

Dear Parishioner,

In June of 2022 after months of planning, Little Joe's Early Childhood Center broke ground at 513 Main Street. If you have driven past the location site recently, you will see that great progress is being made in the construction of our facility. The building is now enclosed and within the next month windows will be installed and masonry will begin. During these winter months, the interior construction of the building will be completed. We are still hoping for a completion date of May 2023, with the expectation of opening for business in the late summer.

Little Joe's will provide services for up to 80 children coming and going throughout the day, including infants, toddlers, and preschoolers. This state-of-the-art facility will be a blessing not only for our school, which is growing, but also for the City of Williston by providing much needed childcare services and options. As well, the double plot parking lot directly west of our facility and south of



our parish rectory will not only provide adequate parking for employees as well as parents as they drop off their children but will also provide about twenty-five very needed extra parking spots for our parish which lacks adequate parking.

I am delighted to also tell you that fundraising is going exceptionally well, with great support not only from our parishioners and school supporters, but from the Williston community as well. Currently we have raised just over \$4.25 million, with all but \$500,000 already collected. To pay for the project in full, including furnishing it, I believe we are only about \$450,000 short of our goal. Bishop Kagan and the Diocese of Bismarck has enthusiastically supported our project by committing a \$300,000 matching gift. There are also several other smaller matching gifts made to our project which I am excited about.

Dear friends, as we come to the end of the year, I am hoping you might consider supporting this worthy and exciting project for our school, parish, and community. All gifts make a difference and will help us reach our goal!! Gifts can be made payable to St. Joseph's Building Fund. As always, please contact your tax advisor as to possible tax benefits which you might receive from your gift. Finally, please know that I would be more than happy to visit with you about Little Joe's if you so desire. My office number is 572-6731.

Sincerely,
Fr. Russ Kovash

Gifts may be: 1) Dropped off at the parish office; 2) Mailed to St. Joseph's at PO Box K, Williston, ND 58802; 3) Placed in the Sunday collection at Mass (indicate "Building Fund" on envelope)