

# ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

511 N Memorial Drive, Prattville, AL 36067



## Forged by Faith Enriching Our Catholic Legacy

### Campaign Theme & Logo Introduced

by Austin Bartolo



The Communications Team created the theme for this capital campaign. This was our first charge when we started meeting in October.

We began working on identifying a campaign theme by brainstorming ideas. During our meetings, we shared what is important to our parish. The words often repeated were Faith and legacy. St. Joseph has a rich

Catholic history of which we are very proud! Our faith is strong, and forge is a word that, when read aloud, depicts strength.

We discussed many themes, and, after much deliberation, and with unanimous consent from the Campaign Steering Committee, our campaign theme is:

### **FORGED BY FAITH** Enriching Our Catholic Legacy

The campaign logo includes a monstrance with the Holy Eucharist representing our faith; surrounding the monstrance is our St. Joseph parish family including our parish children who will carry on our Catholic Legacy.

Our faith defines who we are and as we embark on this journey of forging a new church, our faith will keep us focused and strong.

Forging a new St. Joseph Catholic Church will preserve and enrich the legacy for our children and our children's children for decades to come.

#### **YOUR CAMPAIGN COMMUNICATIONS TEAM**

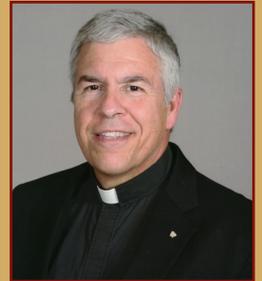
**Co-Chairs:** Jamie Damato, Marie DeLong, Danny Lawless, Deacon Joe Roy

**Team:** Austin & Tina Bartolo, Jake Bennett, George Champion, Frank Coiro, John Hudak, Jeanne Paxson, Joann Rice, Michael & Diane Roberts, Scott & Sarah Staton

#### FROM THE PASTOR

**“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”**

—Jeremiah 29:11



Dear parishioners,

God is always faithful to us, and we are called to be faithful to God.

This mutual faithfulness extends to our efforts to build a new church. We are now being challenged to be good stewards by planning for the future of our parish.

This project is a great task. It takes faith in God as we progress with the planning and the fundraising. It will take faith in each other.

Our Commitment Weekend will be December 14-15. Prior to that, I ask that you prayerfully consider a commitment to the campaign and to the future of our St. Joseph Parish family.

Personal discernment will be part of this process and has two components: First, gathering information is necessary to making informed decisions.

Our events team is planning a handful of get-togethers, each including refreshments and a brief presentation. At these socials, our vision will be shared, the project explained, and your questions will be answered.

Please review the upcoming event list in this newsletter and choose a date compatible with your schedule. Bring a parish friend or neighbor and join us in fellowship. It will only take one hour.

Second, prayer is a valuable guide in any discernment process. Printed in this newsletter is our campaign prayer and prayer cards are available in the narthex and at the parish office.

Consider praying this on a daily basis; maybe with your family before the evening meal or at night prayer. As you pray for this parish family, know that you are in my prayers!

As always, I welcome your questions, concerns and thoughts about our parish and this capital campaign process.

In Jesus with Mary,

Fr. James Dean

## Campaign Steering Committee Formed

Strong leadership is essential to successful capital campaigns, according to campaign consultant, Joe Akers. “I was impressed with many of the parishioners during the feasibility study, especially their faithfulness and commitment to this parish. Many of these parishioners will contribute as members of the campaign Steering Committee.

The Steering Committee will review and advise the planning and implementation of each phase of the capital campaign.



