

## COME ONE! COME ALL! PLEASE JOIN US! GROUNDBREAKING FOR OUR NEW CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 15 AT 1:30PM

We are just one week away from realizing a dream come true - breaking ground for our new church! The groundbreaking will be located on the south lawn of our campus, outlined by the approximate borders of the new church.

Bishop Johnston will be with us to bless the site of the new building, and the Mayor of Liberty, City Council members and many other local dignitaries will be here to help celebrate this monumental event. Come and join us and get to meet St. James' oldest parishioner, learn some fun facts about our parish and our patron saint. Light refreshments will be served, and if you're lucky you may even see some of our former parish priests!

To further join in the fun, be sure to check the link in the bulletin and on the website to order your own event T-shirt and wear it proudly on April 15! Bring your lawn chairs and all of your family to commemorate the day we have prayed for!

The event committee has worked in conjunction with the Capital Campaign committee to come up with an event

that is a reflection of our journey, paying respect and tribute to all the faithful who have invested in the future of St. James Catholic Church. You won't want to miss it!

Si tu me dices: Muestrame a tu Dios, yo te respondere. Muestrame primero si los ojos de tu mente ven, Si los oidos de tu Corazon oyen.....Dios se deja ver de los que son capaces De verlo.....porque todos tienen ojos. En nuestra parroquia iniciamos la construccion de un Nuevo Templo, lugar propicio para encontrarnos con el Senor.

Somos capaces de construirlo por que le Correspondemos su amor por nosotros, sacrificando con gusto nuestro tiempo y talentos. Por esto nos llenamos de alegria al ver a nuestros hermanos unidos en nuestra capacidad de lograr Una meta para bien de nuestra comunidad presente y futura.

No dejes de acompanarnos el dia 15 de abril a la 1:30 p.m., en el comienzo de la construccion. Las principales autoridades eclesasticas estaran presentes.

## New Church News

**Q. Early on I was told there would be ramp access to the podium. Now it looks like there are steps. This is a handicap issue.**

We are firmly committed to the idea that all parishioners should be able to fully participate in our liturgies. This includes making the altar accessible for all liturgical ministers. There will be a ramp from the seating area up to the altar which will meet ADA requirements. Additionally, the ambo will also meet ADA requirements. It will be able to adjust to the width of a wheel chair. The height of the ambo can be lowered to accommodate a seated person. The current drawing being shown does not reflect this accurately, but our intent is that any future drawings will do so. Please bear with us as regarding our interior drawing. It bears repeating, the drawings cost money, and we are waiting to get most of the interior elements in place before we commission another drawing.

**Q: During the church survey and subsequent town hall meetings, several parishioners voiced the desire for a working bell tower. The original artist's depictions showed a building with two bell towers. What happened to these towers and will we have a working bell tower?**

The parish survey taken in 2011-2012 formed the basis for the Master Plan that was completed in 2012. This plan defined three phases of our project. However, a bell tower was not included in any of the three phases. A bell tower does show up in the master plan in a list of alternatives which also included future school expansion, future rectory, connector corridor and future connection to Kings Highway. The master plan put the costs for a bell tower at \$400,000 in 2012 dollars. Due to projected costs and low priority given by the parish as a whole to the idea of bell tower, it was never part of the original plan.

This does not mean that we cannot have the sound of bells at St. James, if it is important to our parishioners. Bell towers are only needed if large, expensive actual bells are used to make the sound. A church can have wonderful sounding bells without having a bell tower. With the technology available today, electronic bell systems can mimic a full carillon at a fraction of the cost of the old fashion bells from our forefather's time. By doing this, we forego the expense of building a tower. The structure to contain an electronic bell system can be relatively small in size. This means it could be added to our property later without requiring any expensive designs or plans.

Many bell systems use digital recordings and computer programming that allow for scheduling of different sounds at different times of the day, or week, or even seasonally. The variety of hymns that can be played is only restricted by the package that is purchased. Such a system could be installed sometime in the future provided there is a group that wants to do the research and raise the funds.