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St. James Catholic Church Parish Newsletter



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Confirmation

We have 33 students in our Confirmation Class this year, which is about 70% of our registered 9th and 10th graders. We are using a new program called 'Chosen'. *Chosen* calls teens to a personal encounter with Jesus Christ and is designed to answer the Church's call for a New Evangelization, offering a new approach to youth catechesis and sacramental preparation.



Dear St. James Family,

In keeping with the strategic plan goal of improving our communication with the parish, I am pleased to be sending you this second newsletter on the "State of the Parish." This issue is comprised mostly of the financial information we generally send out at this time each year in a letter, that usually includes the budget for the coming fiscal year as well as the receipts and disbursements (or expenses) for the previous year. As you'll see, that information is on the reverse side of this page—just in a different format.

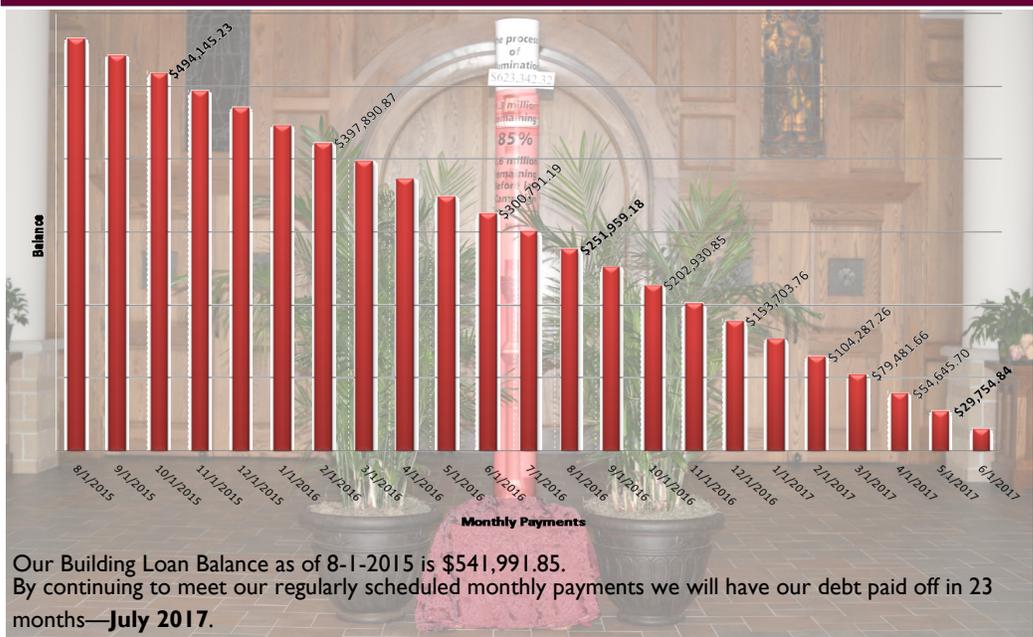
However, I'd like to highlight the information at the bottom of this page—the status of the final part of the building campaign. As you can see from the graph—**WE ARE IN THE HOME STRETCH!!!!** If we continue to make our regularly scheduled payments, the debt will be **paid in full** within the next two years. This has only been possible through your continued generosity and diligent attention to meeting your financial pledges.

We have a beautiful facility here. You should be very proud of it, and your steadfast efforts to retire this debt. With your continued support, and with God's grace, we will be able to celebrate and "Burn the Mortgage" in the very near future.

