

Christmas 2009 in the Catholic Community of St. Isidore

A Warm Welcome to All Families & Visitors

While many of you have faithfully gathered for mass in a high school gym, in fact, we are one year closer to seating everyone together in a beautiful new, comfortable and family-friendly church to celebrate the Christmas liturgy. Our ambition is to be in our new church for Christmas 2012. Our architect is now fine-tuning the \$3.5 million building plan and will have an update early in 2010.

In early summer, we said an emotional farewell to Father Ross Finlan who is now pastor of Holy Spirit Parish in Stittsville and we welcomed, Father Virgil Amirthakumar - Fr. Virgil for short!

Meanwhile, one family promised to donate \$100,000 to the Building Fund, IF, we raised an additional \$400,000 in '09. You eagerly rallied on green envelope Sundays, generously supported an amazing Christmas concert and several silent auctions. Community donations arrived and creative fundraising flourished - ***thanks to many*** - we have met approximately 1/2 of that special challenge.

We continue to work to secure the \$100,000 gift. And we need your help now that 2009 is quickly winding down. We still require \$200,000 to meet our 2009 building fund target.

We'd like to avoid large, long-term debt and to begin the project before building costs increase.

To help - please use the green envelopes. Donations are tax deductible but you must provide your name/address for an official receipt. Cheques should be made payable to **St. Isidore Building Fund**. Registration forms are available at the back of the church/gym for new parishioners or if you need to update our records.

A most sincere thank-you!

**Christmas Blessings to all from the
Expansion Task Force & Fundraising
Committee**



Together We Can Build Our Church