

Make A Joyful Noise

SAINT JOSEPH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



...keeping before us the call to follow Christ:
to advocate for his people
by championing the poor and caring for the sick.



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Looking to Saint Paul for Guidance? We Should...

Over the past couple of years, it had become quite apparent that the parish community had reached the point when we had to embark on new construction to afford us the facilities to serve the needs of our ever growing apostolate. In September 2007, after much research and planning, we embarked on a campaign to raise at least \$2.5 million to build a new church and update existing parish facilities.

I must report that the response to the campaign has been very good, but there is still more to be done. There is still a need to raise more money through pledging and other fundraising activities.

Last weekend, the universal Church celebrated the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, major feast of the Church commemorating the martyrdom at Rome of the two great Apostles. Being that Pope Benedict has decreed that this year be dedicated to Saint Paul, in celebration of the 2,000th anniversary of the saint's birth, it seems proper and fitting that we talk a little about Saint Paul in light of our Make a Joyful Noise Capital Campaign.

The reconciliation that Christ effects between God and each of us—the New Covenant—forms a community: we are the Body of Christ, the Church. The unity we share is a precious good that must be treasured, preserved, and cultivated by each of us. In Saint Paul's epistle to the Church at Ephesus, he urges them to "live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to pre-

serve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all" (Ephesians 4:1-6).

The epistle to the people of Ephesus is just as applicable to us, the people of Saint Joseph Parish. We must keep before us that the only way our parish will be built is, even beyond bricks and mortar, through personal participation in and support of the mission of proclaiming and teaching, serving and sanctifying.

Saint Teresa of Avila is credited with saying, "Christ has no body now on earth but [ours], no hands but [ours], [ours] are the eyes through which he is to go about doing good, [ours] are the hands with which he is to bless people now..."

We must keep before us the call to participate in and support the teaching, serving, sanctifying ministry of the parish community. Now is the acceptable time to rev up the momentum of the campaign. We can build this church, and we will build this church.

Let us look to the words of Saint Paul to give us encouragement and gentle chastisement to aid each of us in our quest for the kingdom. Let us remember to pray the Capital Campaign Prayer daily—unceasingly.

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DINNER WITH FATHER GARY

Congratulations to the winners of the Dinner with Father Gary! The three tickets pulled during last Sunday's drawing were those of Julie Algie, Derrick and Jessica Mayer, and Claire Williams.

IT'S HOSPITALITY WEEKEND:

Hey, Hey, Joyful Bakers!

Come "buy" the treats that have been prepared just for you by our Joyful Bakers! Your continued support of this monthly endeavor is astonishing and appreciated. Remember last month your buying habits resulted in over \$500.00 coming to the Capital Campaign in just a few hours! Can we exceed that this month?

