

## Core Team

# Stepping Stones

This is the first in a 4-part series of articles explaining the reasons for the next phase of St. Joseph Building Plan. Check the parish website, [www.sifav.com](http://www.sifav.com), for pertinent info or to email a question to the Core Team.

**Why Space?** When many are looking for a new church, you are probably wondering why we are going to build an Activity Center. Fr. Brad sums it up best, "The need for additional classroom space to accommodate an 8<sup>th</sup> grade and a gym is immediate...the church is not."

The Chapel Center, with the sliding walls open, can hold the whole congregation; we know it is not perfect and therefore we are focused on the future and a free-standing church.

However, these first "stepping stones" of classrooms and gym will have a positive effect on everyone now. They will improve enrollment in the school, they will give space for large parish functions, they will give the different ministries a place to call their own instead of sharing cabinets with five other groups or having your office in a closet. These improvements, made now, will still be a blessing in 10-15 years.

So, we are learning patience and perseverance. And we are tackling our problems like a family, seeking the solution that works best for the whole.

St. Paul wrote, "in Him you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in the Spirit." Eph 2:22. We at St. Joseph want to be united.

Stay tuned for more updates.

