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# New Church News

Grounded in Faith, Growing to Serve, Embracing our Future



Psalm  
27  
V 4-6

One thing I ask of the  
LORD; this I seek:

To dwell in the  
LORD's house all the  
days of my life,

To gaze on the  
LORD's beauty to visit  
his temple.

For God will hide me  
in his shelter  
in time of trouble,

He will conceal me in the  
cover of his tent;  
and set me high  
upon a rock.

Even now my head is  
held high above  
my enemies  
on every side!

I will offer in his tent  
sacrifices with shouts of  
joy; I will sing and chant  
praise to the LORD.

## New Church Fund

As of February 28, 2018

The balance in the New  
Church Fund was:

**\$ 5,393,267**

*Please Continue to  
Honor Your Pledges*



*While we don't know yet  
what our Transfigured  
Christ mural will look like,  
to the left are a few exam-  
ples of murals that illustrate  
the Transfigured Christ.*

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## Altar Crucifix & Mural Image

There has been some confusion and consternation ever since the town hall meetings where the interior drawing was first shown.

The drawing displayed a rather small hand held crucifix off to the side of the altar. Assurances were made that we would indeed have a much larger and permanent crucifix at the altar. Last month's edition of the New Church News used the same image of the church interior. A FAQ about the crucifix said a "permanent western crucifix" but pictures speak louder than words. We apologize for the confusion.

We will have both a mural image of Christ as He might have appeared at the Transfiguration AND we will also have a large western crucifix behind the altar but a bit to the side.

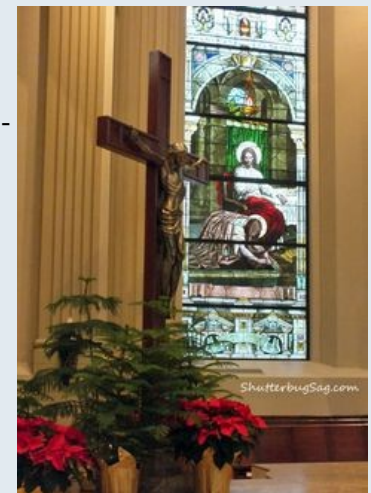
Many experts felt that even an extremely large crucifix would not adequately fill the large space behind the altar. A mural of Christ at the Transfiguration was suggested by Bishop Johnston. He feels it is important to incorporate symbology of our Patron Saint James as much as possible into our building. St. James was one of three disciples who were present at the Transfiguration. Thus it is very appropriate. This image will rise to a height of almost twenty seven feet and be thirteen feet wide. We expect this to be awe inspiring.

As you face the altar to the side will be our permanent Crucifix. This piece of art is in the design stage at this time. Therefore we do not have the exact dimensions of it or an image

The image (at right) is from the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in downtown Kansas City. It shows a crucifix that permanently resides at the altar. Ours will be of a similar nature.

Many of the interior elements are now being designed. Every attempt will be made to insure that our statuary, altar, baptismal font, tabernacle and other pieces of art are unique and cohesive in style and appearance.

We ask your forbearance as we are forced to continue to use the old drawings. Drawings cost us money, therefore we want to wait until we have most of the interior elements in place before we have another created.



## FACTS & FIGURES

ALL NUMBERS ARE SUBJECT TO  
MINOR ADJUSTMENTS  
AS PLANS ARE FINALIZED

### Seating Capacity:

Sanctuary: 1,200

Choir: 40

Chapel : 50

### Height

From parking lot to top of  
cross: 65 feet (approx.)

### Square Footage:

Upper Level: 19,916 sf.

Lower Level: 15,906 sf.

Narthex: 2,500 sf.

Chapel: 800 sf.

Sanctuary 11,724 sf.

### Parking Spaces

Main Lot: 306

Rear & Sides 84

Angled: 9

ADA Compliant 22  
(included in above totals)

## FAQs POLICY

As questions come to us,  
our priority is for accuracy first and a quick  
response second.

Once we are confident  
that we can publish then  
we do so on the parish  
website.

All newly published  
FAQs will be printed in  
the next edition of the  
New Church News.



If you have a question  
please submit it via the  
Capital Campaign pages  
on the parish website.



# Turn The Earth

## Ground Breaking Next Month!

Please make plans to join us Sunday,  
April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 for the official ground-  
breaking ceremony for our new church.

As we take the first steps in construction,  
we invite our congregation and the entire  
Kansas City Catholic community to share  
in the ceremony. The hope is that our  
entire parish community will be able to  
join the new church committees and Fa-  
ther Mike and Father Timothy for this mo-  
mentous and joyful occasion. St. James  
Parish and staff in attendance will be  
joined by Bishop Johnston as he blesses  
the site and we “turn the earth”.

All parishioners will have a role to play in  
“turning the earth” and we will provide  
more details very soon about how every-  
one will be involved in the ceremony!

*You're  
Invited!*

Who: Everyone

What: St James Groundbreaking

When: Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 1:30 pm

Where: Site of the New Church

April 2018						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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Sunday, Apr 15th 2018

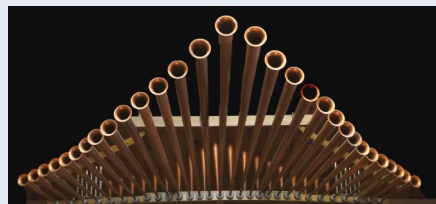
## New Church Organ

In consultation with industry experts it was determined that moving our existing organ would be a costly undertaking. Not including installation, just to have the pipes removed and shipped for re-voicing would have cost in excess of \$100,000. Bearing in mind that the unit is now over 30 years old and the delicate nature of the reeds and pipes meant that in all likelihood we would spend quite a bit of money repairing it with no warranty etc. We thought this was not fiscally responsible.

