



Pray - Sacrifice - Build Together with God

ST. JAMES CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Design Team Chosen for Master Plan

SFS Architecture, Castrop Design Group & A. L. Huber Construction General Contractor Selected

Our design team is now in place and will be working together as we go through the Master Plan process which will eventually lead us into the construction phase.

SFS Architecture under the direction of Marsha Hoffman is committed to working with us to ensure quality and making sure the project is completed on time and within budget. She has worked on many churches including the renovation of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

Our contractor will be A. L. Huber Construction. This is the same contractor who built our current building. The project will be supervised by Randy K.



Huber, Senior Vice President.

Randy states, "we are excited about working with St. James because of the long history we have with the parish. Beginning in 1980 with the construction of the church and offices, then again in 1996 with the construction of the gymnasium and school addition.



Regarding the church build-or-expand issue, we definitely feel that a new sanctuary is in order for the St. James community. As much as I like the existing church, it is simply too small. With the consistent growth that Liberty is experiencing, the diocese/parish/we have a duty to respond and to accommodate as many Catholic

families as possible."

The final member of the team is Chris Castrop of Castrop Design Group who will be our liturgical consultant. Chris has worked on a number of churches including XII Apostles Catholic Church in Platte City, Missouri.



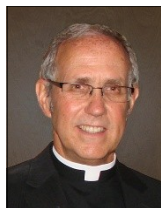
Meet Jim and Susie Olson—Two of the Campaign Co-Chairpersons



We moved to Liberty 23 years ago in July of 1989 and became members of St. James.

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From Your Pastor



"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Jeremiah 29:11

Greetings to you,

We continue to move ahead our Master Planning Process. We have selected our design team as outlined in the article above. I'm extremely pleased with all of the team members and have seen many of the churches

that resulted from their creative minds. I'm especially pleased that we will be using Huber Construction—the same company that built the church in 1981.

I want to thank everyone for their hard work which has brought us to this point. Your input has been most valuable. We will endeavor to have drawings of the Master Plan in the narthex by our **Campaign Kickoff on August 25-26.**

We will then have time for discussion about the plans during our Campaign Events which will begin in mid-September. Please read over this newsletter carefully. As we go ahead

with the Building Campaign, make it part of your family discussion and prayers. This is such an important time in the life of our parish. We will be calling on all members of St. James to participate in the campaign.

As always, I welcome your questions, concerns and thoughts about our plans.

In Christ,

F. Mike Roach

Father Mike Roach

Our Catholic Community



Knights of Columbus on kitchen duty.



Blood Drive at St. James.



We are a community of volunteers.



The Over 50s Lunch Crowd.

Our Catholic Community



St. James Youth are our future



Our Ministry Fair draws all ages

Important Information about the Building Campaign

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- ☑ Kick Off Weekend
August 25 and 26
- ☑ Campaign Events Begin
September 15
- ☑ Commitment Weekend
November 10 and 11

Why do we need a new church for only Christmas and Easter?

The 9:15 and 11:00 a.m. Masses overflow to the Narthex 80% of the year which is in addition to our special Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter services.

Why don't we just knock out the back wall of the worship space so the Narthex is part of it?

We would gain approximately 100 seats by knocking out the back wall of the Narthex, however, we would lose our gathering space, our current Narthex entrance and our walkway to and from the Social Hall.

Why was it decided that the campaign would run for three years?

It is very common for churches across the country to conduct three year capital campaigns. Churches run three year campaigns for multiple reasons: 1). Spreading the campaign pledge over three years makes it easier to meet your commitment, 2). More frequent campaigns would be burdensome on the pastors, staff, and parish family; and 3). research shows that campaigns that extend longer than three years are less likely to succeed.

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Jim is an internal medicine physician at Liberty Hospital and Susie is a homemaker and volunteers at St. James Church and School and Love INC. We have 3 children – Nicholas who married Amanda Luellen at St. James June 9, and Nathan and Jessica who are students at the University of Nebraska Lincoln.

Did You Know...?

Liberty has grown from a population of 34,556 in 2000 to 53,329 in 2010?

Liberty has grown at a rate of 27% from 1990–2000 and at a rate of 54% from 2000 to 2010?

St. James is home to 2,000 registered families? (Note: we've been at 2,000 for several years, but that does not take into account those who have joined and those who have moved away).

St. James supports and nourishes 90 active ministries, focusing on leadership councils, Liturgy, Education, social care/ enrichment and other groups.

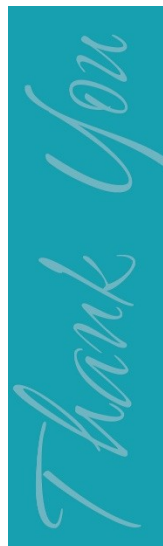
Yearly sacrament activities at St. James averages 67 baptisms, 119 first communions, 12 marriages, and 18 funerals. Hospital and anointing of the sick are a daily activity.



Our first experience in meeting other parishioners was in an invitation at the St. James Parish picnic to join the Young Marrieds group. Some of our closest friendships have developed from being a part of this support group. Over the years we have been involved in many church and school activities at St. James. We feel like St. James was our home away from home, and cannot imagine what our family would have done had we not had the community of St. James to support us in our faith journey, our children in their education and the prayer support during difficult times in our family's life.. Whether we were volunteering with Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts, training Altar Servers, co-chairing the school auction, endowment golf

tournament committee and chair, organizing the Advent Giving Tree, meeting with the Young Marrieds, serving as Eucharistic Ministers, and Sacristan – we have been touched by so many of the parishioners. As our community continues to grow, it is important to us that St. James will also continue to grow to support our current parishioners as well as those who are new to the community.

We are one of 5 couples who are co-chairing the next capital campaign. We ask for your prayers for our entire campaign committee that all parishioners will open their hearts to the possibilities of what St. James can become in the future.



YOU ARE INVITED TO A “Thank You” Event

in honor of all who have financially supported
the *Forward in Faith* Capital Campaign

Sunday, July 1, 2012

(This is the Feast Day of The Precious Blood)

7:00 P.M. in the School Gym

Food and beverage provided



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in
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The “Thank You” Event will be held in the Social Hall instead of the gym.