.

Completing this project is not just a matter of safety or enjoyment — it's also vital to fulfilling our school accreditation requirements. Our hope is to begin construction as soon as the school year ends, so our students can return in the fall to a safe, beautiful new space to play.

This is where we humbly ask for your help.

Whether you are a long-time supporter, an alumnus, a grandparent, or a parishioner who believes in the mission of Catholic education, your contribution can make a lasting difference. We also welcome memorial gifts or named sponsorships of individual playground features — a beautiful way to honor a loved one or celebrate your family's connection to our parish.



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Please prayerfully consider supporting this important project. Your generosity will bring joy, safety, and inclusivity to the children of our parish for years to come.

May God bless you richly and deeply for your consideration and support.

With gratitude,

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