

IGNITE Overview

The help and participation of all parishioners will be needed to make our IGNITE campaign successful. Let us first review and ensure understanding of how IGNITE is different from the annual Diocesan Services Fund appeal. Each year, the Diocesan Services Fund supports more than 60 programs and ministries that are provided most effectively and most efficiently at the Archdiocesan level.

Ignite is different. Ignite is not for the programs and ministries supported by the Diocesan Services Fund. Ignite is to support a few major targeted Archdiocesan needs, including the outdated physical plant and dormitory facilities at St. Mary's Seminary, tuition assistance for Catholic Schools, establish grant programs to enhance Archdiocesan Faith Formation, rebuild parishes and schools damaged by storms in 2017 and 2019, and replenish Archdiocesan disaster reserve funds prior to future storm events. And, while the Diocesan Services Fund appeal is annual, IGNITE is a one-time campaign with a four-year giving period.

Our St. Joseph Parish goal for IGNITE is \$436,223. Of every dollar given, 2/3 will go to the Archdiocese targeted IGNITE needs (\$292,269), and 1/3 will go to St. Joseph (\$143,954). Unlike Diocesan Services Fund, in which funds are not returned to the local parish until the goal is surpassed, IGNITE returns the local parish's portion of the funds as your contributions are received. Another very important difference between Diocesan Services Fund and IGNITE: if a parish does not meet its DSF goal, the parish must make up the difference out of local parish funds. However, with IGNITE there is not such stipulation. IGNITE is a "good faith" campaign in which there is no penalty if the parish goal is not met.

For our portion of funds, that would be returned to our local parish through IGNITE (143,954 if goal reached), three major local needs are identified: make repairs to the church bell tower – screens, drainage & electrical; install a new roof on the Activity Building, and install a new roof on the Rectory.

As a parish family, let us encourage ourselves to make our own personal sacrificial commitment to IGNITE. Let us put our faith into action to make a commitment to do God's will with our time, talent and treasure – knowing that all of the gifts we have are rooted in God. In doing so, we will provide not only a foundation to meet present needs, but also a lasting legacy for generations to come.