



September 21, 2017

Re: St James Parish - Special Use Criteria Response

Demolition of Existing School Building and Addition / Renovation at Existing Church
831 North Arlington Heights Road

Please accept the following response to the Special Use Criteria questions:

1. That said special use is deemed necessary for the public convenience at this location.

The expansion of the existing church will provide accessibility to both the church and lower level meeting rooms in the building. The introduction of an accessible entry, handicap accessible toilet rooms and an elevator will allow all patrons to fully participate in the St. James community. The enlarging of the existing sanctuary will also allow all masses to occur on the east side of the campus. Currently the community is divided into multiple masses on each side of the campus. The enlarged worship area, as well as, the new accessible building components will allow the St. James Community to gather together as one.

2. That such case will not, under any circumstances of the particular case, be detrimental to the health, safety, morals or general welfare of persons residing or working in the vicinity.

This project will not be detrimental to the health, safety, morals or general welfare of persons residing or working in the area. By providing handicapped accessible and additional parking is a benefit to those not only visiting the building, but the neighboring properties as well.

The removal of the unused, existing school as well as the newly acquired homes in disrepair to the south will improve the general welfare of the neighborhood.

The building addition is designed is to match the existing building character in all respects, making it feel like the building was constructed all at one time, helping to preserve the look and feel of the existing neighborhood.

3. **That the proposed use will comply with the regulations and conditions specified in this ordinance for such use, and with the stipulations and conditions made a part of the authorization granted by the Village Board of Trustees.**

St. James Parish is an integral part of this community since 1905 and intends to remain a permanent and prominent fixture in the community. The Parish will comply with the codes and ordinances of Arlington Heights as they pertain to the Project.