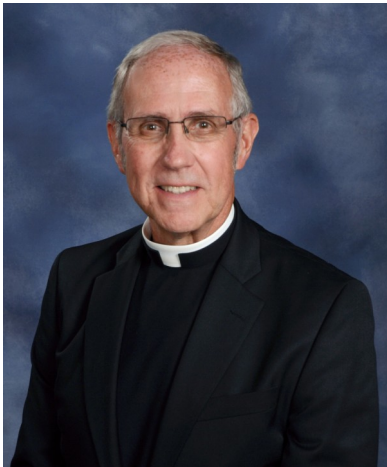




## A Message From Fr. Mike



It's a new day at St. James - a new day because the public face of St. James has been updated to more clearly portray who we are and what we, as Catholic Christians represent.

We have selected the theme "CLOSER - God, Church, Community" to define who we are. These powerful words, I believe, speak volumes of what we are hoping / striving to be as a parish. Beginning next weekend, you will see this theme on all of our publications, our website, social media and other types of communication.

While this theme is very appropriate, it is so much more than simply words. We must do more than read and speak these words, we must live these words, and as we do, together through prayer, we can do great things!

In a world in which many are not hearing of God's message of hope, we want to let our actions shine in such a way that they glorify God; as our actions are a witness to God's Way, Truth, and Life that we are called to live.

Two years ago we had the opportunity to receive a "gift" of one million dollars if we could match that amount through donations and pledges. We asked you to extend your Capital Campaign pledge one additional year, through 2019. We are now providing an opportunity for those who did not make a pledge to do so and extending a new invitation to those who have not pledged.

Our new church is within touching distance. Everyday we see progress. First the lower level, (future offices and social hall), now the main level (Narthex and Sanctuary) is being constructed. Before long you will see the infrastructure of the church itself towering high into the sky, making our church visible to ALL who want to become Closer to God. Imagine being able to say to your family, friends, and even future generations, "I helped to build this church"!

It is indeed an exciting time here at St. James. We anticipate that our new church will be dedicated and our first Mass held in early Fall of 2019. We want to welcome all to come and join us and share the joy of being a part of a dynamic Catholic community where all are closer, to our God, our Church, and our Community.

Blessings

*Fr. Mike Leach*



## Welcome New Parishioners

Charles Adams  
Lydia Arnold  
Jeff & Stephanie Bauer  
Laurel Bruening  
Angel & Anakaren Chavez  
Jill Coulter  
Eric & Mallory Cunningham  
Kathy Downey  
Scott & Anne Durham  
John & Suzanne Eggers  
James & Christy Haskens  
Matthew & Laura Jacobs  
Jim & Laura Klonica  
Drew & Jenny Lollar  
Tim & Kristen Lynch  
Carol & Dave Martin  
Michael & Dianna Murmylo  
Ty & Mylinh Nguyen  
Richard & Irene Razniak  
Linda Robbins  
Matt & Cayla Saragusa  
Darin & Brittany Trautman  
Elizabeth Walsh  
Marilyn Willis  
Jason & Kelley Witte  
Jim & Gina Zeier

## Closer - God • Church • Community

As Fr. Mike so aptly put it, we have updated our public face to clearly portray who we are as Catholic Christians.

Why, you may ask, is this necessary? Doesn't the fact that our name is St. James Catholic Church have the same meaning? The answer is "no". There are many Catholic churches and while all of them teach and practice the same doctrine, internally they are not all the same. It is the people who make the difference.

In the past there has been no consistency in the appearance of our bulletin, other publications, social media, website, etc. so at times it has not been easily identifiable as a message from our St. James Community. In today's world where companies such as Apple, Taco Bell, and Target can be identified without words and only by their logo, we believe that it is time that we have a consistent image, a logo, so that all who see it will immediately identify it as our St. James Catholic Community.

After much thought and prayer, we selected a logo, or theme:

**"CLOSER – God • Church • Community"**

We believe this describes who we are now and will continue to be into the future. The key word is "Closer", a word meaning to come together with a strong feeling of respect, honor, and/or love. The secondary words define who and what we are striving to be closer to.

**Closer** to a new Church building. We are most definitely getting closer in time to a new church building. A church is more than just a building however, it is the people inside it. Our desire is to be closer to one another as parishioners.

**Closer** to God. This is the ultimate goal isn't it? All of have an innate yearning to meet and be at peace with God. He is the center of our lives and only through Him can we achieve our hopes and dreams of becoming closer to our church and our community.

**Closer** to our community. We have many ministries that serve the community - we staff two soup kitchens, host blood drives, and food drives that support the In As Much Food Pantry, just to name a few. Our faith calls us to be in and among the world which makes us closer to humanity and closer to our community.

In upcoming issues of this publication we will continue to expand on how we can live out the message of these words so that "Together We Can Do Great Things."

**CLOSER**  
God • Church • Community

**Lower Level Approved!**

Great News! The diocese has approved our request to build out the lower level.



## New Church News Expands Coverage

In about one year's time the new church building will be complete. We will have a dedication and no doubt a big celebration. At that point in time we can breathe a collective sigh and pat ourselves on the back for a job well done or we can prepare ourselves for the next challenges and projects that await us.



We have an unique opportunity to use the new church edifice at St. James as a springboard to help us become more fully engaged in our faith. In order to facilitate this, we are expanding our coverage inside the new church news. We will try shed light on many of the ministries active at our parish through a feature we are calling "Ministry Spotlight". Each edition we will focus on one ministry within our parish, interview some of the lead ministers and hopefully showcase their efforts and the people they touch.

