

What Can You Do?

It is the duty of our parish and of all Catholics to provide religious education, especially to our children.

The Religious Education program has grown over the years, from 396 students in 2003, to 689 in 2009.

Our education facilities are inadequate and inefficient.

We have our beautiful church because of the sacrifices of past generations.

It is time for us to sacrifice for the future of St. Joseph Parish.

We support parochial schools for full-time education with a religious background.

In our parish programs, we get one chance a week to teach the Catholic religion, principles, morals and attitudes.

Teachers and students of our religious education programs deserve our support - safe and adequate facilities. Our proposed new building would provide that but we need two million dollars to build it, and we only have just over three hundred thousand dollars pledged. We all need to dig deeper and sacrifice a little to meet this need.

Fr. Martin has suggested that parishioners make a commitment to provide a symbolic "brick" in the building, by pledging to contribute at least \$1000 over three years. This could be pledged to be paid weekly, monthly, quarterly or annually. \$10 a week to the building fund would bring in \$520 a year, or a building "brick" in just under two years. A \$1000 brick could be donated in three years, from just \$6.50 a week.

\$1000 pledges from 1000 parishioners equals one million dollars, much closer to what we need to begin construction. Please consider this method of pledging and if you can purchase more than one brick, all the better. Our goal would be reached even more quickly!

Most of us spend money each week or each month on things that we want but don't need as badly as St Joseph's Parish needs better education facilities. Please consider the level of sacrificial giving that you can commit to, and fill out and return a pledge card.