

Dear Parishioners of Saint James Parish:

Reverend Edward L. Vuha

It is with great joy that I have received the appointment from Bishop David A. Zubik to serve as pastor of Saint James Parish, effective, Tuesday, January 3, 2023. I am most grateful to Bishop Zubik for his confidence and trust in me to serve as your pastor.

Since learning of my appointment, I have been praying for you each day. At the same time, I ask your prayers for me as I strive to serve as your pastor as well as the pastor to the people of Saint Katharine Drexel Parish in Southeast Washington County. I truly desire that the ministry entrusted to my care may always be modeled after the heart of Christ our Good Shepherd.

I am excited and eager to begin this new chapter in the life of our parishes together as we strive to live the amazing and incredible gift of our Catholic faith! With God's help and with our hearts, minds and hands open to the inspiration and guidance of the Holy Spirit we have much to accomplish together.

In his letter to both of our parishes on December 7, 2022, Bishop Zubik is calling upon us to seize the tremendous opportunity to demonstrate cooperation, coresponsibility and collaborate to strengthen relationships and share resources. I am committed to join with our clergy team, pastoral staff, advisory councils and you the faithful to deepen our love of Jesus and grow in the gift of our Catholic faith.

Bishop Zubik will serve as the principal celebrant and homilist and install me as pastor of Saint James Parish (Immaculate Conception church) on Saturday, January 7, 2023 at the 5:30 PM Mass. I hope that you will be able to join in the Mass and a light reception that will follow in the church hall as I look forward to meeting all of you.

As we prepare for this new beginning together, may we seek the intercession of the patrons of both of our parishes Saint James and Saint Katharine Drexel!

With every good wish and prayer for you in this glorious season of Christmas and always, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Edml Z. Yuhas Reverend Edward L. Yuhas

Pastor-designate

