

February/March 2012 Building Program Update

There is a new steeple in town!!! Actually there are two! Hopefully everyone has seen the steeples that were raised into place last week. Many parishioners turned out for the historic event, with some even bringing picnic lunches. Reports are that the steeple can be seen from all around Leesburg with many people posting pictures on St. John's Facebook page. Join in the fun and post your pictures as well.

This month's update includes information on the following:

- Steeple Raising
- Prayer Garden
- Lights! Camera! Auction!
- Progress on Construction and Interior
- Spiritual Emphasis
- How you can help

Steeple Raising

The large steeple weights around 6,200 lbs and tops out 126 feet from the ground! Father Mosimann had a unique perspective when he rode in the bucket of the crane after it had been used to lift the steeples into place! Father took some fantastic photos from up above the Church!! One of these pictures is posted on the Catholic Herald website (www.catholicherald.com) and many others are on St. John's Facebook page. There is even a short video posted of the large steeple being lifted and set in place.

Join our Facebook page: St. John the Apostle Catholic Church

Prayer Garden

The Prayer Garden will be one step closer to reality this weekend when the Garden Committee launches a campaign to sell bricks and other major memorial items to help fund the Prayer Garden and general landscaping of our new Church. Please review the insert which will be in this week's bulletin to find out more information. Forms to buy bricks will also be available in the Narthex of the Church and on St. John's website.

Auction

This year's Lights, Camera, Auction was a huge success with many parishioners joining Fr. Mosimann and Peffley as we celebrated an evening of fellowship. The event resulted in over \$50,000 being raised for our new Church. Thanks to Rorie Rossie and her wonderful, dedicated team of volunteers who made this spectacular evening fun for all.

Progress on Construction and Interior

- Steeples arrived and were lifted into place!
- The Bells from Verdin were shipped
- The fire sprinkler system inspection will then allow us to finish some of the dry wall in the main church.
- Most of the drywall work is finished in the Fellowship Hall.
- Rugo Stone is progressing well on the reconstruction of the reredos.

Spiritual Emphasis

We have 4,076,771 Hail Mary's reported! Thanks to everyone who continues to report their prayers every month.

As always, here is a short summary of how can you help -

Remember to pray your Hail Mary's and turn in your prayer counts! Make it a family affair – pray the rosary together and for each family member you have just prayed 53 Hail Mary's. For a family of 5 that is 265 Hail Mary's!! Submit prayer counts to: prayersforanewchurch@stjohnleesburg.com .

If you have not pledged, please contact Ken Tschida. It is important that everyone in our parish make a commitment to support the building of our Church.

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Remember that you can take advantage of the convenience of direct deposit for your building fund contribution and / or your weekly offertory. Please visit the Faith Direct web site <http://www.faithdirect.net> to sign up. The site is secure, the process will take only a few minutes to set up, and enrollment will eventually reduce costs of the parish for accounting while being an extremely convenient way for you to give.

If you have a question, please ask. If you have a comment, please let us know. You can ask any of the committee members, our campaign manager (Ken Tschida), our wonderful priests, or just simply submit your question/comment via email to buildingprogram@stjohnleesburg.com .