**Steering Committee members map out campaign planning process on October 30th.**

### **STEERING COMMITTEE**

Angie & Mark Barrett, Austin & Tina Bartolo, Jake & Marsha Bennett, Marie Bradford, Gene Brown, Gerald Cimis, Jolynn & Frank Coiro, Jamie & Dawn Damato, Marie DeLong, Rae DeLong, Kathryn Denney, John & Jacque Ellison, Jim & Paula Flavell, Jordan Halloran, John & Shawn Hudak, Michelle & Charles Kaiser, Danny & Kaitlyn Lawless, Paul & Janet Lohman, Regina McMillan, Greg & Carla Nichols, Kay & John Pirtle, Barbara & Dale Pughley, Deacon Joe and Amanda Roy, Patricia Sergey, Scott & Mary Staton, Abner Straughan, Linda Townes, John Tritz, Rodney Winter, Anthony Yarbrough

### **ST. JOSEPH AMBASSADORS**

Our Ambassador's Team is looking for assistance in contacting parishioners to make sure campaign materials are received. Ambassadors will not be asking for pledges. While greatly helping the parish, this is less than a 3-hour time commitment. To help out, please contact Jake Bennett at 334-399-6004 ([jakeb1940@gmail.com](mailto:jakeb1940@gmail.com)) or Jordan Halloran at 334-313-4567 ([jm\\_halloran@hotmail.com](mailto:jm_halloran@hotmail.com)).



**ENDOWING  
OUR FUTURE  
WITH HOPE**  
ARCHDIOCESE OF MOBILE

As part of our *Forged by Faith* capital campaign, St. Joseph will partner with the archdiocese in supporting the objectives of the *Generations of Faith Campaign*. This archdiocesan effort supports specific projects which serve the faithful of St. Joseph and the entire archdiocese, including:

- Seminarian Formation
- Priests Retirement
- Youth Ministry

There will be only one campaign at St. Joseph, *Forged by Faith*, which will support both the archdiocese objectives in its campaign and our future with a new church.

## Building Upon The Rock ... St. Joseph Youth

When Jesus called Peter to be the rock upon which he would build his church, he in turn called us to be the body of His church now and forever. We are her caretakers. If not us to prepare for the future, then who?

As Christ had sacrificed, so have many Catholic families. It is with that same sacrifice that we must secure the next generations' welcome. It is our duty to lift them up so that they too, can be blessed by the warm embrace of Christ.

This parish will grow and change, but the light of Christ will not. Our service to others and the formation of our youth now and in the future is paramount.

We will continue to build upon that rock from nearly two thousand years ago.

"Maybe the most important thing we do in our campaigns is to tie the youth to their parish, their faith and the future of the Catholic Church", according to campaign consultant Joe Akers. "We can allow the campaign to connect the kids to the church project and strengthen their faith in the process".

Our Youth Team, with great energy and vision, is planning toward that goal with several projects. On November 10th, during the Meal of Thanksgiving, the Youth Team invites all parishioners to participate in their "Scripture Stones" project, connecting every generation to the future of the parish.

Youth Masses, scheduled for November 16th & 17th, will have children and youth in supporting roles during Masses including: greeters, readers, ushers, gift bearers and servers.

To include your children in the Youth Masses or other activities please contact Youth Co-Chairs Jolynn Coiro at jolynncoiro@yahoo.com or Patricia Sergey at bedardp@aol.com.

### YOUR CAMPAIGN YOUTH TEAM

**Co-Chairs:** JoLynn Coiro, Patricia Sergey

**Team:** Sheri Freeland, Zeny Silman, Theresa Teal

## Forging the Campaign Prayer

by Dawn Damato



The Lord has such a great sense of humor. He gathered 17 men and women from different generations, to bring our gifts and talents to produce the campaign prayer.

We all thought, "Why me Lord?"

So, Amanda Roy led us in a silent exercise in order to listen to the promptings of the Holy Spirit and how to execute his plan. The brainstorming sessions were fruitful; we broke into teams to produce stanzas that expressed the four tenets of prayer and how they are lived out in our parish community.

Our final session opened with a prayer asking the Lord "To allow the seeds of His love to grow more deeply and firmly in our lives". As Matthew 7:7-8 states, "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."

