



Pray - Sacrifice - Build Together with God

ST. JAMES CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Master Plan Unveiled at Recent Town Hall Meeting *Design Team and Fr. Roach on Hand to Answer Questions*

Marsha Hoffman, our lead architect, and Chris Castrop, our liturgical designer presented details of the of the master plan (shown at the right) on September 15. This Town Hall meeting was well attended by St. James parishioners. Fr. Roach also answered questions about the plan and the rationale for it.

How many will the new church seat?

We originally talked about a sanctuary that would seat 1,000 to 1,200, but we settled on 1,200.

How many will the new Daily Mass/Adoration Chapel seat?

It will have a capacity for approximately 35 people.

What will happen with the existing parish office space?

In Phase II, the rectory will be demolished. Parish Offices will be relocated to a portion of the existing sanctuary.

What will happen to our existing pipe organ?



The existing pipe organ can be moved to the new church. Plans are being considered to add ranks to the pipe organ when it is moved.

Will the new church have a lower level?

Yes, however, Phase I will only build the shell of the lower level. It will be completed in Phase II and will include a new parish hall.



St. James Parishioners Turn Out for Town Hall Meeting



Final Campaign Events Schedule

Our campaign events are coming to a close. If you have not had the opportunity to attend one so far, plan to attend one of these remaining campaign events. They are your opportunity to hear about the new plans and discuss them with the parish leaders. Due to limited space in the homes, you will need to RSVP for the following events.

- ☎ **Home Event** — October 1st (7:00 p.m.)
– Gary & Martha Duffin, 9620 N. Arlington, KCMO
- ☎ **Home Event** — October 3rd (7:00 p.m.)
– Troy & Marcy Sheeley, Copperleaf Club House, 9011 N. Glenwood Ave., KCMO
- ☎ **Home Event** — October 4th (7:00 p.m.)
– John & Janice Brimer, 1569 Merit Lane, Liberty, MO

☎ *Please note the campaign events requesting a RSVP.
There are three ways to respond.*

1. Call the parish office at (816) 781-4343
2. E-mail campaign@stjames-liberty.org
3. Go to church website at www.stjames-liberty.org and click on the Campaign Info Link, then click on Events for further information and to RSVP

From Your Pastor



**Unless the LORD
build the house,
they labor in vain
who build.**
Psalm 127:1

Greetings to you,

We had a great turnout for our Town Hall meeting with our design team on September 15. Thank you to all who attended. There was a great presentation and discussion about the direction we are going with our plans for the future. You can read more about it in this newsletter.

Although a campaign such as this is a lot of hard work, it is a joy to have the support of parishioners who are willing to pitch in and help. That support allows me the time I need to devote to my pastoral duties.

We now have just three campaign events remaining. If you have not attended one, please check the schedule on page 2 and sign up for one. You will have the opportunity to have your questions answered and find out more about the details of our Phase I plan.

As always, continue to pray daily for our parish and its mission in our community.

In Christ,

Father Mike Roach

Mark Your Calendar

**Commitment
Weekend
November 10-11**



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Our Campaign Co-Chairs—Kevin and Sue Nordhues

We are Kevin and Sue Nordhues. We are one of five couples co-chairing the leadership team for the Capital Campaign.



We love St. James, so saying yes to being one of the co-chair couples was an easy answer for us. Saint James has been our family and source of spiritual strength since we

moved here.

We moved here from Georgia in 1995 and enrolled our three children in the St James School. A couple of months later we went to our first Sweetheart Dance sponsored by the Marriage Enrichment Group. We met so many wonderful couples. They invited us to join the Marriage Enrichment Group and they helped us to get our kids signed up for boy scouts, girl scouts, and many sports teams. As the months and years went by we

continued to meet many more wonderful people at St. James.

We became involved in many ministries including the: Eucharistic ministry, choir, Stephen ministry, Hand Bell Choir, Boy Scouts, teaching of religious education, pastoral council, Endowment Fund Committee and other ministries. We have felt very blessed to be part of a church family that offers so many ministries to help us grow in our faith.

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This St. James family has nurtured us as we raised our three children. Some of you were their teachers both in the St. James School and in religious education. Some of you were their Boy Scout and Girl Scout leaders. Some of you were their coaches for a variety of sports. ...And, so many of you were wonderful Christian examples for them as they grew up.

Many of you were here to celebrate with us as our children had their first reconciliation, first communion, and confirmation. We have been here to celebrate these wonderful sacraments with you and your families.

Our community is a source of strength for all of us in time of need. We have a wonderful prayer chain and God hears our prayers. As many of you know Sue was diagnosed with breast cancer in January of this year. This community enveloped her with love. She felt your prayers as she walked her walk. You supported her through her hardest days with phone calls, texts, cards, and conversations. You also provided us with meals for over 2 weeks.

Any of you that know Kevin's appetite

know that this was a significant volume of food. You were God's hands reaching out to Sue and you gave her strength when she needed it most. We have seen this community take care of each other over and over again throughout all of our years here.

This is why we love St. James and why it was so easy to say yes to being co-chairs for the Capital Campaign. We want St. James to have enough worship space to invite all Catholic families to join us, to feel welcomed and wanted. As Susie Olson mentioned during their talks in June, one of our parishioners spoke up during the first Town Hall Meeting to say that a church is not about a building, it is about the people. She is so very right.

Everything we have mentioned above about why we love St. James is about the people in this parish. However,



As our recent St. James Newsletter reported, 80% of the time the 9:15 and 11am Masses spill out into the Narthex.

we need adequate space to accommodate the people for worship, ministries and activities. We've sat in the Narthex several times and it's hard to stay focused on the Mass so far away and with all the extra distractions. We want all of our parishioners to sit inside and to fully experience the Mass. We need enough space for everyone to park safely and enough space to accommodate all our activities. We want to provide a facility able to reach out to all area Catholics for many years to come.