



ST. JUDE THADDEUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

600 Davey Drive, Burkburnett, TX 76354

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Psalm 127 begins with these beautiful words: *“Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain.”* I firmly believe that God has to be the One who guides and brings all things to fulfillment. Therefore, what we build here together at Saint Jude Thaddeus is not just a collection of buildings, but a community that is alive in our Catholic and apostolic faith.

In this tough economic time, it is hard for me to imagine beginning a big renovation project. Also, one of my biggest reservations as a priest is asking for money. Nevertheless, many general contractors believe that this might be the right time to begin since costs are lower in comparison to a “normal” economy. The majority, if not all, of those attended the Town Hall meetings have agreed that we should not skimp with our upgrade plan because we are not simply building for the present moment, but for future generations and usages of the parish.

The total costs will be around \$340,000 (\$320,000 for construction and \$20,000 for architectural and inspection fees). Even though that is a hefty amount for such a small parish, we could meet the goal if every family would participate. Each family can commit around \$24 per week (or \$2,500 total for two years).

I just ask that you please pray about this matter and make a commitment to help us in any way possible. Please indicate how you would like to support the renovation. If you cannot help at this time or can only support a little, we understand and are truly grateful for your answer. Please continue to lift us up in your prayer, because God is the One who is leading this project.

We thank you for your generosity and sacrifice. Please help us at Saint Jude Thaddeus to build, not just buildings, but a better environment and facility for the future generations.

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Fr. Khoi V. Tran