

Winter Snow Removal Plan

In the past, snow removal here at St. James has been done in a frantic pace to clear all entrances into the Church before Mass starts (Mon. – Fri. at 8:00 am). This puts the safety of our maintenance team in jeopardy, and doesn't give us sufficient time to properly clear the pathways. It also requires the use of large amounts of snow melt crystals, which are very expensive and cause great damage to the surfaces of the concrete walks and stairs. One example of this damage was the deterioration of the ceramic tile area in front of the main entrance doors, which recently had to be replaced.

School Personnel

If school has been called off because of winter weather conditions, all school personnel are asked not to attempt to enter the property until the snow removal is complete. This will eliminate the need to direct people to move their cars while the snow graders are at work. Parishioners should call the parish office or event coordinator to check on the status of parish activities, and if the parking lots have been cleared.

Week Day Morning Mass

(Tuesday – Friday)

In the event of snow, maintenance will attempt to clear a suitable pathway from the Parish Office parking lot, up the handicap ramp beside the shop, across the driveway, and into the back entrance of the church. This will be done to provide a **single access** to the church for morning Mass. All Mass attendees will be asked to use the Parish Office parking lot only.

Weekend Masses

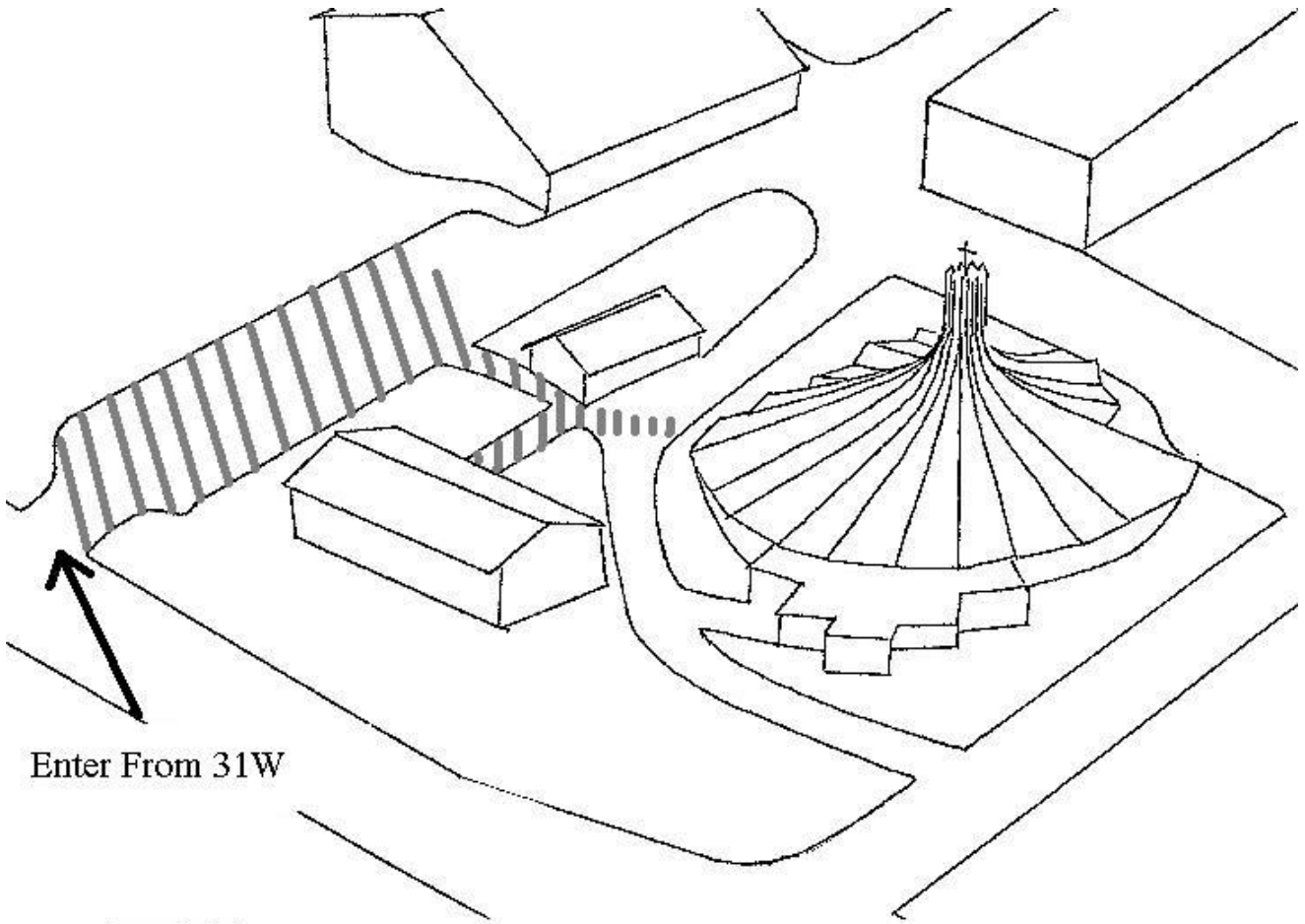
In the event of snow on weekends (**Sat. & Sun.**), maintenance will attempt to clear as many suitable pathways into the church as possible, considering the severity of the storm. Parking lots will be cleared by outside contractors at the discretion of the Maintenance Supervisor.

Parish Office & S.V.D.P. Staff

On snow days, there will initially be only one access into the Parish Office, which will be the back door into the accounting office. This same pathway will also provide access to the outside door of SVDP office. During most snow events, the snow removal crew will have all the snow cleared off long before the SVDP office opens at 10 am.

Snow Removal Crew

The contracted snow removal crew will monitor the snow conditions and be prepared to clear the church parking lots and sidewalks as soon as it stops snowing. While it is snowing, there will be no paid snow removal. The North Miles parking lot will be closed until the snow removal guys are finished clearing the snow away. This is where they park the trailers for their equipment.



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Shaded area cleared prior to 8 AM