

# St. Marks Catholic Community Shakopee, MN

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J. Michael Carlstrom  
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Dear Mr. Carlstrom,

When GuideOneTaylorBall was negotiating with Catholic Mutual and me for overseeing the restoration of St. Mark's Church after its fire, you promised to send us one of your best managers – and you did - in the person of John Ellis. He was excellent to work with and saw that the entire project was completed in a timely, professional, and beautiful manner. My congregation and I are extremely happy with the way this project turned out under his direction

Early in the project, when everyone was clamoring for a quick finish date, John refused to make empty promises he couldn't keep. After thoroughly examining the project he said 15 months out that we would be back in the church by Easter, and he was true to his word – which in today's trade market is hard to believe.

John was most respectful to me in my role as pastor and overseer of the project, making the major decisions on the project. And he jealously protected me from all the questions and concerns of daily, practical matters. He had to deal with workers with many different temperaments, and he dealt fairly and firmly as needed to get the job done right. I wanted quality workmanship, and John chose his people and guided the workers so that it was a grade-A job.

It was a joy and a pleasure to have John Ellis as the job manager of the major fire restoration in our 140-year old church. Our congregation and many visitors have been overwhelmed by the beauty and quality of the restoration. I give to John my highest rating as an excellent project director.

Sincerely,

  
Fr. William F. Stolzman, pastor

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