



Pray - Sacrifice - Build Together with God

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Campaign to Build New Church Begins

As reported in the last newsletter, more worship space was the number one priority that St. James parishioners identified during the feasibility study. In addition, more parking, paying off the debt and continuing faith formations were main concerns.

With this feedback from the parish, we talked with several contractors to evaluate two options that were presented in the survey:

1. Expand and renovate our current worship space, or
2. Build a new church.

In looking at the prospect of expanding and renovating our

existing church, we face a number of challenges:

- The type of structure does not lend itself to ease of expansion.
- We would lose existing gathering area.
- It could require columns within the worship area which could restrict a view of the altar for some.
- It would not provide for further



expansion to accommodate future growth.

- Activities normally conducted in existing worship area would need to be held elsewhere during construction.

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From Your Pastor

Consider it all joy, my brothers, when you encounter various trials, for you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. James 1:2-3

Greetings to you,

Thanks to you for your input into our plans for addressing our many needs here at St. James. This newsletter contains the latest information about the campaign to help us meet the challenges which face us.

The campaign outlined in this newsletter is a big step for St. James, but I believe this is the right thing to do. As we move through this process, there will be events scheduled in which your suggestions, reactions and questions will be welcome.

We will walk together, and pray through this process, and the outcome will be a new church that will provide many new opportunities for ministry and mission. Please read through this and fu-

ture newsletters and other communication pieces carefully. Please plan to participate in the campaign at some level—volunteer for a campaign team, attend one of the campaign events and (something everyone can do) pray.

Working together in the spirit of Christ, we can accomplish much.

In Christ,

Fr. Mike Roach



**For our campaign logo,
we looked to our
windows for an image to
represent our theme:**

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Forward in Faith Campaign

All of the funds generated from Forward in Faith were used to pay down the debt and pay for campaign activities. The Diocese asks us to continue to be faithful in our debt service to them. The Diocese has been very supportive of our plans to move ahead with a new church.

Although the campaign officially ends in June 2012, we personally ask each family to continue their commitment through December of 2012.

Your generosity is making a significant difference at St. James. May we continue to be good stewards of all that God has given us.

Symbols of Our St. James Community

Symbols help to define many Catholic churches. It might be an impressive steeple, statuary, crucifix or something entirely different.

Here at St. James our defining symbol is the three spectacular stained glass windows, all of which tell a story about who we are and what we believe.

The Trinity window on the East side of the church contains the three symbols of the Trinity - God, whose hand is reaching down from heaven; the Lamb of God, His son; and the Dove, His Holy Spirit.

Tying these images together are a river of blue, representing the mighty current of God's power, and three red-orange spheres symbolizing divine activity.

The West window depicts the assumption and coronation of Mary as the Queen of Heaven. The Eucharistic window across from the Tabernacle illustrates the Chalice and Host, grapes and wheat - food that God has provided for our journey through life.

As we embarked on the **Forward in Faith** campaign three years ago,

we decided to use the Chalice and Host from the Eucharistic window as our logo to represent our St. James Community in communion with God.

Now, as we discern and move forward to the next phase of St. James' growth, we again looked to our windows for an image to represent a new theme: **Pray - Sacrifice - Build - Together with God**. Thus, we selected the Hand of God from the Trinity window, symbolizing God's creative and sustaining power.

Timeline for Master Plan and Capital Campaign

Through the rest of this year, we will be working with the Diocese and contractors on a master plan for the parish. During the same time period, the campaign will be

ongoing. Following is the anticipated timeline (subject to adjustment) for these two activities.

TIMELINE	
<u>April</u>	<u>August</u>
Request RFQ's from five contractor/architect teams to create Master Plan	Public Kick-off of Pray-Sacrifice-Build Together with God Capital Campaign
<u>May</u>	<u>September</u>
Conduct Interviews with selected contractor/architect teams	Parish wide campaign events held to see architectural drawings of new church
<u>June</u>	<u>October</u>
Begin campaign major donor emphasis and initiate Master Planning process	Prayer and Discernment process
<u>July</u>	<u>November</u>
Thank You event for all who have financially supported Forward in Faith, Sunday, July 1, 7:00 p.m. in School Gym	COMMITMENT WEEKEND—Nov. 10-11

Volunteers Meet to Plan Campaign Activities

About 50 enthusiastic parishioners met on March 22 to embark on the campaign to build a new church, reduce our debt, expand parking and increase religious education opportunities. The volunteers heard from Darryl Prater, our Church Development consultant, about the timeline for the campaign and the duties of six campaign teams. After this opening session, the campaign teams held initial meetings

Prayer Team

Team Leaders: Mary George and Victoria Lopez. Members: Carol Bloomer, Pam Demasi, Chuck Koesterer, David Slater and Lulu Young.

The Prayer Team began exploring ways to engage St. James parish in the prayer effort. The team is currently working on writing a campaign prayer.

