

# Holy Childhood of Jesus Church

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"Build Faith, Cherish the Lord, Love and  
Serve One Another as Christ Has Us"



I am happy to share with you that great progress has been made since our last newsletter. What is he talking about, you ask? The building is still standing there! Well, as you know, we worked through some sensitive issues with the Native American Community. I am so glad we were able to do this in such an amenable way. It seems that everyone is satisfied with the outcome since, as it happens, the minor adaptations to be made to our new building plans will enrich the building in many new ways.

In Dennis Wiggins' article you will read of the definite schedule for the taking down of the old building. With it goes many memories. That is why we held the Fair-Well Ceremony during the summer. Bricks will be made available to anyone who wants one. Also, wood silhouettes of Jesus carrying His cross made out of the wood from the old building will be available at a later date. The circle of life, which is also a symbol of the Christian concept of death and resurrection, is a healthy sign for any community. I think it is safe to say that this community of faith is healthy as we continue to focus on God's plan for us. May we continue to build faith, cherish the Lord, and love and serve each other as Christ has us. Peace and love in the Lord,

*Father Joe*



# See You At the “Millionaire Party”

by Marie Reno

I was recently asked I would be attending the “Millionaire Party”. I have been a member of Holy Childhood for 5 years now but have never attended the annual event, I didn’t really know that much about it. So I asked Tom Hoffman, ticket chairman, to fill me in on what I have been missing all these years.

**Tom, can you tell me a little about Holy Childhood’s Annual Holy Name Millionaire Party.**

*It is a social gathering with lots of fun and also raises extra money for building improvements, St. Francis tuition assistance, Christmas food baskets, religious retirement fund, Sunday coffee & donut hour, and other special needs.*

**Wow! This party plays an important role in supporting the ministries of our parish. How long have you been actively involved with the Holy Name Society?**

*24 years. It is our principle fundraiser for the entire year.*

**You must have some pretty good stories to tell after all these years. Can you share some of the behind the scenes preparations that make this event come together?**

*Ticket sales is the most difficult portion of the project. We all work together to plan the gaming, prizes, food, entertainment, refreshments, and to be the labor force to work at the party.*

**What can someone like me, who has never attended the party expect when they arrive?**

*An evening of cocktails, snacks, and a station-type buffet dinner – we think it is important that party goers not have to wait in line for food! You can also look forward to gambling with play money, prizes for the best gamblers, drawings for the cash prizes, and dancing to a live band.*

**I have seen in your advertisements that you have “Pan” Franek & Zosia’s Polka Towners scheduled to provide the live entertainment. Do I have to know how to Polka to have a good time?**

*No, but it only takes one dance to learn how to Polka! If you don’t like to dance, listening to the music and watching others dance is quite entertaining in itself.*

**What is your fondest memory of past parties?**

*My fondest memories include enjoying the open bar, really excellent food, and friends.*

**Well, you have got me convinced that this is the year my husband and I need to mark our calendars and schedule our babysitter for an evening out! How much are tickets and how do I get them?**

*Tickets are \$100.00 each and you only need one ticket per couple or friends. They are available from Dennis O’ Bryan at Pleasantview Eyecare, Joe Otvos (347-9527), Ray Kiogima (526-5271), Jane Keller at the Church Office, and of course I could sell you your ticket right now!*

As you can see, Tom and the rest of the Holy Name members are preparing a great event! Where else can I find so much food, entertainment, and friends for \$50/person and support our parish at the same time? I am looking forward to a great night out with my parish family and hope to see you there.

# Wish List Update

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by Carol Ryan, Fundraising Co-Chair

We have received a wonderful response to our Wish List so far! Never let it be said that the people of Holy Childhood of Jesus Church do not respond when there is a need. Take a look at the items that have already been donated. If you would like more information about our Wish List, stop by the Main Street Entrance Vestibule. Thanks again to everyone who is working to make our parish mission statement a reality!

- Laminator
- Coat Racks
- Technology Equipment for Faith Formation Program
- Storage Racks for Chairs in the Parish Hall
- Drinking Fountains
- Faith Formation Center Meeting Room that will be named after St. Francis
- Bar Area for the Parish Hall
- Rectangular Tables for the Parish Hall
- Round Tables for the Parish Hall
- Chairs for the Parish Hall
- Adjustable Round Table Designed for Children or Adults for the Faith Formation Center
- Marquee Board for the Faith Formation Hallway
- Can Opener for the Kitchen
- Child-Sized Stackable Chairs for the Faith Formation Center
- Folding Rectangular Tables for Faith Formation Center
- Telephone Integrated with the Parish Office for the Faith Formation Center
- Commercial Refrigerator
- Commercial Freezer
- Ice Machine
- Nursery in the Faith Formation Center named after a Saint to be announced

# Capital Campaign Update

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by Dave Slifka, General Co-Chair

Dear fellow Parishioners:

So many occasions we have been witness to God's works through the generosity of many who have offered prayers as well as contributed to our capital fundraising campaign.

As we move forward with Wave II of our fundraising process, we are happy to announce that our parish has succeed in raising the required amount of pledges toward our \$500,000.00 challenge grant, and have already received \$402,066.91 from parishioners toward their eligible pledges! This brings us ever closer to our 4 million dollar target, which now currently stands at \$3,273,48.31. Although highly encouraging, we must not detract from our efforts toward attaining this goal.

In closing, we extend our heartfelt appreciation for your support, and prayers.

Together in Christ,  
David Slifka

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## Project Update

By Dennis Wiggins, BFC Chairman

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians passed a resolution in support of saving the old school building. They requested that we meet with them to discuss possible ways of doing this. After numerous meetings and hours of discussions we have agreed on how we will move forward with our project.

We will try to create a “sense of place” bringing aspects of the old building into the new so that anyone who was involved with the School during its many years will be reminded of what was once here. The main street entryway of the old building will be recreated on the new building. We will try to save the key stone, window, cross and bricks from around the entrance of the old building. We will recreate the feel of one of the classrooms from the old building in the new building using as many original materials as possible. We will use original wood flooring, baseboards, light fixtures, drinking fountain, blackboard, trim, colors, and wall finishes. We will recreate the look of the tin ceiling and frosted glass as close as possible. We will work to find pictures and artifacts that depict the way of life at the school and will display these in the new meeting room and by the entrance to the new building.

This is our new timeline. Asbestos Demolition Services began work on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Tri County Excavation plans on putting a fence around the building on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Demolition should begin on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

