

# New Church NEWS



You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. "Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

*Matthew 5: 14-16*

## Building Progress Updates

**Most of us cannot see the progress of construction on the new church. Without those visual clues, we may find it hard to understand what is happening.**

In this and upcoming editions of the New Church News we hope to give you plenty of visual evidence that things are moving forward. Our intrepid Judy Keisling was able to sweet talk her way into the good graces of the construction management people. She has been given permission to enter some parts of the construction zone which most of us cannot. She will be taking pictures of the various stages of construction. Judy even has her own hardhat.

Besides the pictures, we want to give you a

method by which you can see at a glance how far we have come and what remains to be done until completion. Breaking down the phases of construction into something that a layman can understand can be a challenge. A recent document from our architect contained over 190 separate sub-tasks related to the construction of our church. We will not be reporting on each sub-task but rather have grouped them together into logical parts. The first version of this graph is shown below. As you can see all of the excavating is complete, and the basement walls portion is about 50% complete. We hope to post this to our website soon with updates to be posted every two weeks or so.



### New Church Fund

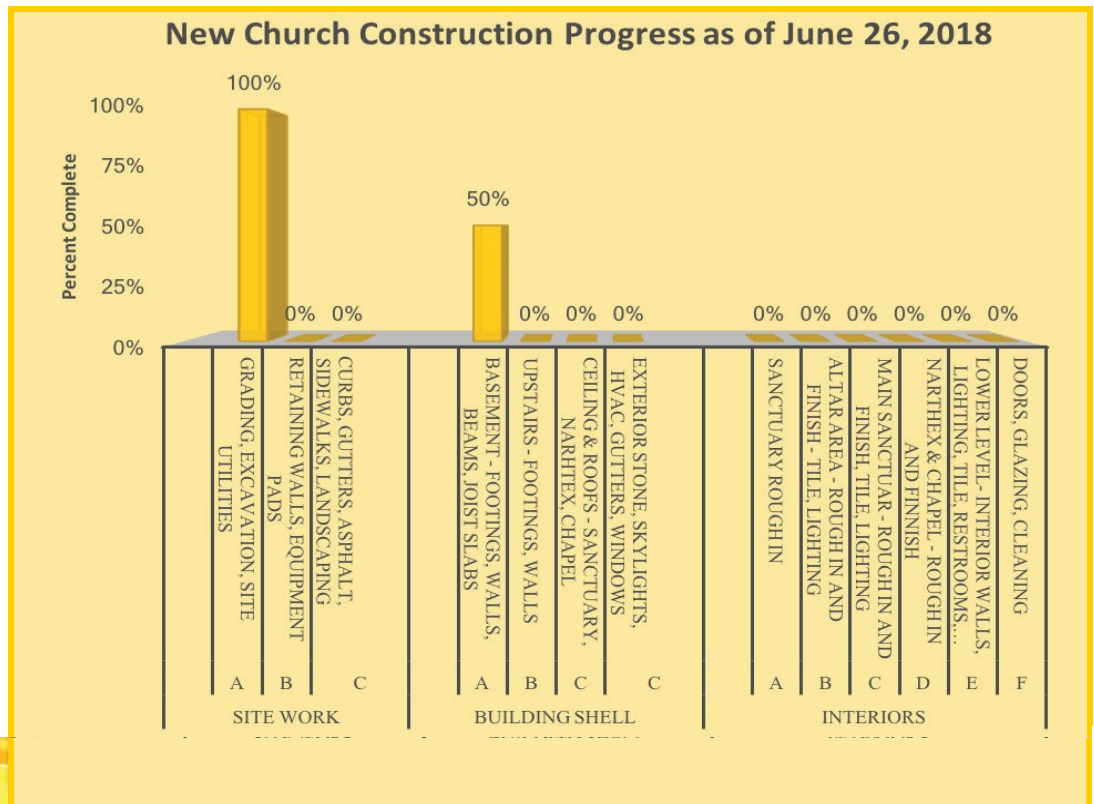
As of June 25, 2018 the balance in the New Church Fund was

**\$5,276,214**

Please Continue to Honor Your Pledges

### Welcome New Parishioners

- Gary & Josephine Bertoncin
- Cheri Colford
- Jill Coulter
- Julie & Patrick Lobb
- Richard & Irene Razniak
- Linda Robbins
- Neil & Kathy Talbot
- Daniel & Lia Venditti
- Marilyn Willis



## Kelley & Kelley Marketing Now On Board

We are very happy to announce that Kelley & Kelley Marketing, with offices in Chicago and Kansas City, have agreed to partner with St. James Parish. Liz and Brian Kelley, the owners, are new parishioners here at St. James. One of the reasons they chose St. James was our school. They have a small child, whom they wanted to enroll in a Catholic school. When they registered with us they also volunteered to provide their expertise to the parish.



We were very excited and immediately began to meet with them and their staff to flesh out how best to take advantage of this blessing. Our first priority was to get their help with our capital campaign. We are hopeful that when we open the doors to the new church, we will have very little carry-over debt. In order to make that happen, we needed some expertise to get us over the

top. In the fall of this year you can expect to see some of the fruits of their labor. That will only be the beginning.

Once we engaged with K & K, we quickly realized that they will be able to help us with much more than just the capital campaign. We are a vibrant, involved, and active parish, but sometimes we hide our light under a bushel basket. K & K has shown us that we can reach outward to the businesses and inactive Catholics in our area. By doing so we may be able to tap into additional resources, both financial and spiritual, which can aid us to become an even better Catholic parish. The possibilities are breathtaking. The model being used for the Capital Campaign will transition well for other activities and ministries of our parish. We will let our light shine like it has never shone before.

Did we mention that Liz and Brian are doing this on a volunteer basis? We are so grateful to them and to God for bringing them to us.

This highlights why it is so very important that newly registered families come on board our New Church campaign. Our new families have talents, time and treasure to contribute. We hope everyone feels the excitement and will help us build this church. Pledge cards are always available in the Narthex.



Liz & Brian Kelley

### A Visual Tour Of Our Construction Progress



May 3 - Brush Cleared



May 9 Grading Begins



May 9 Leveling the Hill



May 10 - Site Cleared



May 16 - Disposing of Dirt



May 30 - Footers



June 1 - Ready to Begin



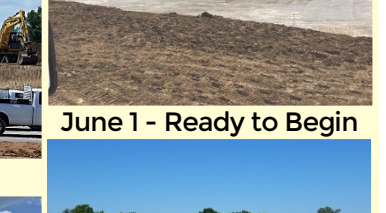
June 11 - First Wall Up



June 15 - Another Wall Up



June 18 - Pouring Concrete



July 7 - Three Walls Up