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Making A Difference For You

Parking Lot Redesign - Groundbreaking May 31

Construction To Begin on June 2

Those who attended the Town Hall meeting on February 8 were the first to hear that the long awaited proposed parking lot redesign project has been officially approved by the Kansas City/St. Joseph Diocese and City of Liberty Officials.

Groundbreaking will take place on Saturday, May 31 following the 5:00 Mass at which time Fr. Mike Roach will turn over the first shovel of dirt that will "kick off" the project. All are invited to attend this event.

When completed in August, the new parking lot will have more than enough room to accommodate all parishioners at every Mass with its 425 spaces, an increase of 69% over the current 267 spaces.

Access and egress from the church campus will be available via two entry and exit driveways from Stewart Road. The north entry will be divided by a parkway, somewhat similar to the current drive. A two-lane, tree lined drive will be on the south end of the parking lot extending to the location of the new church.

Esthetically pleasing and efficient lighting will be provided by sixteen strategically located light poles throughout the parking lot.

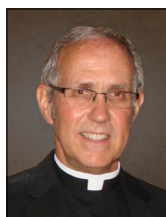
In response to feedback at previous town hall meetings, landscaping will be environmentally "green" - with 50



trees, including 20 ornamental and 30 shade, and grassy islands throughout and planned to take into consideration maintenance and watering as needed.

When completed in August, our parking area will be another sign that "All Are Welcome" at St. James.

From Your Pastor



"We ourselves will continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the Lord."

Acts 6:4

Greetings to you,

As we continue to celebrate Spring and the gift of life blossoming forth in nature and the Easter Season, we are grateful for the gift of the Resurrection.

We are also very excited about our

upcoming Groundbreaking for our new parking lot - Phase I of our New Building Project. This will be held following the 5:00 Mass on Saturday, May 31st.

This also happens to be Pentecost weekend, when we celebrate the power of God's Spirit coming upon the Apostles, which gave them the strength of God's grace to go out and share the Good News of the Risen Lord.

We are living out our faith when we trust in God's Spirit and continue to

'build' God's Kingdom among us. We are building a place, a home for all who come our way to be enlivened by the Spirit to be faithful disciples.

Thanks to all who have brought us this far, and may we always remember the words of St. Paul, May God who has begun this good work among us, bring it to completion".

Peace,

Father Mike Roach

Looking Ahead

May 31

Parking Lot Groundbreaking

June 2

Parking Lot Construction Begins

June 7

St. James Golf Classic

July 6 - 11

Vacation Bible School

August

New Parking Lot Completed

August 22 - 23

Do-Dads BBQ

November 8

St James School Auction



Town Hall Meeting - February 8, 2014

With a renewed spirit and commitment to build and grow upon our strong foundation, we gathered on Saturday for our Town Hall Meeting. Approximately 150 parishioners joined us to hear and discuss information regarding our Master Plan, specifically the new parking lot and the future of St. James. With the opportunity for various people to voice their questions and concerns, we feel that this is a proposal that we can make a reality.

Our two goals for 2014 are:

- 1) New Parking lot constructed and paid for in full
- 2) Pay-off Existing Parish Debt accrued from past projects

1) Construction on the parking lot would begin in late May, with the intent to complete before school resumes in August.

2) Pay-off our existing debt (\$640,649.66 balance on Feb 2014) by the end of this year. This money will come from the New Church Funds. Doing, this will save us interest payments of roughly \$15,300 over the two year period in which we were going to pay off the debt.

The additional financial issue on our parish is the "assessment" from the Diocesan *Forward in Faith* Campaign to build the new St. Michael High School. This assessment will be 48 monthly installments of \$18,548. Our plan is to pay this from the operating account. This should be feasible going forward with the elimination of our current debt that has monthly payments of \$18,333.

We will need to remain faithful and diligent to funding our operating and New Church Fund.

We thank everyone who was able to attend and share in the meeting. We feel we have the parish support to move forward. If anyone has any questions or concerns, feel free to contact us and we will be happy to discuss this issue further.