Above all, let your love for one another be intense, because love covers a multitude of sins.

Be hospitable to one another without complaining.

Each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace.

Whoever preaches, let it be with the words of God; whoever serves, let it be with the strength that God supplies, so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong glory and dominion forever and ever.

Amen.

*1 Peter 4:8-11*

At St. James we have so many ministries in which you can become involved. Some cater to men such as The Knights of Columbus, That Man is You or the Do-Dads. Some are more for women like the Altar Society.

We have ministries for persons of different ages: The Over 50 Group, PB&J, the Youth Ministry. We are sure there is at least one, if not more, ministries that will interest you. Our new parish directory, which will be mailed to you next month, has a current listing of all the ministries at St. James.

We are currently putting together a calendar identifying the month in which each ministry will be spotlighted. If you are a lead person in a ministry you may want to discuss amongst the volunteers if there is a particular month which would be ideal to have the spotlight on the ministry. We make no guarantees but we will try to work on that. Please contact Dan Bacon at [NewChurchNews@StJames-Liberty.org](mailto:NewChurchNews@StJames-Liberty.org)

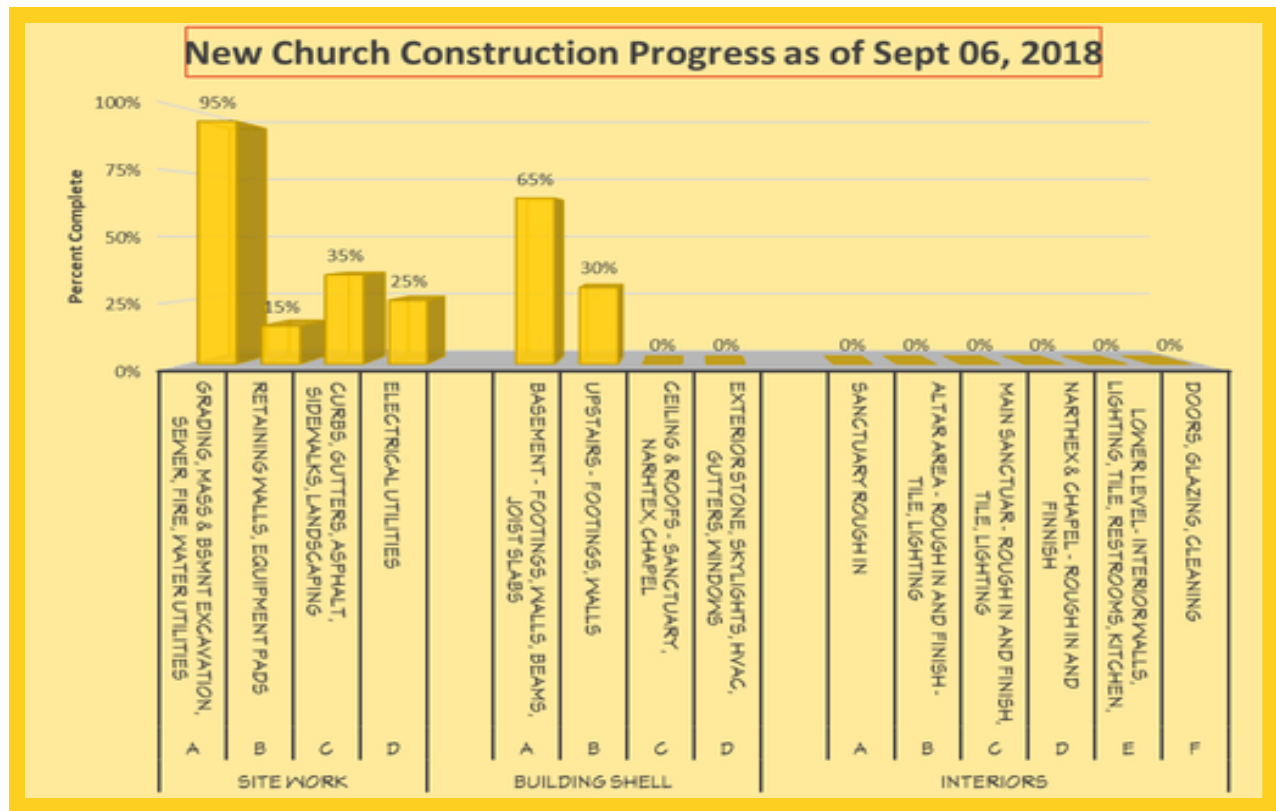


Additionally we are going to be running a "Help Wanted" section in the New Church News. We will have some restrictions so that the most critical needs are addressed and the content changes fairly frequently. We think this will be a cute way to get the word out that you need assistance with the ministry.

Next month we will start out with Religious Education and follow that with our other educational / youth ministries.

The New Church News will continue to provide information about our construction progress and the financial side of things. It is our hope that by adding a spotlight on some of the various ministries we give added emphasis to the spiritual aspects of our parish. A building does not makes us

## COMING RIGHT ALONG!



## Continuing Our Virtual Tour



July 10 - Preparing For Upper Level



July 17 - Supports for Upper Level



July 18 Aerial View



July 20 Construction Site



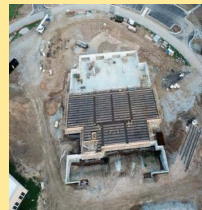
August 19 Forming Up Upper Level



August 19 Pouring Concrete



September 7 Pouring the Upper Level Slab



August 28 The Church



August 29 - Aerial View Construction Site