

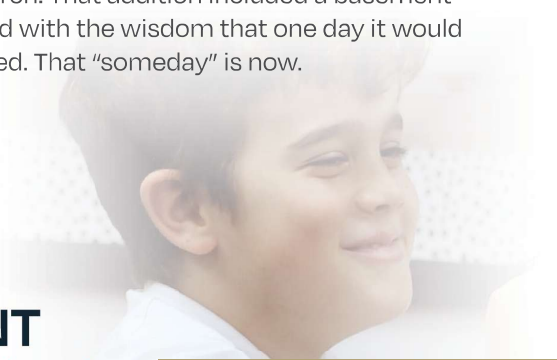
SACRED HEART of JESUS CATHOLIC PARISH *and* SCHOOL

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS: FINISHING THE SCHOOL BASEMENT

When our school was built 25 years ago, we had:

- 12 classrooms
- No library or computer lab
- 6 shared office spaces between parish and school
- No kitchen
- A multi-purpose room that also served as our parish worship space

Within just one year, our school building could no longer contain the life and growth of our community. Temporary classrooms were added, and a school expansion was built alongside our new church. That addition included a basement – planned with the wisdom that one day it would be needed. That “someday” is now.



2 TIMOTHY 1:6a

MISSION INVESTMENT

See the vision. Hear the call. Be the spark.

Why was the school basement included in the school addition design?

When our school was expanded alongside the new church, a basement was intentionally built for **future needs**. The upper level gave us two classes per grade, K–8, but the basement was left unfinished, awaiting the time when it would be needed. That time is long overdue.

What challenges are we facing without the basement finished?

Currently, our students and teachers face significant limitations:

- Art is still taught “on a cart” with no dedicated room.
- Music is taught next to a middle school math classroom, without soundproofing.
- Our Learning Resource (special education) program is housed in a converted storage closet.
- There are no extra classrooms for electives and enrichment.
- Preschool cannot move into the school building, limiting both classroom space and offerings.

How will finishing the basement help us live our mission?

By completing the basement, we will:

- Create dedicated spaces for Art, Music, and Learning Resources.
- Provide classrooms for electives, opening new opportunities for enrichment.
- Expand our preschool program, welcoming more of our youngest disciples earlier.
- Ensure that students learn in an environment that reflects the beauty, truth, and goodness of our Catholic faith.

How does this connect to our parish vision and values?

Finishing the basement allows us to:

- Be **Unapologetically Catholic**, forming disciples rooted in Eucharistic Encounters, Reconciliation, Scripture, Fasting, and the Rosary.
- Show **Grit**, by investing in long-term excellence for our parish and school.
- Remain **Joyful Servants**, creating spaces that serve children, families, and our wider parish community.

Why is this project necessary now?

Because our children deserve more than “making do.” Completing the basement unlocks their God-given potential, strengthens Catholic identity, attracts new families, and ensures our parish school continues our mission: to put hearts on a collision course with the Sacred Heart of Jesus



Stay tuned for next week's FAQs: Church Basement & Expanded Meeting Room Space