

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN 2020-2022



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**LIVING OUR LEGACY
ANTICIPATING THE FUTURE**



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FROM FR. MIKE & THE CAMPAIGN CHAIRS



Dear Fellow Parishioners,

This is a memorable time for all of us at St. James. Our dream to build a new church has been realized and in a few weeks, on October 19, we will celebrate the first Mass in our sanctuary as Bishop Johnston presides at the dedication ceremony.

The goal of our 2016-2018 *Grounded in Faith, Growing to Serve, Embracing Our Future* campaign was to raise enough money to begin building. You may recall that before construction could begin, our diocese required certain criteria to be met – a minimum number of pledges from our parishioners and funds in the bank for at least half of the projected building cost.

Thanks to your sacrifice and support both criteria were met in the spring of 2018 and we broke ground on April 15 last year.

We are nearing the end of this campaign and are very pleased to tell you that the financial results exceeded the amount raised during previous campaigns. As of this June 30, \$6.6 million had been collected and we anticipate that the open pledges of \$837,000 will be collected before the end of this campaign on December 31.

With the success of this current campaign, we will only need to borrow approximately \$5.5 million. This loan will be through the Diocese Deposit & Loan, payable over the next 15 years. And, loans generate interest on the unpaid loan balance. Paying this loan in the shortest possible time would mean substantial savings for St. James, money that, if not used on interest payments could be used to expand God's Kingdom and provide numerous opportunities for our parish family.

So we are launching this *Living Our Legacy ~ Anticipating The Future* Capital Campaign, an ambitious effort to repay the loan within 3 years.

We invite you to become an integral part of this fund raising opportunity. Please, in prayer, consider a generous sacrificial gift to St. James through a pledge to this campaign. Thank you again for all you have done to make St. James Church's past so rich and blessed and for your great generosity supporting this campaign.

Peace,

Fr. Mike Roach

Rich Venditti

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



As we begin our “*Living Our Legacy ~ Anticipating The Future*” Capital Campaign to pay off the loan on our beautiful new church, we have been asked many good questions. This FAQ answers your most commonly asked questions.

If you have any further questions, please contact Fr. Mike at 816.781.4343, Brad Hover at 806.676.7140, Rich Venditti at 816.835-2114, or Katie Klassen at 816.781.4343. They will be glad to answer them for you!

Why is St. James embarking upon this campaign now?

Over the years St. James planned to build a new, larger, more noble church. Through the generosity of our people our dream is now nearing fruition. As we mentioned in previous campaigns and as can be seen around our neighborhood, St. James is in growth mode for the foreseeable future. With around \$5.5M borrowed from our diocese (as is explained elsewhere in this newsletter), we now have the opportunity to pay off as much of our new church as possible and prepare for future growth and ministry.

Will the St. James community support a capital campaign at this time?

Yes. We are all excited about the completion of our new church. Many people were involved in giving to the last campaign and during recent interviews with parishioners they indicated their support to this campaign.

At our recent Town Hall meeting on July 27, the financial benefits of paying off the loan to the diocese as quickly as possible was explained. Everyone wants to see the loan paid off so that we – as a community – can be debt free as soon as possible. The financial benefits of paying off this loan as quickly as possible are explained on page 5.

What will we be asked to consider through the *Living Our Legacy ~ Anticipating the Future* Campaign?

All of us will be asked to prayerfully reflect upon God’s countless blessings, to join in the ongoing mission of St. James, and to prayerfully consider a generous financial response to repay our loan and prepare us for our future.

How will we donate to the capital campaign?

Our response to God is based on prayer and the awareness of the gifts he has given us. In other words, there is a strong stewardship component to every successful capital campaign.

Your capital campaign pledge would be over-and-above your Sunday stewardship to the parish and to the diocese. Gifts or pledges can be one-time gifts; three-year pledges; a three-year pledge with an initial payment; stocks, bonds, or other gifts; bequests; or a combination of these things.

Will we have another campaign like *Living Our Legacy – Anticipating the Future*?

