

# New Church NEWS



Bring the whole tithe  
into the storehouse,  
that there may be  
food in my house.

Put me to the test,  
says the LORD of hosts,  
and see if I do not open the  
floodgates of heaven for you, and  
pour down upon your blessing  
without measure!

*Malachi 3:10*

## PLEDGE CARDS DUE NEXT WEEKEND

Most of us need a reminder – or two - so that we don't forget the important things. This is one of those important things we don't want you to forget.

The *Stewardship of Treasure* (2019 tithe) and *New Church Fund 2019* appeals are so important to our parish. If you have not done so already, we invite you most sincerely to return you pledge cards next weekend.



### 2019 Pledges

Remember Pledge Weekend  
is Oct 27-28

Be a saint.  
Return your  
pledge by  
All Saint's  
Day.



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God • Church • Community  
Together We Can Do Great Things  
St. James Catholic Church - Liberty MO

#### Stewardship of Treasure (2019 tithe)

I/we will give a gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please indicate option below)  
**Weekly Monthly Quarterly Annually Other** \_\_\_\_\_  
I/we wish to use Automatic bank withdrawals.\*  
Signature (required for draw) \_\_\_\_\_  
\*Bank Draw is made **1st Wed** of each month (see reverse side)  
(voided check needs to be attached)

#### New Church Fund 2019

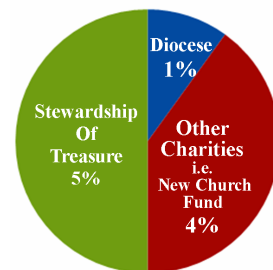
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There are three pots you are asked to contribute towards:

- 1. Stewardship of Treasure**  
- we suggest 5% of your gross income.
- 2. New Church Fund 2019**  
- we suggest 4% of your gross income.
- 3. Annual Catholic Appeal (Diocese)**  
- we suggest 1% of your gross income.

This last appeal was made to all families in the diocese. You can mail the diocesan pledge directly to them or, if you like, you can put it into our pledge boxes and we will send it to the chancery for you.

Giving back to God,  
called a tithe,  
is 10% of your  
gross income.



*Please refer to the Stewardship of Treasure Fact Sheet in this weekend's bulletin for an explanation of what your contributions are used for.*

### Building Progress

#### CONTACT US

Have QUESTIONS about our new church building ?

Does your ministry want to publish a  
HELP WANTED ad ?

Please send an email to:  
[NewChurchNews@StJames-Liberty.org](mailto:NewChurchNews@StJames-Liberty.org)

There is also a form on the website for questions.

We are very excited that the Diocese has given permission so that we can complete the lower-level build out at the same time the main church is being built. This will save us money in the long run, but of course in the short term we will need more funds so that our debt is not too much of a burden. That is why the New Church Fund 2019 pledge drive is so critically important to our long term financial health. Please pray fervently, then follow that small voice that is God whispering to you

