

Groundbreaking and celebration go together. On Sunday, June 27th, as we gathered together for our groundbreaking ceremony, we truly rejoiced that our dreams of a facility for education, recreation and social gatherings is becoming a reality. (See pictures below.) The air was filled with electricity, not only of all the storms that avoided us, but also with the joy and expectation that we are starting. All around us there was rain and thunderstorms, but the Lord spared and protected us so that we could give thanks and have a ceremonial beginning. The enthusiastic group of over 60 people, which is extraordinary, included parishioners, St. Robert Mayor George Sanders, representatives from Anderson & Associates, LLC and Bales Construction. Amazingly enough, there were several parishioners who were involved in the past construction of our church, rectory and parish cemetery, who now get to watch our new facility come to life, also! After the ceremony, most stayed for food and fellowship I encourage all to continue to pray that the completion of this building goes without any major problems and that we are able to pay off loans in a timely manner. Thank you, Fr. John.

As you can see, construction continues on our new pastoral center, but the weather is slowing us down. As you drive into church you can look over and see that the size of the building is impressive. The plans that we had seven years ago stated that unless we could have what we wanted, we would not build. I believe that we, as a parish, looked at all needs, necessities, and possibilities and that we planned for them. I am also sure, as in all projects, some little details were overlooked. We know that we will be able to rectify such omissions. The plans that were made are being followed - our desires are being constructed. Rejoice that we will have a new center this year. I would be remiss if I did not remind you that we will still owe on the building when it is finished. I would also like to pass on this information - every \$1,000 we have to take out on loan is equivalent to \$1,750 at the end of the loan period. Your generosity throughout this project is appreciated. Fr. John 2-6-2011