

## Building Committee Activity

*By Bud Noe*

The November/January period found us working around the holidays at an active rate. During our last meeting (in November) with the Knoxville Diocese coordinator, it was suggested that we initiate the paperwork required to receive the official go ahead with our expansion of Notre Dame's facilities.

We then met with the Parish Financial Committee to put the costs together in a format that allowed us to look at the debt level that Notre Dame would assume over the next 15 years if we went forward. Those results clearly demonstrated that the monthly debt reduction payment would be an unreasonable burden for our family of parishioners. The Committee's input resulted in our contacting the selected Contractor and having the program quoted in various options in an attempt to lower costs to a manageable level.

We met with the Contractor and Architect on Dec. 23 and requested they quote the project in multiple levels of activity /phases. The primary options would be (1) education wing, narthex, and restrooms, (2) parish hall, narthex, and restrooms, and (3) the complete complex shelled in with power and heat (Notre Dame to do all inside finish work). The contractor was also asked to give us his written opinion on building the complex using pre-engineered building concepts in an attempt to lower the cost.

These quotes were received by Notre Dame on January 15, 2009, and reviewed for content and accuracy by the Building Committee on January 28 and by the Pastoral Council on the 29.

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### **We will have a meeting with interested parishioners on February 21 to review the entire program.**

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After that meeting, we will submit our paperwork to the Diocese for approval to take out a loan and kick off construction.

## Relay Around the World - Celebrating 25 Years of HOPE

*By Tom DuBois*

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Greenville / Greene County will be held on June 12 at the Greenville Middle School track. The theme in Greene County is "Relay Around the World". The 2009 Relay marks the 25<sup>th</sup> year of Relay For Life and the 15<sup>th</sup> in Greene County. The planning has already started to make this the biggest Relay event that Greenville has ever had. Each team will represent a different country and turn their campsite into their own "corner of the world" with decorations, food, and activities.

Notre Dame will be participating with a team this year and will be planning many events leading up to the Relay. For one, we will continue collecting old cell phones in the bucket in the church hall. This year we can also turn in old game systems, laptops, digital cameras, and ipods for donation and recycling.

Cancer does not stop or slow down because the economy is tough; in fact, the need for help increases during these tough times. We need your help in the fight against cancer! Contact Tom DuBois at 278-8831 or email pandtdubois@comcast.net to join the fight or to get more information.

**Check out the Relay for Life of Greene County website at: [www.RelayForLife.org/greenetn](http://www.RelayForLife.org/greenetn)**

At the site you can get information about Relay For Life, join our team (click on Notre Dame's Team Web-page), make a donation, purchase luminaries, or see upcoming events and fundraisers for ALL of Greene Counties Relay teams.

## Music Ministry

*By Fred & Wanda Ricker*

Greetings all!!! The holidays were truly a very busy and blessed season. This year's Madrigal dinners were wonderful and quite successful. The total amount raised for the building fund was over \$3500.00. The effort put forth by EVERYONE is responsible for such a success. The meals every night were wonderful, the costumes were fabulous, the entertainers did a great job, the servers and kitchen staff were outstanding, the choir worked hard and sang beautifully, the atmosphere was beyond belief, and all the hard work behind and in front of the scene by our own wonderful Susan Collins was the glue that helped hold things together.

We are in preparation for the Lenten and Easter season as well as the Confirmation of our young people and the presence of our new Bishop in May. There is always room for musicians in the program. If you enjoy singing or can play an instrument, please consider using your talent in the celebration of our weekly Masses. The choir meets in the Church nave on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm, and all are welcome.

## Sister Parish of Immaculate Conception, Haiti

*By Alicia Singleton*

This year is the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Twinning Project which pairs parishes in Haiti with parishes in the United States. Let us mark that milestone with special attention to our sister parish of Immaculate Conception. The pastor Fr. Alexis has been under a doctor's care at Randolph, MA recovering from heart surgery. Should Fr. Alexis recover soon enough to return to Haiti, Fr. John, with those who have expressed interest in going, will visit during the Lenten Season. It is the intent of our committee that we need to pray about our role in helping in the needs of Immaculate Conception--both parish-wide and individually.