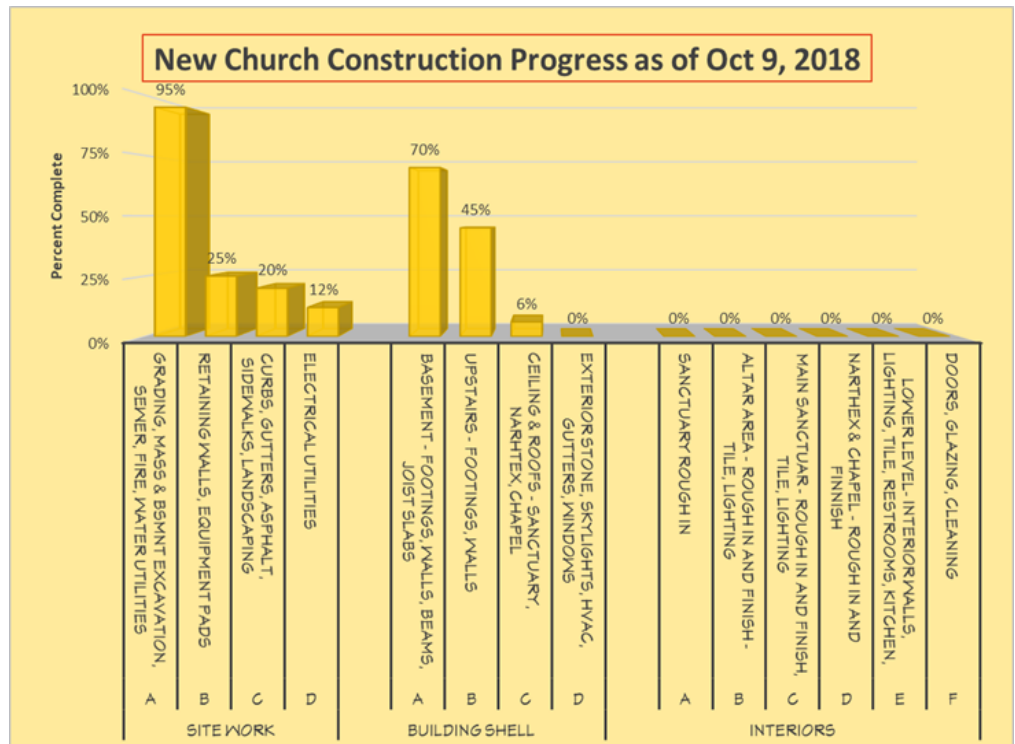
The question has been asked how does the lower level build-out affect the completion date. The answer is that most of the work that will be happening downstairs will be handled by tradespersons not involved upstairs. So it does not drastically change our completion date by more than two weeks.

We are in pretty good shape as far as our schedule. We were two weeks ahead of schedule for a while but then the rains came. Please pray we can have nice weather and get the roof on. Once that is done then weather will not be that much of a factor. See our the chart below for details of our progress



#### Welcome New Parishioners

Matt & Keva David  
Pamela Duru  
Georgie Edwards  
Judy Johnson  
Jim & Laura Klonica  
Judy Phillips  
Harold & Kathleen Stander  
Tim Yoder





## The Organ For the New Church



Danny Baker, our Director of Liturgy and Music recently went to Lincoln, NE to check out the new organ for our new church!

Because of a few, very generous private donations, this became a reality for our new church.

This organ was built in Holland and designed specifically for St. James! It was recently delivered to Lincoln where it will be housed securely until it's time for installation in the new church!

## Continuing Our Virtual Tour



Sept. 9 - Base of  
The New Church



Sept. 22 - View of  
Both Levels



Sept. 22 - Upper  
Level Slab Poured



Sept. 30 - Walls  
Going Up



Oct. 6 - Overall View  
Pouring Concrete



Oct. 14 - More Walls  
Are Up

## Stewardship of Time - Help Wanted

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Contact Cecilia Richardson

[cecilia@stjames-liberty.org](mailto:cecilia@stjames-liberty.org)

#### Help Wanted

Do you enjoy taking photographs? Do you like making memories of family events? Well, our RE program has a spot for you! We need folks to help us share the fun that we have together! We could use help in posting on social media, on our web page, and in our newsletters. This job can easily coincide with having fun with your own family but does require your own equipment.

#### We Want YOU!

Do you enjoy working behind the scenes? Do you like helping with large events but would prefer to not be front and center? Do you want to volunteer but lack the time? We are always in need of helping hands to tackle some of the smaller projects – like cutting things out, or putting materials together in packets, or copying. All of these things can be done at home, in your spare time, but really make a difference!

#### Can You Help?

Our program is always in need of office volunteers on both Sundays and Wednesdays. Because this job involves working where children are present, you will need to attend a Protecting God's Children session and complete the online paperwork, including the background check. However, this job doesn't involve supervising children; instead, this person would make things run smoothly for all of our classroom volunteers. The office staff help by making copies, answering questions, finding materials, dealing with hurt fingers and other boo-boos---things like that. It's really a fun job and a vital one.

