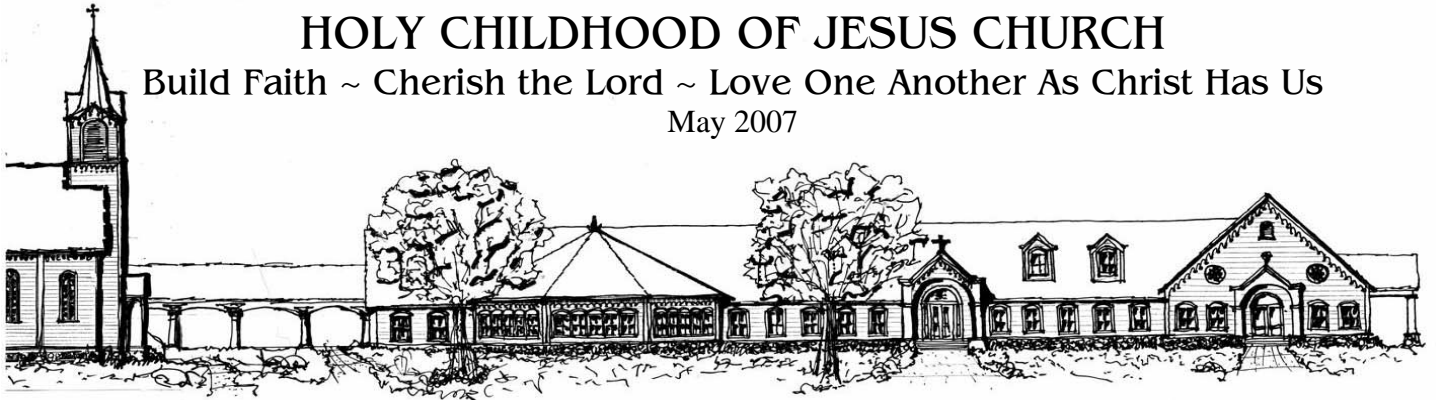


# HOLY CHILDHOOD OF JESUS CHURCH

Build Faith ~ Cherish the Lord ~ Love One Another As Christ Has Us

May 2007



## A Note From Father Joe

keep you informed of our progress and I, for one, think they are doing a wonderful job.

We are happy to present this latest addition of our newsletter on the progress of our new buildings. This issue contains information on a very generous raffle opportunity by Pierre Bittar. We are very grateful for his generosity and enthusiasm for this project.

Also, read about the adaptations to our building that are necessary because of the zoning board of appeals rejection of our variance. They are minor but you should know about them. Shortly, we will be able to provide a graphic so you can see these minor changes. Thanks to Dan Gorman and Fred Hackl for their patient and generous pursuit of developing a functional building we can all be proud of.

Our second wave of solicitation for pledges will begin shortly. Carol Ryan tells me the meeting on May 15th with volunteers was enthusiastic and well attended. Please see the article on the status of our pledge drive.

And, finally, a sincere note of thanks to Joe Hickey and Marie Reno for all their hard work in editing this fine newsletter and to all who contribute to it.

The purpose of the newsletter is to

Remember, if you have a concern or question about the newsletter, contact Marie or myself at the parish office.

God bless you and thanks for your continued support.

Peace and Love in the Lord,

*Father Joe*

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## Going, GOING, Gone!

By Joe Hickey

The 'Big Farewell' for the School/Daycare Building is scheduled for Sunday, June 30th. Don't miss your last chance to tour this landmark parish building.

All parishioners, former boarders and students, daycare families, and local residents are invited say good-bye to this site of so much of our local history and memories.

Come view the historical photo essay, enjoy guided tours, and have your questions about the building answered.

Bishop Cooney, Joe Kishigo, and members of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians will take part in this important event.

Food, fellowship, and memories will be shared. Bring your camera!

