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The Parish of Saints James and St. Patrick Hold Celebratory Mass to Mark Merger of Both Parishes

St James and St. Patrick Catholic Churches, the two oldest parishes in Decatur, will conduct one Mass on July 1st to celebrate the joining of the two parishes.

Father Jeff Grant, pastor of the newly formed Parish of Saints James and Patrick shared his wishes for the new parish. "My wish for our new parish is for a spirit of cooperation among the good people who have made up both parishes. I pray our community will be a warm parish that welcomes all. I hope we will listen to the Holy Spirit and allow that spirit to guide us. I am very hopeful. When you have worked through difficult things together in a loving way, the bond of unity increases. I think you will find the Parish of Saints James and Patrick to be a strong and vibrant community," concluded Father Jeff.

To celebrate the newly formed parish, Mass will be held at both St. James and St. Patrick. Mass will begin at 9am at St. Patrick with the Introductory Rites and the Liturgy of the Word. Then the Mass will process out of St. Patrick's, down Martin Luther King, to Clay Street to St. James for the Liturgy of the Eucharist and the Closing Rites. It will be one complete Mass celebrated in both churches. Arrangements have been made for those who cannot walk between churches and shuttles will be running between the churches to get people to and from their cars. Please contact either parish office for assistance. After the Mass, people will have the chance to tour churches, parish offices, and schools. Parish Council members will be on hand at both locations to guide and answer any questions. Refreshments will also be available at both locations, which will be open after mass until 1:00pm.

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