

ST. JOSEPH'S HALLE RESTORATION CAMPAIGN



Celebrate the Past
Envision the Future



Our Story

In 1898 Father Joseph Roch saw the need for a new organization in Fredericksburg, Texas dedicated to promoting a strong religious life consistent with the teachings of the Catholic Church, aiding the sick and distressed, honoring the dead, and preserving and cherishing the German tongue, culture and customs. The organization was to be known as the St. Joseph's Society.



Father Roch

In addition to forming the new Society, Father Roch envisioned a new facility that would belong to its members and serve as a gathering space not only for the Society but for the entire Parish and the community of Fredericksburg. In 1900 this vision became a reality.



Founding Members of St. Joseph's Society



St. Joseph's Halle has served its community well for over 100 years. The Halle has not only accommodated numerous church and school activities, but has also hosted numerous social

School Play 1932 functions ranging from community theater performances to cultural events like the Saengerfest (Singing Festival). There are probably very few members of this community that have not danced, sung, broken bread or celebrated life in St. Joseph's Halle.



St. Joseph's Halle, Present Day

St. Joseph's Halle proudly stands as a testament to the pride and determination that early German settlers possessed when it came to constructing beautiful buildings that would last for generations.

Proposed Restoration

St. Joseph's Halle is considered today as one of the most historically significant buildings in the area. Its simple and austere detailing makes it one of the architectural gems of the Texas Hill Country.

However, a century of service has taken a toll on this great building. Plaster walls have deteriorated, wood ceilings and trim have rotted and mechanical and electrical systems have become outdated.



Damaged plaster wall and baseboard

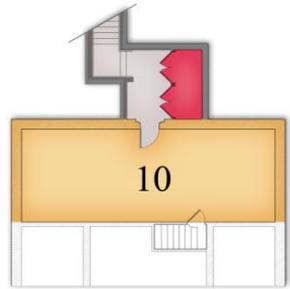
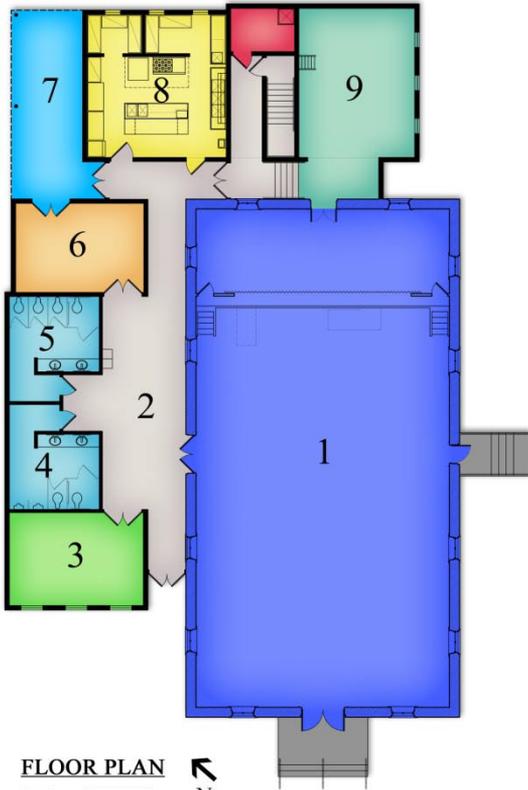
seen for generations, the historic St. Joseph's Halle will be made new again.



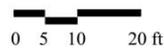
Deteriorated window

As with any historical treasure comes a time to renew it with an emphasis of not just repairing it but restoring it to its original beauty. By careful restoration of every aspect of the building, coupled with the use of original materials and vibrant, original paint colors not

The Halle has for generations served as a great local venue for the performing arts. Adding to the Halle's already impressive features will be new performance-enhancing acoustical treatments and a state of the art audio/visual system. Improvements to its historic stage will include new curtains and lighting.



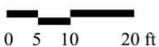
BASEMENT PLAN



Key

- 1. Existing Hall
- 2. Lobby
- 3. Meeting Room
- 4. Men's Restroom
- 5. Women's Restroom
- 6. Storage
- 7. Covered Service Entrance
- 8. Kitchen
- 9. Backstage Area
- 10. Storage

FLOOR PLAN



Proposed Addition

The removal of the existing addition will allow for several new and exciting features including a conference room, large restrooms, a commercial grade catering kitchen, ample storage, an expanded backstage area and a covered service entrance.

Tying all of these spaces together will be a spacious lobby that can also be used as a small reception or gather area. It will be accessed from the existing hall or through the new south-facing entrance.



Exterior Features

Special attention has been given to the design of the new addition, keeping in mind the goal that it blends well with the architecture of the original building while still distinguishing itself as not original.

The entire addition will be clad in stucco, so it will not compete with the beautiful historic stone on the original Halle. Windows and doors will be scaled and detailed similar to those on the existing building.

The new lobby entrance will open up to a spacious, landscaped courtyard that would act as a great outdoor gathering space or overflow space for activities inside the Halle. New sidewalks will provide a pathway from the courtyard to the St. Mary's Parish parking lot to the east and additional parking at the rear of the building.

The stone path, steps and landing leading to the Halle's front entry will be carefully restored. Defining the front of edge of the property will be a reproduction of the original stone and wrought iron fence that once stood on the site.



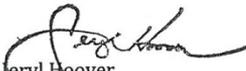
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To Whom It May Concern:

I look back fondly at the birth of Fredericksburg Theater Company in St. Joseph's Halle in the summer of 1997. The natural acoustics made our small cast sound like two and three times that many without any sound reinforcement.