The seeds of His love brought the Prayer Team together to produce this beautiful prayer.

Prayer cards are available in the church entrance and the parish office. We invite all parish families to join us, in reciting this prayer on a daily basis, as we seek the Lord's guidance in the weeks ahead.

### YOUR CAMPAIGN PRAYER TEAM:

**Co-Chairs:** Dawn Damato, Kathryn Denney, Michelle Kaiser, Amada Roy  
**Team:** Gary Adams, Austin & Tina Bartolo, Teddy & Pamela Boerner, Marie Bradford, Loretta Branum, Ed Burke, Jerry Cimis, Rita & Jamie Conil, Sheri & Craig Freeland, Ed Gootee, Willie Gutierrez, Ray Leisner, Bill Leoffler, Jeanne Paxson, Frances Peek, Nev Richard, Anita Scoggins, Zeny & Don Silman, John Tritz, Jackie Vaughn, Lynn Yarbrough, Mary Zimmerman

## Campaign Prayer

Eternal Father, creator of all that is good and holy,  
we praise and glorify You. Without You we have nothing.  
Through Your mercy and grace we have everything.

We humbly thank you for Your Son Jesus Christ  
and for all the blessings bestowed upon us.

Holy Spirit, please lead all who enter these doors straight to You.

Blessed Mother Mary, St. Joseph  
and all the saints who have gone  
before us, pray for us.

Through the dedicated examples of the Holy Family,  
inspire us to do Your will.

Lord Jesus, guide us and enrich  
our Catholic legacy for Your greater glory.

Amen!

# Come to the Table. Join in the Fun!

Join us for food and fellowship at a campaign social gathering. At these information-only events, our campaign building team will explain the church project and answer your questions.

## Village Gathering, Fudge No-Bake Off, Ice Cream Social ...and a little information too



Attending a campaign event is the best way to familiarize yourself with our new church project and the capital campaign. Scheduled at various times and days of the week, each event includes refreshments, a brief presentation and plenty of time for your questions. Treat yourself to one or more of these fun parish socials.

To help us plan appropriately, please RSVP to Janet Lohman at 334-365-5388 or by email at [jlohman53@charter.net](mailto:jlohman53@charter.net) and let Janet know which event or events are best for you. Better yet, increase the fun by bringing parish friends or neighbors. We promise not to run out of refreshments.

For parents with children, our events on November 10th and 16th will include childcare. Our parish teens are planning great activities for the children, during the

campaign presentation. When RSVPing please indicate the names and ages of your children.

Thanks to our events team for putting this schedule together, and even more, for handling the hundreds of details involved in every event.

### YOUR CAMPAIGN EVENTS TEAM

**Co-Chairs:** Angie Barrett, Janet & Paul Lohman, Jacque & John Ellison **Team:** Mark Barrett, Carol & George Champion, Rae DeLong, Sarah & Willie Gutierrez, Jenny & Matt Holtzcher, Alexis & Frank KupperSmith, Ryan Kvak, Regina McMillan, Jeanne Paxson, Dale Pughsley, Blake Roper, Heidi Rose Stovall, Linda Townes, Jackie Vaughn, Rosalee Wade, Rodney Winter, Anthony Yarbrough



**NOVEMBER FEST**  
Thursday, November 7 at 6:30 p.m.  
Family Life Center



**THANKSGIVING POT LUCK**  
Sunday, November 10 at Noon  
Family Life Center  
CHILDCARE PROVIDED



**TACO FIESTA**  
Saturday, November 16  
After 8:00 a.m. Spanish Mass  
O'Connor Hall



**VILLAGE GATHERING**  
Saturday, November 16 at 6:00 p.m.  
Family Life Center  
CHILDCARE PROVIDED



**FUDGE NO-BAKE OFF**  
Monday, November 18 at Noon  
Family Life Center



**ICE CREAM SOCIAL**  
Tuesday, November 19 at 6:30 p.m.  
Family Life Center



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