



October 20, 2017

Dear Parishioners,

As you can see from our church parking lot, the new Parish Hall is very close to completion. The projected completion is the middle of November. Our hope is that we will be able to start using the Parish Hall by the beginning of the New Year.

One of the first major events that will be held in the new Parish Hall is a **Dinner Auction**. This will be an annual event for our parish. The date is **Saturday, April 7, 2018**. We will begin with the 5:00 p.m. Mass, and the auction opens at 6:00 p.m. The proceeds from this first Dinner Auction will assist in offsetting the cost of furnishing the **Parish Hall**, the **Life Teen** room and the rooms associated with our new **Pre-School**. There will also be a Fund-A-Need oral auction to support tuition assistance for parents who send their children to our Parish School.

As a result of the Dinner Auction, we will be eliminating the 150 Club and the traditional "oral" auction at the Parish Picnic. Those of you who have been faithful members of the 150 Club for the past ten years, I would ask that you attend the Dinner Auction.

Tickets go on sale Thursday, February 1, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. online only at www.stjoecot.org/auction. Ticket cost is \$100 per person. There will only be 480 seats, and it is black-tie optional. The auction bidding is all digital. So, even if you cannot attend, you can still be a part of the evening and bid online from your computer or mobile device at home. If you have any questions or comments, please contact our **Dinner Auction chairs, Laura Lyng or Kate Bauer at auction@stjoecot.org**.

There are many ways for you, our parishioners, to support this Dinner Auction. I hope you will consider supporting our parish in one or more of the following ways:

- **Item Donation:** Donate an item, product or service for our auction. Please remember that items must be new or antiques in "like new" condition. If you are able to make a donation, please return a completed donor form by March 1, 2018 (with your item if applicable).
- **Catalog Advertisement:** Place a full, half, quarter or eighth page advertisement in our auction catalog. Visit www.stjoecot.org/auction for details.
- **Sponsorships:** Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze sponsorships are available. For details, visit www.stjoecot.org/auction.
- **Monetary Donations:** Donations of any amount are greatly appreciated and will help offset the cost of the auction, allowing more of the proceeds to directly benefit our parish.
- **Attendance:** Mark your calendars for our annual Dinner Auction on Saturday, April 7, 2018, and consider reserving a seat or table for ten.

Please remember that all parishioners will benefit from our new Parish Hall. Many social gatherings (Sunday breakfasts, funeral luncheons, anniversary receptions, parish dinners, Confirmation, First Communion and Baptism receptions, etc.) and meetings will be held in the Hall. Any gift to our first Annual Dinner Auction is greatly appreciated. We look forward to accepting your gift with heartfelt gratitude. Thank you for your consideration of our request.

God Bless,

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