



# FWASC

Fr. Jim Walsh Arts & Science Center



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Fr. Jim Walsh was the pastor of St. Dominic parish for almost twenty-five years. I know for a fact that from the day he came to St. Dominic as pastor, to the last moments on his death bed, his first and last thought was St. Dominic people, parish and school. January 29th, 2026, will be the first anniversary of Fr. Jim's death. Over the intervening year several parishioners have asked about the possibility of naming or creating a special place in honor of Fr. Jim.

For generations, the people of St. Dominic parish have been committed to providing an outstanding Catholic education for our children, the children of our community and neighborhood. Starting with almost nothing Fr. Grimmelmsman, with a few dedicated sisters and lay people, opened a school. The legacy was taken up by succeeding pastors and Fr. Jim was a committed believer in the importance of Catholic education for all children and making St. Dominic one of the premier schools in the archdiocese.

It is always a challenge, and a sacrifice, to start and sustain a school. It is so big a dream that not every parish takes on this incredible mission. The people of St. Dominic did, and they continue to indicate that this mission is central to our identity and the work we do and the dreams and hopes we have. This mission was absolutely a priority for Fr. Jim.

Fr. Jim was a champion of Catholic education and for almost twenty-five years worked hard, with Fr. Chris and outstanding lay leaders, to make sure our school not only survived but thrived. School was not simply a priority, it was a sacred trust, a God given mission, a commitment to our children and our future. Jimmy loved the school, everything about it, everyone who belonged to it, and everyone who cared about it. For him St. Dominic school is a legacy of love.

It has been a dream, and our intention, to renovate a floor of the "old convent" building to create a new creative space for Art and STEM education. To help provide funding for this initiative we are establishing the "Fr. Jim Walsh Arts & Science Center" Fund. January 29th, 2026, will be the first anniversary of Fr. Jim's death. Supporting this fund in his honor would be a tremendous way to remember him, show appreciation for his priestly ministry to our parish and the church, and support his priority of sustaining our school and Catholic education.

The target for this campaign is \$500,000, and the campaign begins on Fr. Jim's anniversary, January 29th, ending on December 11th, the anniversary of Fr. Jim's birthday. The project will begin when funds are raised estimated date Summer 2027.

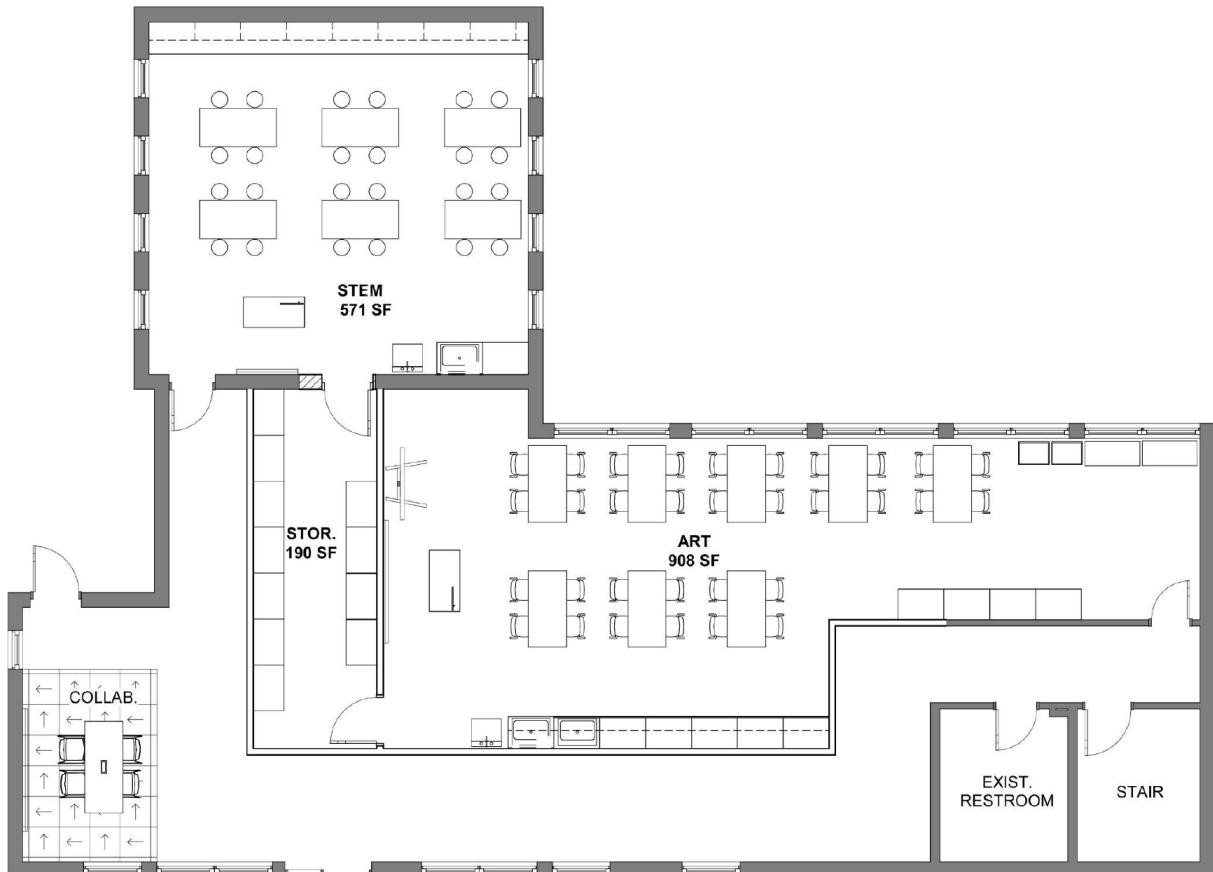
As Fr. Jim said to me almost every day: "All for Jesus, Ben, all for Jesus." And doing this for Jesus, Fr. Jim and generations of children and families is a great way to build the Kingdom of God. Thank you so much for all your kind support. We don't do this for ourselves...we do it for Jesus and our children.

St. Dominic School is a great place to learn and great place to be. Thank you for making Catholic education a possibility for so many children and families.

God bless you all,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Ben". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Fr." on the first line and "Ben" on the second line.

## Convent Building – Proposed Renovation



STEM Example



Art Room Example



Open Collaboration Example

### Ways to Give:

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