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Our St. Theresa parish has reached a point in time where even the St. Theresa diet will not work. We have no more room in the pews. So, to accommodate our parish family we must expand our little church. The plan is to double the seating capacity, yet keep the same look on the outside, as much as possible. Enclosed with this letter you will find a detailed explanation of our plans to expand St. Theresa Church.

The parish council and I have done our best in giving the bishop a plan for future growth. We now have his permission to launch a funding drive to help pay for construction.

We, the parish council and I, are asking you to trust in the Lord and give generously to Him by supporting this parish endeavor. I fully understand that times are tough! People are anxious, concerned about job loss, foreclosures, living on a fixed income, the rising cost of living, escalating taxes, the cost of education, car payments, and health care. We live with that reality every day. Appreciating the state of the U.S. economy and knowing you want what is best for our growing parish, our pledge drive will gladly accept any and all donations; large and small. We count on your generosity as we have in the past. We are confident that with your help we will continue to build for the future.

Please prayerfully consider your pledge to our 2010/2011 "Honoring our Past, Building our Future" building fund. Enclosed you will find a pledge card with suggested donations listed. Complete the card, sign it and return it with the enclosed envelope by mail or in the collection basket by October 1, 2010, the feast of our patroness, St. Theresa.

We are challenged to continue putting our trust in God. Together we will expand our church for your family's future as well as building on the dream of the founders of St. Theresa Church.

May St. Theresa continue to effectively bring the sacraments to you and your families and God's blessing upon all who come to worship here.

Fr. Jim.



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