



Holy Childhood of Jesus Church

Harbor Springs, Michigan

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



It is truly amazing to see how quickly our new buildings are going up. As a layman in the area of construction, I am amazed at the way all the pieces fit together. A truck comes with the necessary building part in the morning and another in the afternoon just when they seem to need it.

It parallels the way God is pulling things together in our parish ministry planning. All things are working toward the fulfillment of God's plan and for His glory.



Thank you for all your moral and financial support. Please continue that support as well as your prayers for the safety and well-being of the construction crews.

Peace and Love in the Lord,

Father Joe

Mercury Rising

by Carol Ryan, Fundraising Co-Chair



I'm sure you can't miss the progress we've made on our building project. These are exciting times for Holy Childhood Church. The purpose of this article is to give you a recap of the talk I gave at all the Masses last weekend and to give you an update on our Capitol Campaign for our new facilities. Oh yes, by the way, I'm still O.F.M. "Out For Money."

During the last year, as the Building Finance Committee met regularly, we concentrated on reaching the parish's goal and moving into the facilities "debt free." I asked Father Joe what it would mean to the parish to complete this project debt free. Without hesitation, he replied, "*The ramifications would be enormous. We could concentrate on ministry and service instead of debt.*" Think of that ministry and service. It is the heart of what we're called to do.

Each week we post a thermometer in the bulletin showing our financial progress toward the 4 million dollar goal. Well, we are only \$398,556.96 away from our goal and the mercury level hasn't moved in quite a few months. You may be wondering, *who am I speaking to?*

Am I speaking to you, the one who has already given to the campaign? Yes! Many of you gave substantial gifts. Others, capable of substantial gifts, gave smaller gifts. Your gifts thus far are greatly appreciated. We only ask that you prayerfully consider your financial situation and, if feasible, ***help us raise the mercury level.***

Am I speaking to you, the non-parishioner who is on vacation and just visiting? Yes! One of our mission statements here at Holy Childhood is to make our worship space into a warm welcoming haven for all who enter. The new narthex will give us that overflow room so that you can have a place to sit during Mass. Won't you ***help us raise the mercury level?***

Am I speaking to you, the one who doesn't support the project for one reason or another? Yes! Some of you were upset that the Day Care and Thrift Store were moved. Be at ease that both are doing better than ever in their new locations. Some of you only wanted a parish hall and were against the construction of a new multipurpose educational facility or gathering space (or maybe it was vice versa). As Father Joe wrote in his pastor's letter, "*we are not building structures, we are building Church*". This is one complete project. To have one without the others is like asking to swim in the non chlorinated section of the swimming pool. Just as the chlorine permeates every part of the pool, so do you - the Body of Christ - permeate everything that is here. Whatever your concerns were in the early days of the campaign, won't you search your heart and ***help us raise the mercury level?***

Am I speaking to you, the one who can't give because of their financial situation? Yes! Remember, it is impossible to out-give God. Whatever sacrifice you make will be returned. Recall Chapter 6 of St. Luke. In verse 38 he tells us, "Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in turn be measured out to you." Won't you ***help us raise the mercury level?***



Wish List Update

We have received 368½ items from our Wish List so far! A list of the items donated by our generous benefactors can be seen below. 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!

- Bar Area
- 6 5ft Round Tables for the Parish Hall
- 300 Adult Sized Chairs for the Parish Hall
- 1 6ftx2ft Rectangular Table for the Parish Hall
- 4 Rolling Storage Racks for chairs
- Centralized Audio/Visual Equipment
- Can Opener for the Kitchen
- Commercial Refrigerator
- Commercial Freezer
- Ice Machine
- 3 Adjustable Round Tables for the Faith Formation Center
- 4 30ftx72ft Folding Rectangular Tables for the Faith Formation Center
- 30 14in Stackable Child Sized Chairs for the Faith Formation Center
- Telephone integrated with Parish Office for the Faith Formation Center
- 1/2 Laptop Computer, Printer, Scanner, and Software for Faith Formation Program
- Vacuum Cleaner
- 2 Marquee Boards for Faith Formation Center
- Laminator for Faith Formation Center
- 5 Child Sized Coat Racks/Hooks
- 2 Drinking Fountains for Faith Formation Center
- 1 Faith Formation Center Meeting Room that will be named after St. Francis
- 1 Nursery that will be named after St. Elizabeth

31st Annual Holy Name “Millionaire Raffle & Party”

Benefits the Building Fund

Each ticket entitles two adults to an evening of music, charitable gaming, cocktails, gourmet dinner buffet, and dessert.

Join us at Nub’s Nob on Saturday, November 1st at 6:00PM for fun, fellowship, and a chance to win \$5,000.00!

Evening Highlights

Superb Nub’s Nob Hospitality

“Pan” Franek & Zosia’s Polka Towners

Millionaire Style Party and Gaming Tables

Raffle Prizes: \$5,000.00, \$2,000.00, \$1,000.00, 6 Prizes of \$500.00, and

Fine Art Reproduction by HramiecHoffman Studio and Gallery

Tickets are \$100.00 each and may be purchased from

Tom Hoffman (526-6055) or the Parish Office

Raffle License #M40907

Capital Campaign Update

by Dave Slifka, Fundraising Co-Chair

Ever so apparent is our building project. Already we can see the formation of the foundation and first floor...an edifice built on prayer, vision, generosity and most importantly, by the grace of God.

As mentioned by Fr. Joe in a recent bulletin, we are moving "full steam ahead". However, although very close, we are short of reaching our \$4,000,000 goal. In fact, we are 10% short of reaching our ultimate target. As of this writing we are showing a balance of \$398,556.96. For those who have so generously opened your heart and contributed...we thank you.



Project Update

By Dennis Wiggins, BOC Chairman

July 1, 2008 Our construction crew continues to make good progress on the multipurpose building, the parish hall, and the narthex. The multi-purpose building's first floor walls & plywood sheeting are up and they have begun putting the second level floor system in place. By the time this newsletter reaches you, the roof system should be started. The parish hall's concrete floor has been poured and wall framing began today.



The roof system will be completed in conjunction with the multi-purpose building. The Narthex footers & steel pilings were put in place last week and the concrete foundation should be completed during the first week of July.