That will all depend on how involved and generous we are now. St. James is in growth mode. If we are able to address A LOT of the principle now, there will be less to pay off in the future.

While we are in growth mode, and while we will always have the need to repair, maintain, and renovate other parts of our campus, if we are able to pay off a substantial amount of the loan now, we shouldn’t have such sizable campaign efforts for awhile.

When does this new campaign begin?

We will kick off the *Living Our Legacy ~ Anticipating the Future* Campaign in September, asking for pledges for the 3-year period beginning in January 2020 and ending in December 2022. Pledge cards will be available in October and need to be returned during the Commitment Weekends in November.

Please keep in mind that the current campaign runs through this December. We encourage you to continue to fulfill your pledges.



A CALL TO ACTION



Mission Statement

*We, the community of St. James,
are a prayerful and Eucharistic
people who treasure
our Catholic traditions.*

*We strive to grow in our faith by
being good stewards of the gifts God
has given us; sharing God's truth
with all.*

*As the Body of Christ, we are
called to love and serve everyone,
especially the marginalized,
with joy and hospitality.*



When we begin this 3 year capital campaign on January 1, we will have occupied our new church for almost 3 months. For the first time in many years, we will gather together and celebrate our Christmas Masses as one parish community in one sanctuary; no more Masses in the parish gym!

And so, it appears that the work has been done, our dream realized, our new church sitting on the hill topped by a gleaming golden cross – a beacon of light and hope for those who pass by, to those who enter its doors.

However, our work is not finished yet. The cost of the new church, when completed is projected to be \$12.8 million, considerably higher than projected at the beginning of the current 2016-2018 capital campaign. Our loan with the Diocese Deposit & Loan will be approximately \$5.5 million. This loan will cover the additional costs beyond what we raised in this campaign.

The additional costs are the result of (1) inflation between 2012 when the original projection was made and 2017 and the addition of 100 more parking spaces to meet code (as announced at the Town Hall Meetings in September 2017), and (2) the decision to finish the lower level during this construction phase (as announced in the New Church News in February 2018).

Description	\$\$\$\$\$
Original Cost Estimate	\$ 8,185,211
Inflation 2012-2017 and Cost of Additional Parking Spaces to Meet Code	+ \$ 2,514,789
Finish the Lower Level	+ \$ 2,100,000
Current Cost	= \$12,800,000

We want to position St. James for further growth, ministry, and financial strength. This means paying the loan on our new church and parish center as quickly as possible to prepare our parish community, school, and ministries for future growth.

It is not happenstance that we chose our campaign theme "LIVING OUR LEGACY ~ ANTICIPATING THE FUTURE." As we move forward into the future, it is important that we remember that who and what we are today is a continuing legacy that began over 170 years ago. We eagerly anticipate a future of an increased parish population through which our ministries will grow and flourish – continuing the legacy for future generations.

***"Give to the Most High as He has given to you,
generously, according to your means."***

Sirach 35:12

In God

All Things Are Possible
Matthew 19:26

*Sometimes we don't realize
what we are capable of giving.
But when we realize that God
is with us,
then it makes it possible for us
to do what we think
is impossible.*

Fr. Mike



FINANCIAL PLAN FOR PAYING OUR DEBT



How Do We Pay A Loan Of Approximately \$5.5 Million?

Debt Includes Interest on the Unpaid Loan Balance

The Faster We Pay The Loan, The Less Interest We Will Pay

The More Interest Saved, The More We Will Have To Further The Growth of God's Kingdom

The Term Of The Diocese Deposit & Loan Is 15 years At An Estimated 5.5% Interest Rate.

The Minimum Monthly Mortgage Payment Is \$45,000

How Long Will It Take To Pay Off The Loan?

If we collect \$6 million over this 3 year capital campaign and assume that the \$6 million would come in evenly over 36 months and be applied directly to the loan, we can anticipate that the loan should be paid at the end of the 3 years, by December 2022.