Your Servant in Christ,

Fr. Michael Johnson
 Pastor

Process of Illumination—The Final Campaign



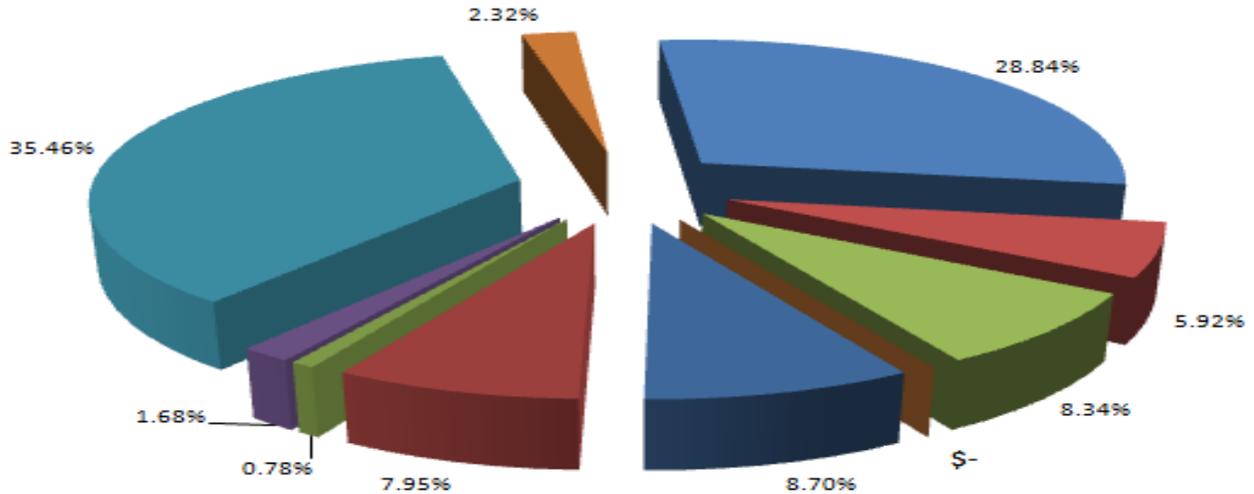
Our Building Loan Balance as of 8-1-2015 is \$541,991.85. By continuing to meet our regularly scheduled monthly payments we will have our debt paid off in 23 months—**July 2017**.



We currently have 3 candidates in the RCIA Class this year (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults). We made a change and are meeting on Tuesday evenings, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic Church, or know someone who is, call the church office as soon as possible.

Stewardship of Treasury

St. James Parish Disbursements for FYE June 30, 2015



Tithe to Diocese (8.7%)	\$ 105,082.21
Salaries & Benefits (Priest & Church Staff) (7.95%)	\$ 96,010.27
Utilities/Telephone (0.78%)	\$ 9,443.62
Repairs & Maintenance (1.68%)	\$ 20,309.92
Grade School Subsidy for the Education of 98 students (35.46%)	\$ 428,213.61
Secondary & High School Subsidy for Education of 6 students (2.32%)	\$ 27,985.43
Debt Reduction Principal (28.84%)	\$ 348,262.15
Other Ordinary Disbursement which is charity, church and office supplies, technology, property insurance, adult and youth religious education (5.92%)	\$ 71,545.63
Other Extraordinary Disbursement which is Christmas & Easter collections, social & votive expenses (8.34%)	\$ 100,730.09
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 1,207,582.93
St. James Parish Receipts for FYE June 30, 2015	\$ 1,172,519.42
St. James Parish DEFICIT for FYE June 30, 2015	\$ (35,063.51)
DEFICIT BREAKDOWN:	
From Normal Parish Operations	\$ (1,169.76)
From Debt Service Obligations	\$ (33,893.75)
TOTAL DEFICIT, FYE 6/30/2015	\$ (35,063.51)

St. James Parish Budget for FYE June 30, 2016

Parish Disbursements	
Tithe to Diocese	\$ 108,865.00
Salaries & Benefits (Priest & Church Staff)	\$ 96,256.00
Utilities/Telephone	\$ 10,150.00
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 25,000.00
Grade School Subsidy for the Education of 98 students	\$ 476,721.00
Secondary & High School Subsidy for Education of 6 students	\$ 38,220.00
Debt Reduction Principal	\$ 297,000.00
Other Ordinary Disbursement which is charity, church and office supplies, technology, property insurance, adult and youth religious education	\$ 67,376.00
Other Extraordinary Disbursement which is Christmas & Easter collections, social & votive expenses	\$ 84,922.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 1,204,510.00
Parish Receipts	\$ 1,204,510.00
Parish DEFICIT	\$ -

Coming Attractions.....



Annual Stewardship Renewal and Bi-Annual Stewardship Fair

This year commemorates the 30th anniversary of the Wichita Diocese adopting stewardship on a Diocesan level.

We're excited to be taking a look back to the beginning and offering a refresher at how we came to *The Stewardship Way of Life*. We'll start with "The Big Reveal" of this year's theme and

image on Sept. 19 & 20. Renewals will begin the end of October and the fair will be November 7 & 8 and November 14 & 15. Look for further information about the fair in upcoming Sunday bulletins.