



# Pray - Sacrifice - Build Together with God

## ST. JAMES CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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## What Questions Do You Have about the Campaign?

### *Here Are some Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)*

As we prepare for our fall building campaign for a new church, we want to be up front and transparent with all information. The following are several FAQs that we have heard from parishioners. We will keep you updated in each newsletter with additional FAQ's about the campaign. If you have a question, please contact Father Mike, Father Timothy or Jim Newell. We'll be sure to get your questions answered.

**How much money has the Current Capital Campaign raised since June 16, 2009?**

*\$857,000 through March 31, 2012*

**Were campaign expenses paid from the money raised?**

*Yes, \$113,493 which includes all campaign expenses and our three-year contract with our fundraising partner, Church Development.*

**Were additional loans made from the Diocese in this time frame?**

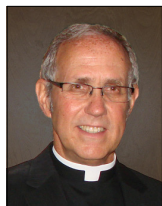
*Yes, we borrowed \$185,000 to cover a portion of our latest educational facility. These "soft expenses" included items such as furniture, window coverings, fans, floor coverings, telephone systems, security systems, etc. which should have been included in the original loan and were paid for from operating funds. We borrowed less, but this approach left the parish cash strapped. The total amount of these "soft expenses" exceeded \$212,000.*



**Are all internal debts (designated funds) now accounted for and funded?**

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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,

As we are faithful to God, He will be faithful to us. That mutual faithfulness extends to our efforts to build a new church. God is challenging us to take this opportunity to build a new house in which we can worship Him, distribute the sacraments and come together as

a Catholic community in times of celebration and sorrow.

This project is a great task. It takes all of our faith in God as we progress with the design and the fundraising.

Our faith in each other is also part of the equation for success in this endeavor. Each of us can contribute to accomplishing our goal. If you are able, join one of the campaign teams (Prayer, Events, Thanks, Youth, Ambassadors or Communications Team). It is a short-term commitment and a great way to get to know other parishioners. If interested, please contact Daryl in the parish office

at [daryl.sweetland@stjames-liberty.org](mailto:daryl.sweetland@stjames-liberty.org) or (816) 781-4343.

For those unable to serve on a team, there will be ample opportunity to participate at the events, through prayer and by making a pledge.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me if you have questions or concerns.

In Christ,

Father Mike Roach

## Did You Know...?



St. James has only 273 parking spaces in our current facility.



## Did You Know...?



We currently can seat only 580 parishioners in the pews and 50 in the Narthex for Mass.

Sitting in the Narthex is not an inclusive and welcoming experience as sitting in the worship space would be – the view from the Narthex is obstructed by the windows and doors.



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*Yes, all designated funds are separated from Parish Operating accounts, fully funded and retained in separate bank accounts.*

### **Does St James have a contingency fund to cover cash flow fluctuations?**

*St James has no contingency fund. We were forced to borrow \$30,000 in March of this year to cover a shortage in our budgeted operating income.*

### **Can you estimate St James' loan balance in June 2012.**

*At this moment we estimate the loan balance on June 30, 2012 at \$995,000.*

### **What is the latest on our Long Range Planning?**

#### MAY

- ✓ General interviews conducted with five local contractors for a Master Plan.
- ✓ Three contractors selected to be interviewed as design/build teams.

#### JUNE

- ✓ Design/Build team selected for Master Plan.
- ✓ Master Planning process begins and continues through mid-August.
- ✓ Opportunities for parishioner input into Master Planning process will be announced in early summer.

## Did You Know...?



Our Social Hall, the main gathering space for special events, can seat a maximum of 300 people and is often full to capacity.

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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Please RSVP by June 25 at [campaign@stjames-liberty.org](mailto:campaign@stjames-liberty.org)  
or by calling the parish office at **(816) 781-4343**.