If we collect \$4.5 million over this 3 year capital campaign and assume that the \$4.5 million would come in evenly over 36 months and be applied directly to the loan, we would still owe approximately \$1.6 million on January 1, 2023. By making monthly payments of \$45,000, we can anticipate that the loan should be paid in 75 months (6 years and 3 months) by March 2026.

If we collect \$3 million over this 3 year capital campaign and assume that the \$3 million would come in evenly over 36 months and be applied directly to the loan, we would still owe approximately \$3.2 million on January 1, 2023. By making monthly payments of \$45,000, we can anticipate that the loan should be paid in 136 months (12 years and 4 months) by April 2030.

How Much Interest Will We Save?

Amount Raised	Anticipated Date Loan Paid	Anticipated Interest Saved
\$6 Million	December 2022	\$2,133,913
\$4.5 Million	March 2026	\$1,850,955
\$3 Million	April 2030	\$1,171,244

How High Can We Go?



Our Transformation Goal Is \$6,000,000



Our Challenge Goal Is \$4,500,000



Our Celebration Goal Is \$3,000,000



GO HIGHER ~ GO FURTHER



God is doing great things here at St. James. With the finishing of our beautiful new church, there is still much to do and much to look forward to. Through the *Living Our Legacy ~ Anticipating The Future* Campaign, we are seeking – like the responsible and generous stewards we’ve always been – to repay our loan and strengthen our community and ministries for future growth.

The theme of our efforts has always been – “**Not Equal Gifts, But Equal Sacrifice!**” Some have been given little, so they can share little; some have been given much, so they can share much. But all of us can give like kings, if we give sacrificially!

Gift Chart

Weekly	Monthly	Yearly	3-yr Pledge
\$573.92	\$2,500	\$30,000	\$90,000
\$480.77	\$2,083	\$25,000	\$75,000
\$461.89	\$1,667	\$20,000	\$60,000
\$320.52	\$1,389	\$16,667	\$50,000
\$288.46	\$1,250	\$15,000	\$45,000
\$270.33	\$1,000	\$12,000	\$36,000
\$192.31	\$833	\$10,000	\$30,000
\$173.02	\$750	\$9,000	\$27,000
\$161.34	\$700	\$8,400	\$25,200
\$138.46	\$600	\$7,200	\$21,600
\$115.38	\$500	\$6,000	\$18,000
\$92.31	\$400	\$4,800	\$14,400
\$69.23	\$300	\$3,600	\$10,800
\$57.69	\$250	\$3,000	\$9,000
\$46.15	\$200	\$2,400	\$7,200
\$34.62	\$150	\$1,800	\$5,400
\$23.08	\$100	\$1,200	\$3,600
\$17.31	\$75	\$900	\$2,700
\$11.55	\$50	\$600	\$1,800
\$9.23	\$40	\$480	\$1,440
\$6.92	\$30	\$360	\$1,080
\$5.77	\$25	\$300	\$900
\$4.62	\$20	\$240	\$720
\$2.31	\$10	\$120	\$360

**To start thinking about your gift,
seek to do the following:**

- **Review the Gift Chart**
- **Let your eyes rest on the manageable three-year gift you can make.**
- **Now, consider a sacrificial gift. That is, consider one level higher: from the more comfortable level to the more sacrificial level.**
- **Think of the generous example of your grandparents and pray, “Lord, what do you want to do – through me – for my parish?”**
- **Let the Holy Spirit lead you to a place that is satisfying and sacrificial!**
- **The only way most of us can go one level higher is by 1) giving something up for awhile or 2) putting off purchasing something for awhile.**

***Believe the Incredible,
and You Can Do the
Impossible!***

Fulton Sheen



WAYS WE CAN GIVE MORE



Which of the following could you or your family use to increase your giving?

TAX SAVINGS. Additional giving can create additional tax savings. One person whose \$6,910 contribution resulted in a tax savings of \$1,800. This enabled the person to give \$8,710.

DIVERTED FUNDS GIFTS. Freeing up funds from one area allows a person to give to other areas. Diverting funds from entertainment, dining out, dues, subscriptions, gifts, allowances, utilities, transportation, etc., and other lifestyle adjustments can impact one's giving.

