

# Make A Joyful Noise



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## SAINT JOSEPH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



### From the Parish Finance Committee Chairperson MRS. NANCY E. ARCHULETA

The news is good about our overall financial situation. Thanks to your generous response to our appeal your weekly offerings have increased to help meet expenses. We have also implemented some significant pastoral and administrative changes. A major impact was the change in residence for priests and nuns. With careful budgeting and austere spending we have been able to meet our parish's basic needs. The Diocese conducted a financial audit of the church and school and there were a number of recommendations made that are currently being implemented. One of those recommendations regards a current survey of our parishioners. You will hear more about this after the first of the year. Saint Joseph's new Pastor, Father Gary, will soon review the 2008 budget which includes the audit recommendations. After that the Finance Council will offer comments and recommendations. Our goal: a balanced budget at 12/31/08.

### **This is what you can do to help achieve the goal:**

Consider the yet increasing costs of the expenses that effect our operations. If you can maintain your tithing without it affecting your pledges to the Capi-



tal Campaign and vice versa, we will hold our own. To reach a balanced budget, please consider increasing your tithing by 5%. If your current offering is \$10.00, throw in the extra fifty cents in your pocket! Believe it or not, this will go a long way to address the rising costs and offer us a chance to grow. (Of course, there is another option. We can all bring our friends and families to

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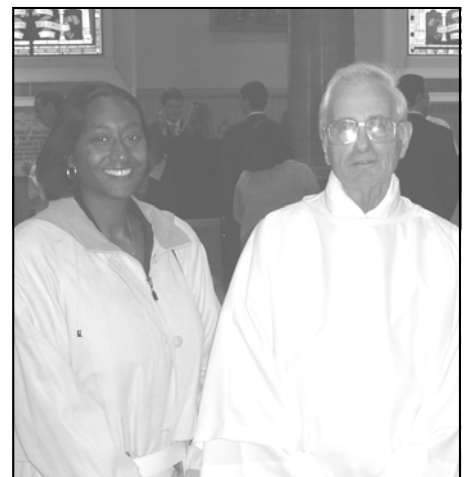
### *Pledging and Stuff*

#### REDUCING TAXABLE INCOME

Looking for ways to reduce your taxable income for 2007? Don't forget that all monetary donations to the Church by December 31st are 100% eligible for Itemized Deductions on your income tax. If a lump sum of over \$400 is made, the church will be happy to provide the necessary documentation to include in your support documentation.

**PLEDGE NOW!!!** Don't be the one that allows us to miss the matching foundation funds! Please fill out your pledge card this weekend. We can't afford for you to not do it.

Less than 10% of our registered families have made a pledge.



## From the Finance Committee Chair . . .

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St. Joseph and encourage them to become parishioners. This does not increase costs but increases revenue. Most importantly, you will be fulfilling the mission of spreading the Good News.)

We have also been very actively working on the capital campaign. Joyful Bakers, Taste and See Cook Book, Santa and Pet Pictures and much more to come. Have you baked something for the Joyful Bakers bake sale each Hospitality weekend? Have you bought something from them? Have you submitted your recipes for the cook book? Did you bring your pet to have its picture taken with Santa? Have you visited the tote board in the vestibule? I know. It's obvious, we can all do more.

To date we have only received 55 pledge cards. Why is it important for you to fill out a pledge card? You may recall that the MEVATEC Foundation has agreed to match our Capital Campaign contributions dollar for dollar up to \$500,000.00. To do so, we must have the pledge cards in by December 31, 2007. If we don't we may lose the match.

As you do your Christmas preparation during Advent, reflect on how you can give the ultimate gift to those you love. By giving a one time gift in or making a pledge in your loved

one's name, and/or possibly funding a naming opportunity you will give a gift that lasts a lifetime and beyond. And you can spread your gift, interest free, over three years and not even

make a payment until next year. And your dollar is worth two if you pledge NOW.

If you are interested in a memorial or naming opportunity please contact Kanobia Blackmon, Capital Campaign Chair, Ann Gunderman, Co-Chair, or contact the parish office. Chris Lowdell and I are Co Chairs of the Gifting Committee and we will be happy to sit down with you to discuss this very special gift and how to present it. Packages are being prepared

and we have lots of ways you can remember your loved ones both living and departed. But, don't forget, you can still make a pledge until you have had an opportunity to review the ways to give a lifetime gift.

Let me close with a Christmas Card I just received:

### **God's Gift**

"Little baby on the hay,  
soon there'll be another day  
when nails shall pierce  
your hands and feet  
as you provide our sin's defeat.

Risen Jesus on the throne,  
we lift our praise to you alone—  
for you're the gift that we receive  
the moment that our hearts believe".

It goes on to say, "This Christmas as you consider all the awesome things that have come to you through Jesus, God's perfect gift, remember that it is but a taste of all the good things yet to come."

The message says, "Thank God for this gift. No language can praise it enough" (2 Corinthians 9:15).

Let's show God our Gratitude for His Perfect Gift. Let's continue to Meet the Mission at Saint Joseph and to Make a Joyful Noise!!

Blessings of the Season to you and thank you.

**Mrs. Nancy E. Archuleta**  
*Chairperson, Finance Committee*