



CHRIST OUR LIGHT

St. Ambrose Academy Building Campaign

CAMPAIGN UPDATE

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**The future is bright for
St. Ambrose Academy!**



Students enjoy the new facilities
at 3 Point Place, Madison!

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

by Joe Draves, Development Director

In May we were thrilled to announce the location of our future school building: at the intersection of Nobel Dr. and Fahey Glen in Fitchburg, WI, just west of McGaw Park. The next question we often hear is,

"Where are you going to be in the meantime?"

Our leadership team diligently researched, visited, and assessed many sites. After enlisting experts and weighing all the options, we've landed on a fantastic, high-quality facility built for education. We're pleased to share that **3 Point Place, Madison** will be the interim home of St. Ambrose Academy while the Christ Our Light building campaign continues!

Formerly the location of Upper Iowa University, this building is close to our previous home and has:

- enough classrooms so that each of our full-time teachers can have their own classroom (a luxury they've never had before!),
- ample office space,
- a gathering space for prayer and all-school Masses,
- lunchrooms for the junior and senior high, and
- a large greenspace for students to enjoy fresh air between classes.

We'll be close to Holy Name Heights, a convenient location both for our weekly all-day visits from newly appointed chaplain, Fr. Greg Ihm, and for our dear Bishop Hying to easily stop by for a few scheduled visits this coming academic year.

This summer, small renovations are being done by CG Schmidt, our project's general contractor, to bring the building up to code for K-12 educational purposes. We'll move in during the summer and then eagerly welcome students back to school as we begin this next chapter in the history of St. Ambrose Academy.

God's providence is immeasurable and we are excited for this beautiful new space as we continue to grow our enrollment and deepen the impact of Catholic classical education in southcentral Wisconsin.

We invite you to reach out with questions to get to know this exciting project! You can contact me at (920) 284-4771 or josephd@ambroseacademy.org.

Thank you for your heroic prayers and support of St. Ambrose Academy! Together we are building a culture of virtue, through students and graduates who are exceedingly ready to engage our puzzled world with the joy and clear mind and heart of Christ. Let us be ever resolved to help save souls, civilization, and country in these most challenging times.



CAMPAIGN LEADERSHIP PROFILE

As the project continues, we want to introduce you to some of the campaign leaders who are making this project a success. We are grateful for the talented, hard-working, faithful men and women who are building a legacy of life-changing Catholic education!

As a successful Madison-area business leader with an extensive background in business development, marketing, community relations, and construction management, Sarah Dunn was a natural fit as Chairperson of the Christ Our Light building campaign.

Dunn's first encounter with St. Ambrose came from an invitation to the annual Benefit Dinner 10 years ago. Although Dunn works with many schools and organizations statewide in her role as Vice President of Client Strategies at CG Schmidt, Inc., the SAA community stood apart.

"What struck me most was the outstanding young people that attend this school. I found them to be not only confident, but they're extremely intelligent, very persuasive in their conversation, and above all else, they're just really great people who go out in the world and accomplish great things," says Dunn.

Catholic education is an important priority for Dunn; she herself is a Blessed Sacrament and Edgewood High School graduate and a mother of three adult children who attended 12 years of Catholic education and had a great experience. Having a school like SAA, with the intersection of a strong faith formation and the excellent preparation of a classical education, offers Madison-area youth a path to success.

"Young kids are faced with a lot of challenges today. St. Ambrose gives them a foundation and the stability to practice their faith, while also getting an education steeped in history, literature, and language. SAA offers everything from sports to extracurricular activities to volunteering in the community. This gives the students a place where they can find their path in life -- what will make them happy; a model citizen; a good family person; and most importantly, what will make them a good Catholic in the community after they graduate."

Seeing the growth at SAA, Dunn has been impressed by the commitment the faculty and parents have had in growing the school with temporary space. "They've done a terrific job of making it work for the last 18 years, but it's time for SAA to build a permanent home. It's exciting! There's a lot of opportunity here, and now we have the chance to develop many more young people who will go out into the world and make a difference."
