

Making Room at Our Table

June 5, 2011

Addressing our Parish's Storage Needs

During the May 22 Open Forum presentation by Murray Mack, a list of maintenance items was reviewed including a 40øx 104ø storage facility to be constructed in the new parish cemetery. A lack of adequate storage space was a concern identified in the Programming and Facility Evaluation Team (PFET) report dated October 2008, and this storage facility hopes to address that need.

For many years, we have been storing the bulk of our 4th of July Festival supplies at Bob and Rita Rassierø farm. We are grateful to Bob and Rita for their generosity, but we know that we cannot count on this arrangement indefinitely. Besides our 4th of July materials, we are short on storage space in our school and the parish office. Building such a parish storage facility is both economical and prudent. To include an equivalent amount of storage space, for example, in a basement below our proposed gathering space and gathering hall, would be too costly. Given the bulky nature of most of the 4th of July materials, it also would not be practical.

With the input of the Cemetery Board, Building and Maintenance Committee, Finance Council and Planning and Design Committee, we have reached a consensus to build a "Parish Storage Facility" in the northwest corner of the new cemetery behind the existing cemetery shed. Monies from the bequest of a generous parishioner will cover the cost. The proposed facility will be constructed in a neutral-colored material and a berm with landscaping will enhance the building site. We hope to complete this project mid-to-late summer of this year. To proceed, we will need appropriate approvals from the city and diocese.

Parishioners who are in the following trades—excavating, concrete work, electrical, general construction and overhead doors—and would like to bid on this project should contact Sandy Scholz, our parish business manager, by Wednesday, June 15. Please call 363-7505, ext. 120 or email sscholz@churchstjoseph.org.

To learn more about *Making Room at Our Table* or to view the May 22 Open Forum PowerPoint presentation, go to www.churchstjoseph.org and check under the Communications tab.