

FROM THE PASTOR'S PRINTER

**MOVE OVER,
THE BULLDOZER'S COMING!**

If you were not at St. John's for Mass last Sunday, you missed the big news! Archbishop Schnurr has given approval for us to start construction on the new church! In addition to that, we have received the clearance of Harrison City Council for construction as well. Ground breaking will take place in September or early October, depending on when the construction crew can begin. I thank God for this great step, and I thank all of you for your generosity which is making this possible. I am also so grateful to the many people who have been at work for this church to be built. What a blessing they have been!

While this big step is occurring, we need to remember that there is still money to be collected, and parishioners that we have not yet successfully contacted. If you receive a call from a parishioner, please respond, even if it to tell us that you cannot give; that way, we will not keep calling you. May God continue to bless this great endeavor.

RED RIDING HOOD SYNDROME

With the heat of this week, we may find ourselves complaining about the weather. We might take some time to consider if we are afflicted with RRHS (Red Riding Hood Syndrome): In the winter it is too cold; in the summer, too hot. You'd think we were swimming in a bowl of porridge! I think our complaints are often just conversation starters:

First, if the weather is so bad, why do we stay living here? If you say it is because the people you love are all living here and you don't want to leave them, then you are blessed to have love in your life! If you say it is because your job is here, then you are

blessed to have a job! If you say because there are more things you like about this area than you don't like, remember not everyone can fit in Hawaii. If you say you don't know where you would move to, then get a geography book and read about the world.

Secondly, are you complaining about the weather in an air-conditioned house or car? Think of the people living without such comforts. Think of people whose concern is not whether they will sweat tomorrow in the heat, but if the heat will kill their livestock or crops; whether there is enough water, or if their life is in jeopardy because they cannot escape the heat.

Thirdly, we can't do anything about the weather, but we can do something to bring others comfort. We can donate fans, air conditioners, or, in the winter, space heaters to the St. Vincent de Paul Society or other places that will distribute them to those in need. (If you can't afford to donate a window AC, you could start a jar to throw change in, and in time you'll have enough for a small AC or a donation towards one.

Actually, I think it is OK to gripe a little about the weather as long as we keep it in perspective!



Fool me once, shame on you.
Fool me twice, shame on me.
Fool me every day, and you are the
weatherman.

**ONCE AGAIN, I AM BLESSED TO
SEE SUCH GENEROSITY**

Last week's collection for Padre Luis amounted to \$2,271.90. Such generosity will go far for his ministry and care of his parishioners. I am always proud of the generosity of this parish! Thanks for reaching out to those in need. It is the key to heaven. Have a blessed week! – Fr. Jeff