Our partnership with the St. Joseph's Society for our first summer musical launched FTC to the success we enjoy today. It will always be a joyful memory that we were able to produce our first show in such a heritage-rich building in downtown Fredericksburg.

Sincerely,


Jeryl Hoover
Mayor



Our festival started in historic St. Joseph's Halle in 1961. It is always a delight for professional

performers to be in the Halle, as well as the guests.

The key is the pleasing acoustics and the intimacy of the atmosphere. Please retain the historic nature and fine quality of its features, especially its *gemuetlichkeit* (comfortableness). It will be our pleasure to join in supporting your campaign to preserve and restore historic St. Joseph's Halle. God bless this important effort.

Kenn Knopp
Co-Founder and Coordinator
Van der Stucken Music Festival

The St. Joseph's Halle has served generations of St. Mary's students and continues in that role today.



Alumni can reflect on senior plays, class nights, graduations, concerts, dances, banquets, and meetings that were only possible because the Halle provided the ideal venue for those events.

Today it's a favorite gathering spot for class reunions. Our class gathered there in May, and it felt like coming home. So much of our school's history was made in the Halle – every graduate has a favorite memory that is tied to St. Joseph's Halle.

Billy Pahl
Principal
St. Mary's Catholic School



When I walk into St. Joseph's Halle I'm in awe of the history that the structure holds. My Aunt Cindy had cheerleading try-outs and played volleyball games in St. Joseph's Halle in the early 70's.

As an SMS student in the 80's, I attended school assemblies and on rainy days had PE in the Halle. And now my children have the privilege of utilizing St. Joseph's Halle for school plays and talent shows and Boy Scout meetings.

I'm very appreciative that we are allowed use of the Halle for school and church functions and, more importantly, I appreciate the history and memories associated with St. Joseph's' Halle.

Nicole Eilers Wienecke
Boy Scout Leader

The German choirs have been rehearsing at St. Joseph's Halle for over 35 years. I have been directing these choirs at this wonderful and historic location for 26 of those years. St. Joseph's Halle is our home in rehearsal and in performance. The Fredericksburg Chorale performs there as often as we can book it. We love the acoustics; the lights; the setting.



I will never forget the evening I drove around Fredericksburg when I was new here. I heard the sound of a choir singing German from the Halle. The doors were wide open. Little did I know that a month later I would be directing that choir and another German choir as well.

We are all excited about restoration plans for the Halle. We love it as it is and we will love it by helping to make it even more of what it already is.

Mark Hierholzer

St. Joseph's Society
P.O. Box 2046
Fredericksburg, Texas



Dear Patron of St. Joseph's Halle:

In 1898 the men's society of St. Mary's Parish, St. Joseph's Society, built the Halle as a gathering place for the parish, school, the community and themselves. Three years ago their successors committed themselves to restore and renovate this historic building. The theme for this effort is "Celebrate the Past - Envision the Future." In celebrating the past we honor the 70 founding members that built the building with their own efforts and \$7000 in contributions. We likewise recognize St. Joseph's Society whose leaders over the past century have dedicated themselves to the maintenance of this historic edifice.

Throughout its 112 year history the Halle has been the venue for thousands of events, last year alone hosting over 320 gatherings. Because of its acoustics, it is the preferred venue for band, chorale and orchestra concerts. The rental calendar is replete with craft and art shows, wedding receptions, community, school and parish events.

This constant use has been at a cost. The peeling paint, cracked wood and falling plaster are signs that no matter how well built, the Halle has aged and needs restoration and renovation. The Texas Society for the Preservation of St. Joseph's Halle has been incorporated, granted tax exempt status and will spearhead the restoration work.

The plans for the project have been developed by architect Randy Stehling and have been reviewed by the membership and approved by the Historical Review Board and the City of Fredericksburg.

We hope you will be able to participate in this great endeavor. With your help St. Joseph's Halle will not only continue to hold its stature among historical monuments in Fredericksburg but become the premier meeting space in Gillespie County.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Carlos Juenke".

Yours in Christ,
Carlos Juenke
President

We Need Your Support!

The restoration and modernization of St. Joseph's Halle provides a wonderful opportunity for every member of St. Joseph's Society, St. Mary's Parish, and the community of Fredericksburg to participate in this exciting and necessary project.

We are asking for your enthusiastic commitment and service to endow future generations with a quality facility that will continue to host our many cultural and social events. We hope you will make a financial contribution to help us reach our goal!

How Can You Give?

There are a number of ways in which you can support our restoration campaign. The attached pledge sheet outlines for you several options to give. We are asking for a three year pledge which can be paid annually, semi-annually or quarterly. A one-time gift is certainly welcome as well.

If you are paying by credit card please provide the type of card, credit card number and expiration date. We also can set up an electronic fund transfer with your financial institution with the amount paid to the Texas Society for the Preservation of St. Joseph's Halle. You may also consider donations to the restoration project as part of your estate planning.

Remember, all contributions are tax deductible as the Society is a 501.c.3 institution. An envelope is enclosed for your convenience. Please mail to St. Joseph's Society, PO Box 2046, Fredericksburg, TX 78624.

For additional information or if you have any questions please e-mail the Society at info@stjosephssociety.org or call Bob Sagebiel at 830-990-8038 or Joe Kammlah at 830-456-1727.

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