### LEAF RAKERS NEEDED

Our prayer garden and other areas around our facility need some sprucing up before winter arrives.

- Choose your own hours
- Individuals or families
- Bring your own tools or use ours

Contact:

Sandy Turner Or Gretchen Lathrop  
781-1735 781-4569

### CAN YOU SMILE AND SAY HELLO?

That's all it takes to be a greeter at weekend Masses.

We are looking for individuals or families willing to come 15 - 20 minutes before Mass, stand by the front doors and welcome folks into our gathering space.

Call or email

Lesa Feess

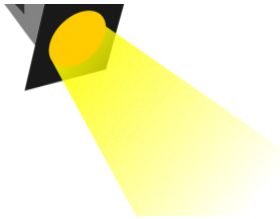
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[Lfeess@hotmail.com](mailto:Lfeess@hotmail.com)

## Stewardship of Talent

THIS MONTH WE FOCUS ON OUR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MINISTRY

*By Cecilia Richardson—Director of Religious Education*



My family and I moved to Liberty in the late fall of 1990. We were excited and a bit anxious to start our new life in this small town. We started attending Mass at St James and were just blown away by the

music and I grew to depend on that weekly experience as my family dealt with the challenges of not one but eventually three new additions to our family. It's hard for newcomers to Liberty to visualize, but when we moved here, there was nothing on the I-35 side but a McDonald's and a little gas station. The bridge over I-35 was governed by a single stop sign, and that was more than enough to handle what little traffic there was. That was true for St James as well. No matter what Mass you attended, there were always plenty of seats. No one sat in the Narthex. When I enrolled my oldest daughter in Religious Education, it was only offered on Sunday morning with just a tiny fraction of the numbers of students that we have now! We had no preschool classes, and kindergarten was a new thing for St James RE.

Now almost thirty years later, everything has changed. Liberty's population expanded dramatically and with that growth came both more and less – more people, less places for people to sit, more students, less small classes, more families, less small-town feel. St James has worked hard to bridge those gaps, to make people feel welcomed and needed, but it's hard to do when you have outgrown your space. It's hard to have new programs or events when there isn't room enough for what we currently offer.

The Religious Education (RE) program is a good example of that. When my predecessor took over the program, it was run from the trunk of a volunteer's car. Fran Riley took it out of the trunk, made it an organized, well-staffed classroom program. When I started in 2001, it was clear that we had outgrown a one-time-slot offering so we added the Wednesday night session. After a while, we started to realize that the traditional, classroom model of RE was not meeting the

needs of our families and their hectic lives. So we rewrote the program, changing the focus from classroom/textbook learning to one that was more family-centered. We still have classroom instruction, but we supplement that with home assignments, with Family Days, with Mass Transit cards that help families integrate their Sunday Mass experience with the curriculum. We begin every session with a large-group opening prayer service. We use monthly themes that correspond with the Liberty Schools' character trait of the month but pair that trait with a saint for the month.

This year we are opening with stories taken from general children's literature but which feature the character trait of the saint we are studying. We do this so that our students can see that their faith exists in all aspects of their life, not just here at church. So, for example, the story Mixed was used to talk about respect for those who differ from us and illustrates our saint of the month, St Peter Claver and his work with the African slaves in South America. We want our students to see their world through Catholic eyes.

We are excited to have a new worship space with all the joys and frustrations that will bring. We'll have to adjust to the luxury of having plenty of seats to go around, but also adjust to the changes that will come with that new space. There will be new faces who come to take a peek and hopefully stick around to be a part of our community, which means that we'll have to work to be welcoming to these new friends—we haven't-met-yet. As someone who remembers very well what it was like to be the new kid here, I know that St James will meet that challenge. I may joke that we should have been named Our Lady of Perpetual Procrastination – because boy, do we hate to get our paperwork in on time! – but the reality is that St James himself would be proud of how well we accept new faces and new families. I can't wait to see what the next 20 years have in store for us!