



# SAINT JOHN FISHER

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

## Pushing Forward in 2011



As 2010 draws to a close, let's not forget how blessed we are despite life's continuous challenges. The rain may have slightly delayed our construction for a short time, we may have sprung a few leaks, and we may be missing one big tree, but we continue to push forward with confidence towards the completion of our infrastructure projects. Even through the heavy rain however, we were still able to affix parking lot stops (left), pour concrete into our retaining wall, and mark the completed parts of the lot with parking guide lines.

All projects of this magnitude experience hiccups, especially during construction. The most common cause of delays on a project include:

- † Differing site conditions. We've been fortunate to have rain be our largest change in site condition.
- † Changes in requirements or design. Our design changed slightly after our successful litigation.
- † Labor issues. The union protestors have not had any impact on our accomplishments.

However, these types of delays will often force a contractor to extend the schedule to complete the work required under the contract, as well as incur additional costs. Ask anyone who has ever remodeled their house - the scale of the project does not limit the scale of the potential challenges.

Yet, we have overcome each and every obstacle presented to us, and we are grateful for your continued support. After all, you are the life of this church and the owners of this project. So, as we leave 2010, we pray for a less challenging 2011 with regards to this project. But, if more comes our way we know we have the resolve, patience, your support, and now more experience, to overcome any obstacle in our way. Thank you.



Water collects in the backhoe's claw after the rain.



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## There is Still Time



On December 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> some of you were still saying, “There is still time to get one more gift.” Statistics tell us that one in seven Americans are still shopping on Christmas Eve.

Luckily for everyone, December 26<sup>th</sup> still gives you five more days to make an end of year gift. In fact, for one in five Americans, this is more than enough time to be inspired. A recent

study by Network for Good found that there are many generous procrastinators amongst us who donate in droves on December 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. One third of all giving happens in December, and more than twenty percent of ALL giving for the entire year occurs in the last 48 hours of the calendar year.

As we conclude this giving season, take a moment to consider Saint John Fisher Catholic Church in your philanthropy. We are happy to be a part of your spiritual life, regardless if your relationship with us is bi-annual or weekly. Saint John Fisher works on everyone’s behalf to make a positive difference in our community, whether it is feeding the hungry, educating the young, or supporting Sagrado Corazon Parish in Cudahy.

If you have not made a gift to our campaign, are a little behind on your pledge and want to catch up, or you are simply inspired to be generous, we welcome your gifts to our building project. Please make checks payable to: **Saint John Fisher Campaign 21.**

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### **The Prayer of St. John Fisher Parish**

God our Father, we gather together at St. John Fisher Parish where you nourish us with the Body and Blood of your Son to send us forth into the world.

In committed faith and heartfelt gratitude, we strive, as faithful stewards, to return to you generously our gifts of time, talent, and treasure.

We pray that our efforts to build this house for you will be successful in accordance with your will. May all we do enhance our sense of community, our life of worship, our reception of your Word, and our outreach in service.

May our grateful hearts be filled with your Holy Spirit as we carry out your call to love and serve you and your people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen