

# Make A Joyful Noise

## SAINT JOSEPH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

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### ...the Journey to Saint Joseph

#### The Journey of Larry and Dorothy Newman

*Larry and Dorothy Newman are active members of our parish community. In addition to the many activities, they involve themselves, they are Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.*

We moved to Huntsville in the fall of 2004. After twenty-six years and eighteen moves with the United States Army we were determined to settle down and become "real" civilians, which included getting a civilian job, buying a house and joining what may be our last parish. We figured out which church we were supposed to attend and attended it every Sunday for six months.

During that time not a single person ever said welcome or hello. Needless to say we were shocked and somewhat disillusioned. During our first Lent we were determined to participate so we went to Stations of the Cross and a follow-on fish fry. Still no luck; we felt like we just didn't belong. So we decided to take in Stations of the Cross, followed by a soup and bread dinner, on the military installation the next week. We were immediately welcomed by several people. Of course, all were military retirees like us and we were comfortable with being in and around other Army people on an Army base.

The Catholic Army Chaplain welcomed us but encouraged us to register at a civilian parish. As a retiree the Army was under no obligation to take care of our religious needs so if the priest was deployed there was a good possibility that we could no longer receive any of the sacraments on post. As much as we loved going to Mass on post we realized that we needed to find us a perma-

nent home where we fit in; I was simply too stubborn to join one church and attend another.

Over the next several months we visited several churches. A friend of ours recommended we try the Saturday evening Mass at Saint Joseph. Our first trip there was a hit! The priest recognized all visitors and a couple came up to us and welcomed us after Mass. We talked for fifteen minutes. We decided to come back the next week and over the next month we were welcomed by others; it was awesome! We felt so alive when we left each week, a feeling that had been missing in our civilian worship. We decided to join and now feel like we are a part of this parish.



#### Father Gary and "New" Culinary Delights

Father Gary and Culinary Delights – Only three weekends are left to purchase your raffle tickets!! Father Gary has graciously offered to donate his culinary talents to three lucky couples. On Wednesday, June 25 the couples will arrive at Father Gary's door for an evening of good food, good conversation, and wonderful fellowship. From now until June 22, the Grassroots Committee will be selling raffle tickets for \$10/ea. Three drawings will be made following the 11:15am Mass on June 22. Each winner will be able to ask one other person to join them for the evening meal. No substitutions will be made. So, if you are unable to keep the dinner date, no other ticket will be drawn.

Asking a Question?

#### Question & Answer Corner

*Do you have a question for the Committee?*

*Send it to [campaign@saintjosephcc.com](mailto:campaign@saintjosephcc.com) and we'll provide an answer in the bulletin.*

**Question:** The tote board looks different. How come?

**Answer:** To distinguish between the funds we have in the bank (solid fill) and the amount that we have in outstanding pledges (shaded blocks). We felt this would help to readily see when we will have 50% of the cash on hand to break ground for the new church.

