



Million \$\$\$\$ Opportunity

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Last month we told you the astonishing news we received from our Diocese – the opportunity to receive a \$1M gift if we can raise a matching \$1M in cash and/or pledges. This is indeed a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that may allow us to move more quickly on construction of our new church.

Many of you have told us that you are excited about this news and have asked how we can raise an additional \$1M at the same time you are being so faithful to your current 2016-2018 Capital Campaign pledge. The good news is that the Diocese has graciously offered an obtainable option: our \$1M match can be cash gifts and pledges for gifts, as long as they are new (made after July 31 of this year).

This means that by simply extending your current pledge one more year to 2019 we can raise the majority, if not all, of the amount needed to meet this challenge.

We are extremely grateful for the generosity of your pledges to the current campaign and your faithful fulfillment of these pledges so far this year. We are thrilled to tell you that as of August 31 we have reached \$5.6M of the \$6.1M in pledges and \$2.4M of the \$4.2M cash-in-bank required to obtain a loan from the Diocesan Bank. Before receiving word of this amazing opportunity from the Diocese, we were hopeful that we would be able to break ground for the new church within the next three years.

When we successfully meet our goal of \$1 million in cash *AND* pledges, the Diocese will transfer the matching million to our accounts. This will open up endless opportunities, strengthen our parish community and may allow our vision of a new place of worship to become a reality sooner than anticipated.

We hope that you are enthusiastic about this *Million \$\$\$\$ Opportunity*, and if after some prayer you feel you can join us, we ask that you take part in this Opportunity by extending your 2016-2018 pledge one more year to 2019. Thank you for all you have done to make St. James Church's past so rich and blessed, and for your great generosity in helping with our future goals. Together we sacrifice, together we journey, and together we build our faith.

Within the next few weeks you will receive a pledge card and information about the amount of your current pledge. We hope you will join us and bring your completed pledge card to Mass on the weekends of November 12/13 or 19/20.


In Christ,

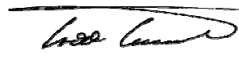
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Financial Plan For Building A New Church

Last year when we launched our ***Grounded, Growing, Embracing*** Capital Campaign, we shared our financial plan for building a new church. We are sharing that information with you again as we launch our ***Million \$\$\$\$ Opportunity*** match so that you can see the estimated cost of the new church and be able to easily compare the status of the amount pledged and collected as of August 31 with the financial requirements that we must meet before we can receive a construction loan from the Diocesan Bank.

Projected Cost of New Church (Estimated Cost as of June 30, 2015)		
Construction Cost ⁽¹⁾	\$6,113,258	
Soft Cost ⁽²⁾	\$2,071,953	
Total Cost		\$8,185,211
(1) Construction Cost: Church Building, unfinished basement, site work		
(2) Soft Cost: Interior and Cathedraicum (tithe to the Diocese)		

Financial Thresholds to go forward		
Campaign Goal Is To Build !		
(Rules as of June 30, 2015 using the building cost of \$8.2M)		
TO BEGIN BUILDING		
We need <i>pledges</i> equaling *		\$6,138,908
	AND	
We need <i>funds</i> in the bank equaling **		\$4,092,606
The Diocesan Bank requires us to have 75%* in pledges and 50% ** in cash for a loan.		

New Church Fund as of August 31, 2016	
Pledges Received	\$5,658,072
Cash Reserves in Bank	\$2,433,772

Thanks to the generosity of your pledges and faithful fulfillment of those pledges, eight months into the ***Grounded, Growing, Embracing*** Capital Campaign we are making good progress on achieving the Diocesan loan requirements. With being true to your pledges, we feel encouraged that these goals will be met by the end of 2018.

With the infusion of the additional funds generated from successfully achieving the ***Million \$\$\$\$ Opportunity*** match, we believe it will be possible to begin construction much sooner than anticipated.

St. James Parish Million Dollar Opportunity

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

_____ I would like to extend my 2016-2018 Capital Campaign pledge for one more year (2019) \$ _____

Other Options:

_____ Making a cash donation (Please note in memo: *Million \$\$\$\$ Opportunity*) \$ _____

_____ Other – please explain _____
(examples: stocks, bonds, real estate, collections such as stamps and/or coins)

Signature _____ Date _____

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Frequently Asked Questions

As we begin our *Million \$\$\$\$ Opportunity* match we have been asked many good questions. This FAQ answers your most commonly asked questions.

If you have any further questions, please contact Fr. Mike at 816.781.4343, Todd Carmichael at 816.769.3758, Steve Gregoire at 816.916.2034, or Katie Klassen at 816.781.4343. They will be glad to answer them for you!