Therefore we will be buying a new organ. The cost of which will be paid for by funds from OUTSIDE the new church fund. We are happy to announce that this organ fund now had reached its goal. No campaign funds will be used. We thank all who have contributed.

Daniel Baker our Liturgy and Music Director along with some others have auditioned several different organs, and we have now contracted to purchase one. Daniel reports that it will sound glorious in our new worship space.

For now, the current organ will remain where it is. We may need to revisit the master plan and gather more opinions before we decide the future of our current sanctuary. Once that has been decided then we can determine how best to use the old organ.





# Frequently Asked Questions

*(All answers are based upon the information we have today and therefore are subject to change.)*

**Q: I was reading through the New Church News and was hoping to ask a question regarding a cry room for the new church. I was able to attend one of the meetings about the unveiling of the new church and learned there was no immediate plans for a cry room in the new church. I was wondering/hoping that might change? As a mom of 3 young kids who moved to the parish 4 years ago, sometimes the only way I could attend church with my young kids was to go to my old parish who has a lovely room at the back of the church with 8 small pews and a speaker. My kids have never been the "quiet ones" in church and I felt good knowing I could go to mass without bothering any of the other parishioners. I'm sure I'm not the only young family out there that would benefit from use of the cry room. In fact at my old parish that room is always full. I'm hoping the committee will prayerfully consider adding one to the building plan for our young growing community.**

**A:** First, may we express our thanks to you and your husband for accepting the gift of children from God. Children truly are a gift not only to you and your family but also to our parish family. Children are part of the church not just in the future but here and now. They bring a sense of joy, a sense of awe and at times (like when they misbehave) they keep us humble.

The decision not to have a cry room was not made lightly, but it was made with love. For the most part new Catholic churches are not including "cry rooms" in their design. To some people they evoke feelings of "an isolation ward", and that is diametrically opposed to the desired feeling of inclusion and welcome that we want to show to everyone, including our children.

Both of our pastors are used to hearing children at mass and have you noticed they don't miss a beat when a small disturbance happens? Jesus said "Suffer little children, and do not hinder them from coming to me; for the kingdom of the heavens is of such."

We do recognize that sometimes children are not ready to take part in a sixty minute liturgy. That is why we will be offering two alternatives to our young parents. We will continue to offer on-site child care. You can drop off your children before Mass and then pick them up when Mass is over. The other option is to go to the new narthex and participate in the Mass from there. Since the floor of the worship space will be slanted, the view will be much better than afforded by our current narthex windows. The audio, of course, will be piped into Narthex. So, in a way, we will have a built in cry room but without the isolation feeling.

## Why The Trusses?

In order to have space to seat 1,200 people we must support a large roof. We opted not to have pillars from floor to cross beams. They would block the view of anyone sitting behind them.

The original design employed the open truss system. We experimented with some other methods including having a cupola that would distribute the stress. Safety during construction and costs combined to eliminate this option.

Ultimately we agreed with the original design our architects and engineers recommended.

Rather than trying to camouflage the trusses they will be integrated as part of the design of our worship space.

In this way we turn a potential detriment into something pleasing to the eye.



### PARISH GROWTH

We welcome these newly registered families:

Robert & Lou Askren

Rob & Barb Campbell

Paul & Jessica Cloutier

Dustin & Jessica Dahlberg

Cam & Lindsey Duff

Philip & Amy Goforth

Brian & Liz Kelley

Benjamin & Gisella McNeal

Corey & Caroline Murphy,

Jerry Probst

Dexter & Chelsea Seiter

### Recycle / Reuse

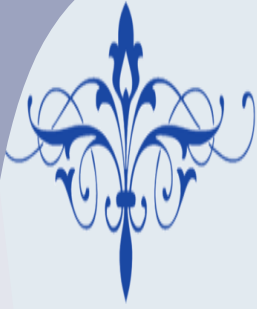
*Current Tabernacle To Be Used In Chapel*



We believe we will be able to use most of the current tabernacle in our new chapel.

Some of the exterior may need to be retrofitted, but the precious metal interior and shell we expect to use as is.





# Capital Campaign Committees

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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Q: I was wondering why the design of the outside of the church changed? Our church directory, cookbook, and even our new sign all had the original church design on them. It was quite a shock when that changed?**

A: This has been mentioned by several people, and we thank you for asking the question so that we can give you a complete answer.

The image that was used for the directory, cookbook and other signage was an artist's interpretation of what a new church may look like. Remember this image was first shown in August 2012 as part of the "Master Plan". It was created by an artist under the direction SFS – our architectural firm. It was used as a rendering in our first campaign.

Early in the planning stages, we conducted a parish wide survey which yielded a number features for the new church which were of high importance to most of the parishioners. We contracted with SFS and emphasized that we want as many of these of features as possible. As time went by and given the budget and the physical topography of our location we needed to make some tough decisions.

Here is an example: When we met with the architects we realized that the two towers that were depicted on the original drawing had no practical function. They would have been more form than function; in essence, a decorative façade. The cost of building these two towers was much more than one might imagine. Ever striving to be good stewards of our parishioner's money, we decided not to include the two towers in the final plan.

It was never our intent to suggest that the new church would look exactly like the artist's 2012 conception first published. We apologize if the end product does not look exactly like the original drawing. Going forward we will be using the architectural plans that have been crafted and will therefore be true to the final structure.



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### Website Resources

Did you know that many if not all of the Capital Campaign information can be found at our St. James Website? ( [StJames-Liberty.org](http://StJames-Liberty.org)) including:

- All published Frequently Asked Questions
- Various Campaign Brochures and Letters
- New Church News publications
- And more — Check it out!