

Thank you plaque for Church Building Gifts and Memorials

It has been over three years since the dedication of our new church. I again want to thank those of you who sacrificed and contributed to the Church Memorial Fund and for those who made pledges and fulfilled them. As a permanent remembrance of your giving and stewardship, helping to make our church a more fitting and dignified place of worship, a bronze dedication plaque will be installed near the front doors of the church. Gifts of \$1000 or more to the effort will be listed by name in the bronze memorial book being installed. If you do not wish to have your name in the permanent memorial, please contact Trisha at the parish office this week.

Since the building of the church and its dedication by Bishop Siegel, there are still memorial opportunities for items in the church. A memorial gift is a wonderful statement and act of faith; the gift helps the parish, and honors those you love. If you would like to memorialize a pew, a chair, or other items please call me. We still need donors to come forward and purchase four stained glass windows which are to be installed in the new section of the church. Those windows will match the style of the original ones. Impressive in size, they will depict the Nativity of the Lord, the Crucifixion of Jesus, the Resurrection of Jesus and the Ascension of our Lord into heaven. Recently a wood votive candle stand on the north end of the church was made and added. This votive candle stand is available to be memorialized. As part of the original plan, an Ambry to hold the Holy Oils and Paschal Candle near the Baptismal Font is also available to be memorialized. Yet another "finishing touch" (that was part of the original plan for the decoration of the church) is the installation of wood carved signs over the interior doors of the church to exhort us to *"Let us remember that we are in the Holy Presence of God" and to put our faith in action... "Live, Jesus, in our hearts... Forever!"* These beautiful exhortations come to us from the spiritual life of Saint John Baptist DeLaSalle... the founder of the Christian Brothers. Those exhortations, mounted over the entrances to our church, will remind people that they are in the sacred presence of the Lord and in this House of Prayer. If you are interested in memorializing any of these items, please contact me.

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Noesen