With the commitment of making this dream a reality,

Fr. Mike Roach, Fr. Timothy Armbruster, C.P.P.S.,

Along with the support of the Leadership Committees of the Parish

Parking During Construction

Throughout the Weekend of June 1

No Change - Parking Will Be The Same As Usual

Beginning June 2 Through Completion of Construction

Parking Spaces Will Be Limited

During Phase 1 (June 2 - Mid-Summer)

150 Parking Spaces Available

During Phase 2 (Mid-Summer - Completion)

128 Parking Spaces Available

SUGGESTIONS FOR SUMMER PARKING

- Arrive Early
- Car Pool With Other Parishioners
- Arrange To Be Dropped Off
- Park in B&B Theater Lot

We understand the inconvenience and appreciate your flexibility as we make room for you.

Watch for updates on parking in the Bulletin and Email

Stewardship and You

Stewardship is defined as the safeguarding of material and human resources and using them responsibly. It is also the generous giving of time, talent, and treasure.

The St. James parish family only works because of all of the people who are willing to sacrifice to continue the mission started over 175 years ago. Lots of positive energy has been dedicated to our parish finances, and we are beginning to really see the



fruits of that effort with our new parking lot. However, we cannot forget all of the little things that it takes to make St. James continue to be the growing, and thriving parish it has been for all of these years.

We are in constant need for more people to get involved and utilize their time and talent to the greater benefit of our entire family. Just like you would in your own families, we encourage every member of St. James to look around, and find ways to help. If you think about all of the volunteers that are involved every weekend you know we can always use more. Each Mass needs Eucharistic Ministers, ushers, musicians, servers, greeters, Hope gift card sellers, and more. Hundreds of people graciously, and faithfully give of their time every month to make our parish run and that doesn't include all of the groups, and committees that are working behind the scenes.



You will be hearing more, and more about Stewardship in the coming months. Our parish leadership teams, are committed to inviting more people to get involved, and renewing our commitment to making sure we do a better job of getting willing stewards connected with the areas that will make the most difference. We encourage everyone to prayerfully consider some additional contribution to the greater good. St. James is a blessed family, and we hope everyone will do what they can to share in the blessings of our growing, and vibrant community.

Phil Baumert, Chairperson, St. James Pastoral Council

Where We Stand

With the spirit to grow so alive in our parish, we want everyone to feel informed and aware of what is happening, including the finances of the church.

We promised to clarify the terminology of our income and expenses. giving terms and staying consistent with their use.

Assessment – The Diocese's "Forward in Faith Campaign" to build St. Michael High School. This is an expense.

NewChurchFund – All monies donated to build our New Church facilities. This is income. Expenses accrued as we design and build will be paid using these monies.

Debt – Outstanding loan for parish on school building addition. This is an expense.

Operating – Our everyday expenses and our weekly giving income.

Information on our Pledges:

40.4% of registered families have pledged to help reach our goal

78.6% of pledge families have given toward that pledge

We have had several contributions toward the New Church Fund besides pledge monies.

Several parishioners' families have named the New Church Fund as the benefactor of the memorial when loved ones have passed to be with Our Lord.

All monies from the Immaculee Event were donated. The Glory Be Tea, Altar Society, Over 50s Group and others have donated to the fund. The New York New York Concert was in benefit of the fund.

The Children's collection we see every Sunday is in a separate account, but they have \$9,400. The intent is to purchase items toward our new vision.

Some milestones with cost numbers to hit:

New Church and Parking Lot completed	\$9,000,000*
Site survey work	\$ 128,000
Parking Lot	\$1,104,000
Foundation of Church	\$1,158,000
Church Building	\$5,039,000
Church Interior	\$1,381,000
Incidental Expenses	\$ 190,000
Collected as of 4-9-14	\$1,467,000

* Master Plan Nov. 2012 cost figures. Some variance may occur.

I have attempted to touch some of the highlights of our Vision. I welcome any questions you have concerning the finances of our New Church or other parish finances.

Blessings,

Katie Klassen, Finance Manager

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Groundbreaking



May 31

After 5:00 Mass

Construction Start Up

June 2



Pray - Sacrifice - Build
Together with God
