

# Our Lady of the Valley Bulletin Announcement

## Weekend of March 16

### Cornerstones

Frequently Asked Questions about our Capital Campaign and New Parish Home

**Q: How does the building program strengthen our faith?**

**A:** Our new church building will be an extraordinary—an out-of-the-ordinary—place where we can gather to serve and glorify God and to become a home to serve the growing needs within our faith community.

The campaign will also strengthen our faith in helping us understand Stewardship. God has given us many talents & rewards, how we treat these wonderful gifts is the measure of stewardship. God has allowed each of us to be the steward of gifts we have and it is up to us to use them in a manner that is pleasing to Him. It is our moral and religious obligation to support our church in its ministries, its physical presence, its manner of teaching our young, and its growth. The union of our gifts and what we do with them to nurture the church is Stewardship. In order to be successful in our campaign we need the respective talents and treasures of everybody. No one single group can insure our success— that is the beauty of building a new church and school. It takes treasures in little and large amounts and takes dedicated people to come together and use the gifts God has given us to build up our faith community.

Some of us have the talent of speaking in public, some have organizational abilities, some have gifts of working repetitious tasks (every good endeavor needs envelope stuffers), and we all have the ability to give some gift of treasure. We are not all called to give thousands of dollars for this campaign but we are all called to set aside a little bit each month or year for this campaign. Some can afford more than others which does not matter – what really matters is that each of us sacrifice in our own respective way so that deep in our soul we know we are part of what God is calling us to do for our new school and church. This is not about equal giving but about equal sacrifice. But not making a sacrifice will rob of us of the wonderful and mystical feeling we will have when the building is completed and we enter it for the first time. So please reflect on how you can give back to God what has been given to you.