What are the results so far of our 2016-2018 Capital Campaign? What is the amount of cash on hand? How much do we need to start building?

We are very happy to report that as of August 31, \$5.63M has been pledged and we have cash reserves in the bank of over \$2.4M.

Before we can begin building, we need pledges equaling \$6.1M and funds in the bank equaling \$4.1M.

Where will the \$1M gift come from and when will we receive it?

The gift is coming from our Diocese. When we reach our goal of \$1M, the Diocese will transfer the matching million to our reserve account.

Do my remaining pledge payments on the 2016-2018 Capital Campaign count towards the Million \$\$\$\$ match?

The payments that you are making on your current pledge through 2018 will continue to be credited to our New Church Fund and are crucial to us moving forward on the actual building of our new church.

New pledges, pledge extensions to 2019, cash contributions and other gifts received after July 1 of this year are credited towards the Million \$\$\$ match.

Is this a dollar-for-dollar match, or do we have to hit the million dollars first?

This is **not** a dollar-for-dollar match. We must have our \$1M in cash and/or pledges before the gift is deposited in our bank account.

We did all we could for our current Capital Campaign. How can we participate in the Million \$\$\$\$ Opportunity?

You can participate in this opportunity by extending your current pledge one more year to 2019.

You can also make a one-time cash gift.

Another option is to make a donation of stock, bonds or other property.

Most parishioners are excited about the ease of just extending their current pledge to 2019.

Is there a time limit to raising our \$1M?

The Diocese has given us one year for raising our matching funds, we will not receive the \$1M gift until we have reached our \$1M goal. However, the sooner we reach our goal, the sooner we may be able to begin construction of our new church.

If the Million \$\$\$\$ Opportunity match is successful, is there a target date to the new church construction?

Currently we do not have a target date to begin construction.

Prior to this opportunity, based on where we are currently in reaching the pledge and cash-in- bank requirements mentioned earlier, we hoped to be able to begin construction within the next three years.

When we reach our goal and receive the \$1M from the Diocese, it is possible that construction may begin earlier.

St. James Touching Lives



As newcomers to the Liberty area five years ago, St. James quickly became our new family. At the time we knew only the people we worked with, but quickly came to know the parishioners of the Sunday evening celebration. We are welcomed week after week with open arms and hearts to a family we are blessed to call our own.

With the birth and baptism of our first son, it became even more important to us to give back to the family that's given us so much. We hope to be able to have Hugo's future sacraments in a new space that will provide the Liberty area with continued Catholic celebrations for years to come.

Stuart, Morgan, and Hugo Jorgensen



To our family St. James feels like home where everyone is family - a welcoming and loving family who feel your same happiness, anguish and faith in God.

And just like at home, you want to fit everyone at the dinner table, St..James also wants all of us to sit down together to celebrate Mass on Sundays. But now our St. James family has outgrown its church and we need to build a bigger church so our growing family can all fit at the table and not spill into the Narthex during mass. Remember what Father Timothy said "No one wants to sit at the kids table" or the Narthex in this case. Our new Church will allow us all to sit together at the table to celebrate Mass. We are so close to accomplishing this dream, but we need everyone to support this wonderful Million Dollar Opportunity.

Hugo and Claudia Mendoza and Family



Have you noticed that there always seems to be something exciting going on at St. James? We've been parishioners here since 1962 and have watched our parish grow by leaps and bounds. Now we have an opportunity to receive a one million dollar gift. We are happy to be part of this excitement. Our congregation responds so well to challenges and will no doubt respond to this one. If you are new, you will want to participate and discover our kind, friendly and pious parishioners. We feel extremely fortunate, that for 54 years, St. James has been our home where we worshiped, raised our five children and befriended many members.

St. James Parish has made great progress in our current and previous campaigns and now with this million dollar challenge gift our goal will soon be met and our new church will be a reality. May God bless us all!

Mary and Marwin Weishaar



I have been a member of St. James Parish since 2006. We are a vibrant, energized Parish that reaches out to the community in countless ways. From a personal perspective, I experienced the death of a close family member a few years ago. In the course of the journey - at the lowest point of my life thus far - our St. James staff and parishioners were there for me in ways that helped me survive and thrive. At a time when my Faith was challenged, I found my Faith grow stronger.

It is an exciting time to be at St. James. I support the need for and the building of a new church. Aside from the obvious deterioration that we continually fix or patch and the inadequate room for worship, there is a growing need for resources and ministering to a thriving community. Please join me as we prayerfully move forward seeking the leadership and the guidance of the Holy Spirit in making this goal a reality!

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