

Thank you Father

“Our Journey to Parkside” continued. Talk number seven. The last time I talked was on May 3rd just as we began to erect the light gauge metal roof trusses. That seems like such a long time ago as the roof trusses are completed and we are now installing the metal roof shingles. We continue to be extremely busy getting the building "dried-in" and "roughing-in" the mechanical and electrical systems.

You are all invited to come out to Parkside and experience the excitement of our building progress. Next Sunday afternoon on July 19th at 4:00pm will be our third "Sunday At Parkside". This again is your opportunity to see first hand what's going on. That's July 19th at 4:00pm. OK? There are so many different parts that are being constructed all at the same time, that just me telling you about it, without you seeing it, won't get it done anymore. You need to come out and see for yourself.

So what's stopping you? Its free! Well not really, as you all know its quite a large investment we are making for the future. We are not only building for ourselves today, but for our kids and for the generations to follow. Its a huge faith statement and you really owe it to yourself to stop and smell the drywall dust, touch the bricks, and wonder how all the piping and electrical stuff will eventually work. After your visit, especially if this was your first time, you will definitely want to come back in August and then again in September to check-out the further progress, before we close the doors and begin to work on interior room finishes which will prevent larger tours. We will also continue to have new construction progress pictures posted each day on our webpage by Bernie Schwitzgebel, and you can always

watch the construction on our webcam in real time at any time.

The Church design is now basically completed except for some interior "artistic issues" that are still being worked on by our TORCH committee. The Church building from a structural, mechanical and electrical standpoint is now out for competitive bids. We intend to start making the structural contract awards during the next few weeks. Our plans are to have the Church substantially "dried-in" by the end of this year.

We want to start the interior masonry as well as the exterior brickwork in the Spring. We plan to use a white sandstone quarried from Lewisburg, Kentucky for the interior walls. You can touch a sample panel of this beautiful sandstone at Parkside. The glue laminated wooden beams, arches and trusses will be constructed from Yellow Southern Pine. Our plans have always been and will remain to take with us and incorporate into the new Church everything that we possibly can, except for reusing these pews. We will have new padded pews. These pews that you are sitting in will be made available for us who would like to have them as a remembrance. The six sacramental windows, the mosaic panel in the front of the Church and our crucifix will all reside in their glory in the daily chapel. The stations of the cross will be framed and hung in the new church, parts of this altar will be used in the reservation chapel, the building corner stone and baptismal font possibilities. Our baptismal font in the front of the church will be incorporated into the design of our new baptismal font. The outdoor statue of Mary will reside in a beautiful Mary's Garden as part of the Piazza landscaping. Many details are still being worked on to get everything as right as possible.

Concrete foundations for the Church should finally begin in early August. This is about a month later than originally planned, and if you know me, I really **don't** like missing goals and long range objectives. However, this could not be avoided, and with some reshuffling we should be able to get back on schedule by the end of December of this year.

Moving plans will start to be developed this week and should be completed by Labor Day, so we can slide into Parkside like a comfortable slipper during next January and February. Extensive renovation work on the house is well underway, with this work is being lead by Charlie Gries. The house will become the rectory, ready for Father Jerry and Father Ray to occupy later this year as they may want. We are still projecting the overall cost of both Sprit I and Spirit II to be completed within our approved budgets. Spirit I sidewalks, curbing, paving and landscaping are all still on schedule to occur this September and October.

I will see everyone out at Parkside next Sunday! This is our hope and expectation. Please stop and talk with me and any of the other PPSC members Charlie Gries, Jack Thomas, Donnie Cook, and Tim Minor. Don't forget to talk to Brian Clements our LEED leader and Joe Meyer of SMD our Project Construction Manager. We are all very busy building Spirit I and very soon Spirit II so we can move into Spirit I and have our first Sunday Mass in the Spirit Hall on March 7th 2010 **S**afely, in a **Q**uality, **G**reen and **S**mart facility, that is **C**ost effective, and on time as **S**cheduled.

Thank you for your prayers and continued support.