Events Team

Team Leaders: Janice Brimer and Debbie Taylor. Members: Patti Busken, Darleen Filla, Anne Kurtenbach, Peggy Marrs, Mary Newell, Dee Rosekrans, Sue Rosekrans, Jeannette Sanders and Beth Waltemath.

The Events Team will schedule a series of fun and informational events so we can gather as a parish family to ask questions and learn more about the campaign process and goals.

Thanks Team

Team Leaders: Andrea Elliott and Clint Elliott. Members: Virgil Adrineda, Dave Audino, Susan Beard, Lorraine Buchanan, Pat Cull, Chris Gregoire, Steve Gregoire, Carl Inzerillo, Mary Inzerillo, Michelle Lucero, AnnaJo Pfannensteel, Mandy Sellmeyer, Liane So, Anna Weiner and Derek Weiner.

The Thanks Team is working on appropriate ways to acknowledge and express gratitude to those who participate in the campaign. They are discussing the design of thank you notes and a small gift of appreciation.

Youth/Children Team

Team Leader: Amanda Lewey. Members: Phil Baumert and Anne Crossett.

The Youth/Children Team will focus on fun and helpful ways the children and teens of St. James parish can learn about stewardship while taking an active part in the campaign.

Ambassadors Team

Team Leader: Julie Harman. Members: Jim Esser, Daryl Ann Johnson, Rachel Johnson, Annie Wilson, Bruce Wilson and Louie Wohletz.

The Ambassadors Team will be busy enlisting members for their team. Prior to **Commitment**

Weekend on November 10-11, 2012, they will contact all members of St. James parish to answer questions.

Communications Team

Team Leaders: Judy Keisling and Gerry Kimmel-Carr. Members: Fr. Timothy Armbruster, Susan Chartier, Rich Curasi, Michael Hundscheid, Clark Kelly and Brieanna Shay.

This team has developed a campaign slogan, tag line and logo. They will also work closely with the campaign consultant on disseminating information about the campaign and create a pledge tracker.

Leadership Committee

In addition to the six teams described above, the **Leadership Committee** meets on a regular basis to oversee the day-to-day management of the campaign and serve as a resource for the other campaign teams.

Members are: Julie Alsbrook, Fr. Timothy Armbruster, Phil Baumert, Todd Carmichael, Daryl Johnson, Judy Keisling, Gerry Kimmel-Carr, Dave McDonald, Cecilia Richardson, Fr. Mike Roach, Debbie Taylor, Beth Waltemath and Jim Waterman.

Our "St. James Family" Album



Overall Campaign Co-Chairpersons

These five couples will lead the campaign by facilitating the fall campaign events.

***Bob & Bridget Bagby,
Kevin & Sue Nordhues,
Jim & Susan Olson, Blake
& Mary Margaret Parrish
and Ed & Midge Weir***

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There are a number of advantages to building a new church:

- It will meet the growth, needs and demands of a growing Catholic community.
- It provides space for our present needs and can easily be expanded in the future.

- The existing worship space can be used while constructing new worship space.
- Once the new church is completed, the current space can be converted to other uses.
- The new church could be con-

structed to allow for better visibility to the passing public.

While new church construction will cost more in the short term, in the long term, we will save money as our parish and surrounding community grows.

Faith Formations

The parishioner surveys and the town hall meetings brought up some excellent suggestions and comments about faith formation in general. Fr Mike, Fr Timothy and Cecilia Richardson are going over those suggestions and seeing where there is interest and need, where we can offer something new, and what changes we can make.

One of the first conclusions we came to was that some of the suggestions were for things we already offered, but perhaps were not advertised well enough. We do have a great many adult formation opportunities already in place, but we need to do a better job of making everyone aware of them.

One exciting upcoming opportunity is the Matthew Kelly seminar being offered as a joint venture by many of the Northland parishes. Matthew Kelly is a nationally (and internationally) re-

nowned speaker in both business and religious circles. He's the author of several excellent books that center on reconnecting with your faith. He'll be coming to St Therese in Parkville on **Saturday, November 17th** – so save that date!

Here were some of the other concerns and where we are with them....

✙ Statues of Mary, crucifixes, etc--there are no plans to make any changes to our current structure or fixtures. However, in a new church those would certainly be open for discussion and could be included in planning the architecture.

✙ Additional confession times--we did offer extra times for confession this year during Lent, on Divine Mercy Sunday, etc. We don't have plans to add more scheduled, weekly confession

times, but we will offer more times throughout the year as the occasion warrants.

✙ Perpetual Adoration--there just isn't the space/ability to offer that now, but planning for a new church would include a chapel where perpetual adoration would be possible

✙ Placement of Tabernacle--again, no plans to make any changes to our current structure, but would be different in a new building.

✙ New adult formation offerings--we are currently working on several different possibilities for retreats, for evenings of reflection, for offering a several-week-long video series....they are in the works, just not ready for publication yet.