DELAYED EXPENDITURES. Delaying purchases allows a person to significantly increase giving. The acquisition of major items such as automobiles, clothing, trips, houses, etc., when postponed, allows substantial giving opportunities.

SAVINGS AND ANNUITIES. Savings for special projects, retirement, or that "rainy day" offer a resource for increased giving. Often, we realize that our savings may not be needed for our original purpose and are available to God's work.

CORPORATE GIFTS. Those who have used their business as a resource for giving have made significant donations. Two brothers donated all the HVAC for their church's project.

SALES OF ASSETS. Sales of major assets, such as a house, car, land, business, etc., provide available income for giving. One person made a substantial commitment from his house sale.

GIFTS IN KIND/APPRECIABLE ASSETS. Gifts like stocks, bonds, real estate, automobiles, collections, jewelry, yachts, etc., provide ample giving opportunities, coupled with significant tax savings as well.

INCOME RAISES/BONUSES. Dedicating one's forthcoming raises and bonuses are creative methods people have used to increase giving.

INCOME PRODUCING ASSETS. Interest income, payments from rental properties and monies from other income-producing assets provide a source for increased giving.

FREEDOM FROM DEBT. Reduced debt obligations can help increase a pledge. One family completed a \$300 a month automobile payment and increased their pledge.

CHARITABLE GIVING RESOURCES. One man, who gave \$25,000 a year to his university, diverted those gifts to his church for three years, and then resumed his school giving.

ADDITIONAL WORK INCOME. Taking a second job or part time job, coming out of retirement, or working overtime, are strategies people have used.

UNIQUE SKILLS INCOME. Marketable skills help us give more. One woman quilts, and two women began a mail order cookie business.

CASH FLOW. By giving smaller amounts more frequently, such as weekly, semi-monthly, or monthly giving allows one to give more.



LIVING OUR LEGACY ANTICIPATING THE FUTURE



We chose our campaign theme "LIVING OUR LEGACY ~ ANTICIPATING THE FUTURE" to remind us that who and what we are now is a continuing legacy over the past 170 years. As we prepare to dedicate our new church, we are mindful that this momentous blessing has its roots in our past. It is not happenstance that we are where we are to-day. Let's take a look!

- Our roots in Liberty were established in 1837 when a decision was made to open a Catholic parish here. At that time there was no church, only a small congregation with dreams for the future.
- It was not until 10 years later, in 1847, that the small congregation numbering 170 was able to build their first church on Water Street at a cost of \$2,500.
- For the next 65 years, the parish was served by an itinerant priest. The first resident priest was assigned to St. James in 1912 and in 1913, a new church was erected on Water Street because of the deteriorating condition of the first one.
- By 1977 the congregation had grown to well over 1,000 but the church seated only 400 - a problem similar to that which we have faced during the past several years. To resolve the problem, Masses were held at the Precious Blood Seminary on Ruth Ewing Road.
- In 1978, property for a new church was purchased on South Stewart Road. Three years later, in 1981, our current church, seating 535, was dedicated. It was to be our "forever" church, as no one could have predicted the rapid expansion of growth of Liberty and the Northland.

As we look back at our history, it is clear that we are living a legacy left by those who have gone before us. A legacy of over six generations - their legacy of faith, prayer, vision, determination, action, and reaction to circumstances encountered.

And so, the work has been done, our dream realized, our new church sitting on the hill, a beacon of light and hope for those who pass by, to those who enter our doors.

However, building a new church is only part of a bigger picture. We still have many opportunities before us. We want to position ourselves to continue building the Kingdom of God by serving and meeting all needs of our parish and Catholic community far into the future.

We want to position St. James for further growth, ministry, and financial strength. This means paying the loan on our new church, eventually renovating and repurposing the old church, and preparing our parish community, school, and ministries for future growth.

In other words, our work is really not done. We want to create a legacy for future generations - in anticipation of what is yet to be.

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Together We Can Do Great Things