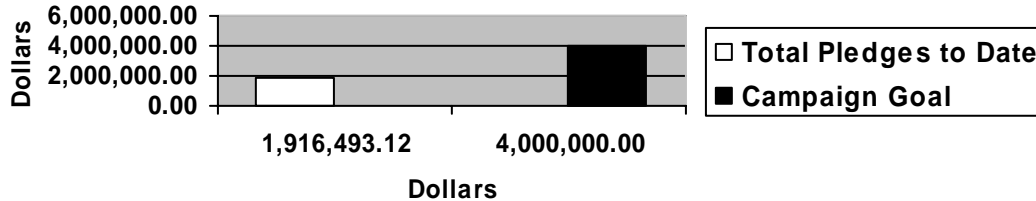
This is the last event before the doors of this building will be closed. Don't miss it!



## Capital Campaign Pledge Update

By Dave Slifka

With the conclusion of Wave I of our Capital Fundraising Campaign we have received a total of 225 pledges, amounting to \$1,916,493.12.



- **Helpers are needed to sell tickets during June, July, and August for the Pierre Bittar Raffle.**

Call Bill & Eileen Lindsley (526-5293) if you can help at the following locations:

After Masses

4th of July (2 hour shifts)

Bittar Gallery (Fridays & Saturdays 11-3)

Your place of business?

- **Solicitors are need to call upon approximately 300 potential donors.**

Training of solicitors will take place on Wednesday July 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

Contact Carol Ryan (526-7212) if you would like to join the Fundraising Team.

- **The Steier Group will be onsite in Harbor Springs three days a week, beginning July 9<sup>th</sup>-August 17<sup>th</sup>**

## Building Plan Highlights

By Richard Hendrian

Asbestos and lead paint studies have been completed on the school and convent buildings. Substantial asbestos containing materials as well as lead paint have been found throughout the school with lesser amounts of both in the convent.

Six demolition/asbestos abatement contractors have been sent invitations to bid on our project. Bids are expected by June 11th.

Thirteen Construction Managers/General Contractors have been interviewed. Five have been selected to receive invitations to bid on the new construction phase. These invitations will be sent out within the next two weeks.

Several relatively minor design changes are currently being worked on. These include a redesign of the roof line of the parish hall, due to the denial of a 5' height variance by the Zoning Board and plans for a dedicated nursery/childcare room on the first floor of the multi-purpose building. We are also reconfiguring the 'library' room to optimize and enhance the shape. Reducing the size of the adjacent storage rooms and squaring them off will give less intrusion into the library.

## International Artist Joins in Fundraising

By Carol Ryan

Holy Childhood Church will raffle this beautiful, framed, original oil painting by Pierre Bittar for the benefit of our building fund. Tickets will be available beginning mid-June.



Pierre has been a parishioner at Holy Childhood of Jesus Church for 15 years and desires to contribute to the capital campaign of the building project.

He has graciously offered an original oil painting, which is valued at \$16,900 and 9 additional prizes of gift certificates to his gallery for a fund raising raffle which will be held on September 2, 2007. Raffle Tickets will be available in mid-June.

When asked why he wanted to become involved in helping the parish raise money for the fund drive, Pierre answered, "It's the least I can do."

It is easy for me to see that Pierre has a fond spot in his heart for Harbor Springs and Holy Childhood Parish. He stated, "I can pray anywhere, but I come to church for the Eucharist and the Word of God, which nourishes me."

We are truly blessed to have such a talented member of our parish willing to become a part of this project.

## Raffle Prizes:

- 1st:** Original framed oil painting 48"x38" valued at \$16,900
- 2nd:** \$3,000 Bittar gift certificate
- 3rd:** \$2,000 Bittar gift certificate
- 4th:** \$1,000 Bittar gift certificate
- 5th:** \$500 Bittar gift certificate
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- 10th:**

**Ticket Price \$100**

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## **Capital Campaign Wave II**

Solicitors are needed  
to call upon 300  
unsolicited parish family  
members

Join Us on July 11th  
if you would like to help.

## **Anticipated Summer Building Schedule**

Farewell Celebration-June 30th  
Asbestos Abatement-July  
Take Down-August 15th  
Construction Begins-September