

LEGACY FOR OUR MISSION:

For Our Children and the Future

HOLY FAMILY PLANNING TO ENLARGE SANCTUARY, REFURBISH SCHOOL

Holy Family is the only parish in the New Albany Deanery still occupying a structure originally designed 50 years ago for temporary worship space and eventual use as a gymnasium. Its school building has never been renovated. Fortunately, help is on the way for both facilities with proceeds from the *Legacy for Our Mission* campaign.

Holy Family Church and School, built on a 6.5 acre site, have seen additions of new structures over the years but have not undergone refurbishing since their dedication in 1954. "We're at a crossroads. We have to make these improvements or we can't accomplish our missions. We must rescue our buildings," said Father Wilfred ("Sonny") Day, pastor.

While Holy Family Church will remain in its current facility, improvements are in the works. The church's flat floor provides only limited visibility of the sanctuary from the back of the facility. Proceeds from the parish *Legacy for Our Mission* campaign, which began in the fall of 2006, will allow the sanctuary space to be elevated and enlarged. The parish has 1,134 households and the church has a seating capacity of 450.

Campaign proceeds also will be used for major infrastructure improvements to the school to update plumbing, heating, cooling and electrical systems. Holy Family School, which has 335 students enrolled in pre-school through eighth grade, has achieved Blue Ribbon recognition for its academic excellence. In addition, there are plans to make the facilities and their restrooms accessible to all.



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Carl Wolford, a founding member of the parish, co-chairs the *Legacy for Our Mission* campaign along with his wife, Mary Kay, and another couple in the parish, Dale and Donna Gettelfinger. "There are so many needs in our parish and in the archdiocese," explained Mary Kay, "we couldn't raise the funds without the *Legacy for Our Mission* campaign."

She added that Father Day "set the bar high" for the campaign, still another indication of his devotion to the parish. "Father Sonny is a very warm person. He loves our parish and it shows. He works very hard. Because of him, people like to belong to Holy Family and enjoy all of the activities here."

Holy Family is located in southeastern Indiana's Floyd County, part of a fast-growing and heavily Catholic metropolitan region just across the Ohio River from Louisville.

Father Day was born in the area and, following studies at Saint Meinrad Seminary in southern Indiana and subsequent ordination in 1967, returned to spend most of his life in the region. He has served at Our Lady of Providence High School in Clarksville and several parishes in the area, and he is the former dean of the New Albany Deanery. Father Day was named pastor of Holy Family in 1996.

What does the future hold for Holy Family? Father Day said that the parish leadership will continue to pursue the much-needed addition and improvements to the church sanctuary and refurbishment of the school for current and future generations of students.

Legacy for Our Mission, the archdiocesan capital campaign, is guided by the principles of Christian stewardship and is designed to address the unique needs of your local parish. By contributing to the Legacy for Our Mission campaign, you are helping your parish address its most urgent capital, operating and ministry needs as well as the shared ministries and home missions needs of the archdiocesan community.

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