



ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH + SCHOOL



A  
Future  
WITH  
Hope

*For surely I know the plans  
I have for you, says the Lord,  
plans for your welfare and  
not for harm, to give you  
a future with hope.*

# LETTER FROM THE RECTOR

Friends -



God has been blessing St. Thomas in amazing ways! We have seen growth in number, faith, and impact. We are encountering and transforming our city with worship, study, friendship, and compassion.

Just look at the growth we've had in our children's ministry! Week after week we see those little ones bounding down the aisle for my children's sermon. At a time when families with children are staying away from churches, they just keep coming and staying. St. Thomas is poised to continue its legacy of ministry to San Antonio for the generations to come. While other churches are worried about their future, we get to see ours right in the pews with us each week.

God has given us A Future with Hope. This is the right time for us to pay off our debts and replace those roofs, further positioning ourselves for our next 50 years. Ask the Lord, "What do you want to do through me?" Thank you in advance for your generosity and support! Our best is yet to come.

Blessings - Mike+





## OUR STORY

St. Thomas began in a home in Hollywood Park in 1964. Our church building was constructed in 1968, with additions and expansions in 1974 and 1990. The Parish Hall was built in 1982 and our administration/school building in 1998. In 2019 the Woehler Family Center was completed. In 2024 we celebrated 50 years of being a Parish.

## WHAT IS A FUTURE WITH HOPE

St. Thomas has a long and faithful history to the city of San Antonio. We continue to serve our city as an inclusive and kind church that learns and serves together. **A Future with Hope** will allow St. Thomas to continue to serve North San Antonio by growing our staff, continue to have a second clergy person, grow our discipleship programming, and in the future be able to have an additional worship service. Our goal of our **A Future with Hope** campaign is to eliminate the debt of the Woehler Family Center and replace the Church and Education Wing Roofs. We want to set-up St. Thomas for the next fifty years so we may continue to experience the love of God through worship, study, friendship, and compassion.

# WHY NOW?

We owe \$1.3million on the Woehler Family Center and have \$98K of debt service in our operating budget this year. Our initial loan at 3.69% will mature with a balloon payment of the remaining balance in October 2031. If we don't have this debt paid by then, we'll need to finance the balance at whatever rates might be in place. The simple removal of this debt changes our financial course in the short and long term and reclaims the building's use to us. If not eliminated, our debt payments will remove an amount of funds from our General Budget causing a reduction in staff, ministry, and mission.

- Incredibly, the roof over the Church
- and the two wings connected to it are
- original to the building. We have several places where it leaks when it rains, and these roofs are years past their intended life. We are proud of the work we've been doing on their deferred maintenance, however, these roofs need replacing.



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## ROOF REPLACEMENT

Our priority is to replace the roofs over the Church and Education Wing roofs. Every dollar brought in will go toward this goal until it is accomplished.

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## DEBT ELIMINATION

After the roofs are replaced, we will use funds raised to pay off the Woehler Family Center debt. We want to be debt free as soon as possible.

## OVER AND ABOVE

This Capital Campaign is rooted in the heart of sacrificial giving. We are asking over the next three years (2025, 2026, 2027) that your campaign pledge is above and beyond your regular giving to the general budget. This campaign is driven forward by the idea that we are not about equal gifts but equal sacrifices. We want everyone to keep this reality in mind as you begin to prayerfully consider how God is wanting you to respond.

*LORD, WHAT DO  
YOU WANT TO DO  
THROUGH ME?*



# KEY DATES

April 6th

We will begin 5 weeks of worship that will focus on the campaign.

April 13th

Ministry Sunday, where we will celebrate the ministries of our church.

May 4th

Celebration Sunday

May 11th

Commitment Sunday

June 1st

Announcement Sunday, where we will announce the total of the three-year commitments received.

*Almighty God, You have promised that You know the plans You have for us—plans for our welfare and not for harm, to give us a future with hope. In faith, we step forward, trusting in Your guidance. Bless this campaign, that through our generosity and labor, we may build a future where Your love is known, Your mission is fulfilled, and Your people flourish. Unite our hearts, strengthen our hands, and grant us vision to be faithful stewards of Your gifts, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*



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