

St. Clare's Episcopal Church

An Invitation to Discernment

Considering the needs and possibilities that might be funded by a capital campaign



Caring for Today • Preparing for Tomorrow

Our Path Forward

Discern: September to December 2025—What is God calling us to accomplish in a proposed capital campaign?

Study: January to March 2026—Only if the discernment phase guides us to do so, we will conduct a feasibility study to determine priorities and gauge potential financial support.

Ask: April to June 2026—Only if a feasibility study indicates support, we will move ahead with a capital campaign.

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St. Clare's Today

We are a vibrant, growing parish seeking to serve God and honor all of creation by centering all we do in love.



Worship with Joy • Grow in Faith • Act for Justice

We are Unique

Genesis of Ann Arbor was founded in 1974 by

St. Clare's and Temple Beth Emeth with the mission to exemplify interfaith cooperation and friendship, allowing us to serve the broader community and at the same time enrich our respective faith traditions. To live into our shared mission of service, we have the responsibility to care for our shared campus by maintaining our buildings and grounds for the future.

Preparing for Tomorrow by Discerning God's Call

Discernment for a possible capital campaign should be grounded in prayer and invites everyone in the parish to be part of a series of 'holy conversations' about what the most important needs and projects are that might be funded in a campaign. This is the first step to ensure that St. Clare's continues to thrive for generations to come.

Learn More About St. Clare's

Visit the [discernment web page](#) and find informative fact sheets about congregational life, church and building operations, and the unique history of these sacred spaces.



Areas of Need to Help St. Clare's Grow and Thrive

These four areas of need are currently under discussion for potential funding through a proposed St. Clare's capital campaign. No final decisions have been made and your ideas are welcome.

Building repair and maintenance

We are responsible for half of the capital expenses to maintain our joint Genesis facilities. Many of our mechanical systems are reaching the end of their useful life and need to be replaced or upgraded soon. Our operating budget and our reserve funds are inadequate to cover these upcoming expenses.

Grow the Ark Fund for capital projects

If we can increase the amount we have in our reserve fund for capital expenses, we could generate more income to cover our share of the annual Genesis capital assessment and avoid spending down our operational funds, leaving more to support our mission.

Fund St. Clare's staffing and program needs

St. Clare's has been the beneficiary of a grant to cover the majority of Rev. Toby's curacy, which will end in 2027. Returning to our previous staffing level will make it difficult to sustain our current level of programming and growth. A proposed capital campaign could be used to fund an additional staff position while we continue to grow our annual operating income.

Expand outreach initiatives to those who are vulnerable and underserved

Given the increasing needs in our community, we are discerning how we can fund increased outreach initiatives that meet the needs of the most vulnerable and underserved. A proposed capital campaign could generate revenue for new outreach initiatives.

What do you think
St. Clare's needs
to realize our full
potential and
flourish as we serve
God?

We hope every
member of the
congregation will
participate in this
discernment.

**YOU are
invited to:**

- Pray for St. Clare's and reflect on the ways God is calling us to respond
- Sign up to participate in a small group meeting—see details at right
- Listen, learn, share your views, and ask questions because your voice matters

*Sign up today and help to ensure
St. Clare's continued growth and vitality.*

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Thu, 9/25, 7:00-9:00 PM, Linda Klimach's home
Sat, 9/27, 4:00-5:30 PM, STC (childcare)
Mon, 9/29, 6:30-8:00 PM, STC
Wed, 10/8, 10:00-11:30 AM, STC
Thu, 10/9, 7:00-9:00 PM, Ann Putallaz's home
Sun, 10/12, 8:00-9:30 PM, Zoom
Sun, 10/19, noon-1:30 PM, STC (childcare)
Tues, 10/21, noon-1:30 PM, STC
Wed, 10/29, noon-1:30 PM, Zoom
Wed, 11/5, 6:00-7:30 PM, STC (childcare)



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For questions about signing up, please contact
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