



## **OSF HealthCare Breaks Ground on New Bloomington Chapel**

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**(June 5, 2019 | Bloomington, IL)** - Wednesday OSF HealthCare St. Joseph Medical Center held a blessing and groundbreaking ceremony for a new chapel at the hospital.

The \$1.2 million chapel project has been funded entirely by the generous donors within the Bloomington-Normal community, including several Mission Partners of the OSF HealthCare Ministry.

“At OSF HealthCare, we are fortunate to create environments where faith and healing are inseparable,” remarked Lynn Fulton, President, OSF HealthCare St. Joseph Medical Center. “The chapel is a physical space within the hospital set aside as a place of worship, a place of prayer and sometimes a place of refuge for our patients and our Mission Partners.”

The 3,000 square foot chapel will be located at the main entrance (Entrance A) of OSF St. Joseph Medical Center. It will be nearly double the size of the hospital’s existing chapel.

The new brick and stone addition will feature modern, circular-style seating, with the ability to accommodate 74 visitors. Chairs with kneelers will replace pews and will provide more accessibility for those who are in a wheelchair, use a walker or are on a hospital gurney.

Construction of the new chapel should take about 10 months.