

Spirit I Soon To Be as "Snug as a Bug in the Rug", as Church Foundations Begin and Contracts are Awarded.

Our Journey to Parkside continues to closely proceed as scheduled. An all out push to have Spirit I "dried-in" so drywall and room finishes can proceed is well underway. The brick work began in mid May by Simon Masonry and is on schedule to complete during August. The metal roof shingles, that look like gray slate, are being installed by Geoghegan Roofing and will complete by mid August. Windows are now being fabricated by the Bowling Green Glass Company, and will be ready to start installation in early August. With the completion of the roof and window installations Spirit I will be as "Snug as bug in the rug" .

While the exterior work is critical, the interior work is also underway with attic ceiling drywall being installed by Wilkerson Plastering so the mechanical and electrical building systems can be roughed-in by the Lyons Company and Diversified Electrical. Just think in less than a half year we will be making our final preparations to move-in during January and February 2010. The actual planning for this move-in period began in July and should be completed by Labor day.

Spirit II, our Church, has not been idle as the structural building design was completed the end of June. BCDM started the design work back in October 2008. Bid packages were issued in early July by SMD and bids were received on July 20th. At the time of this writing, contract awards are just being announced. A preliminary cost savings of at least \$300K, under our Not To Exceed construction budget of \$7.3MM can now expected. We are truly blessed that we are able to build in a non-inflationary economy. Good timing is everything. We could not have imagined this fortunate situation back in the Spring of 2008 when we developed our business plan. We now plan to start concrete foundations in early August. This is two months later than originally scheduled; however, we plan to have the Church significantly dried-in by next February and still be ready to hold our first Mass in November 2010. Wouldn't it be great to have our first Mass at Parkside on Thanksgiving Day as the Holy Spirit parish did forty (40) years ago in 1970.

The house, that will become the rectory, continues its transformation under the leadership and hard work of Charlie Gries. Charlie and his right-hand "Rambo" Tom Giato have torn into the house with wild abandon. Many problems, some were big, have been discovered and eliminated. The kitchen is remodeled and the windows have been replaced. Painting is underway as hardwood floors, the basement, and exterior house work remain. Charlie continues to work closely with Father to get it right. All the work so far has been done by volunteers which for every dollar saved, is a dollar less that we will need to borrow.

Please join in on the excitement of both Spirit I and now Spirit II during construction. We have a webcam that is available on our webpage to watch construction in real time, at any time. Also please take advantage of our last "Sunday at Parkside" on September 20th. Come out and walk through the building. See ya out there!