

Dear Parishioners,

This is Accountability Weekend and every parish in our diocese is publishing their financial statements.

To say that this has been a year full of challenges and blessings would be an understatement.

The 2021-2022 Fiscal Year at our beloved Saint James Community of Faith ended with mass attendance and weekly offertory collections down considerably from pre-pandemic levels.

Additionally, we are all struggling with increased costs, across the board, due to the highest inflation rate in over 40 years.

The income we did receive from all sources, however, did allow us to pay all our bills on time. Praise Be To Jesus Christ!!

As I have been telling you in my Pastor's Corner in the bulletin, we have had to make significant repairs to our church building both inside and out, mainly due to water damage. The only way this was possible, without taking on any debt, was by using prior years' donations, from many parishioners, earmarked for Care of My Father's House. We released \$100,000 from these Restricted Accounts to fund necessary repairs. We also received a most generous bequest of more than \$148,000 from the estate of Mary Corbin, a long-time parishioner. This allowed us to pay for the resurfacing of all our parking lots, new curbing, striping, and the installation of new storm drains. Please pray for Mary Corbin's immortal soul and thank God for her generosity towards St. James Church.

I kindly ask you to continue to support all our ministries with your time, talent, and treasure. Please also prayerfully consider making a legacy gift to St. James. I remain optimistic about our parish's future and ask you all to continue to have hope and to pray.

I am so very thankful for the outpouring of love and support that I have received from this community of believers in Jesus Christ. I am humbled to be your local spiritual leader and pledge my continued tireless efforts to be found worthy of this honor. I LOVE you ALL!

May God bless you always. And may God continue to bless our Saint James Community of Faith!

Your humble servant in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fr. Peter J. Adamski".

Fr. Peter J. Adamski, MBA, CPA, M.Div. aka "Fr. Peter"

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