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OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS PARISH

UPDATE

A NEWSLETTER ESPECIALLY FOR ALL OUR PARISHIONERS

We've arrived! Bishop to preside at groundbreaking Sept. 20

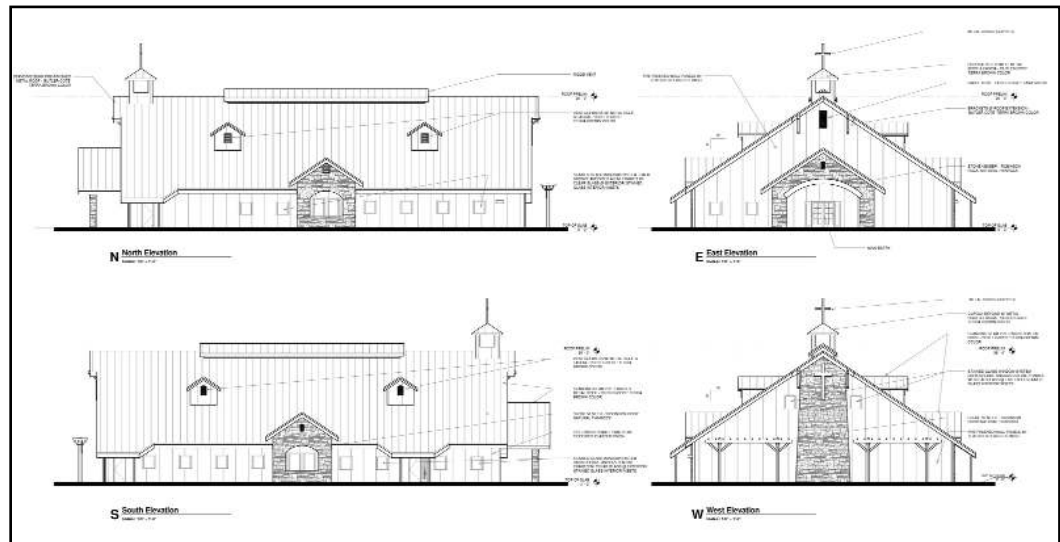
Thanks be to God! After many years of discussion, fund raising and a lot of hard work of dedicated parishioners, we have arrived at the groundbreaking liturgy for our new church at Lake Almanor. It will serve as a foundation for us to bring both unity and renewed life to the Catholic community of the Lake Almanor Basin. Let us pray this will provide a new opportunity for us to be strengthened in our mission to proclaim and live the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.



Computer-generated rendering of our new church to be completed Spring 2010. Comstock Johnson of Mather, Calif. are the architects and Hilbers, Inc. of Yuba City, Calif. is the general contractor.

Please join us on **Sunday, Sept. 20, at 12:30 p.m.**, at the new church property on Clifford Drive just south of County Road A13. Bishop Soto will lead us in a prayer of blessing of the land upon which our new spiritual home will be built. For more information please contact me at (530) 283-0890, extension 12. I hope you will not miss this landmark event in the history of our parish. May God richly bless all of the donors who have made this dream come true!

-- Fr. Larry Beck
Parochial Administrator



Exhibits, now on display in our churches, illustrate the final design of the new church exterior.

❄️ The road ahead

We are progressing with county approval of the both the grading and final construction plans. Meanwhile fabrication of the pre-engineered structure, which will serve as the shell of our church, will soon be completed. Only about three weeks is needed to finish its assembly at our site after the preparatory work is completed.

Meanwhile, the building committee will soon resume working with the architect on the final details of the interior features and design elements, including the transfer of as many of the religious articles in our current churches as possible to honor the proud history of our parish.

One benefit of our construction plan is that all sub-contractors will be chosen by me with the consultation of the building committee and general contractor. This will ensure local businesses have a fair opportunity of being employed. We certainly need local jobs and development more than ever.

I will provide updates as often as possible in the months ahead. God willing and weather permitting, by late spring we should be ready to dedicate our new church so we may advance the Gospel and the mission of our Lord's church. Please keep our plans in your prayer intentions. Thank you for your ongoing generosity and support of our new home for the Eucharistic Lord and his people.

-- Fr. Larry

❄️ Campaign Update

No. of pledges:	169
No. of pledges without a payment to date:	5
Amount pledged:	\$663,472
Amount received:	\$416,008
Balance:	\$247,464

If you have not yet made a gift to our three-year campaign (now almost one year completed), you can request a pledge card from the parish office or simply write a letter giving the details of your pledge. Please help offset our future debt due to construction costs. Payments can be made annually, monthly, or in whatever time period you prefer. After your pledge card or letter is received, you will receive an acknowledgment letter.

Also, blue-colored campaign offering envelopes are available near the front doors of our churches. These, too, can be used to make a pledge, one-time gift, or for payment of an existing pledge. Please make out checks to "OLS Capital Campaign." Give us a call at (530) 283-0890 if you would like envelopes mailed to you. May God bless you for your generosity to our parish.

❄️ A perfect day for a picnic

Parishioners enjoyed both delicious food and friendly fellowship at our annual picnic at beautiful Clear Creek Park on August 16. God blessed us with another perfect day. Our special thanks go out to Christ the King Altar Society for coordinating this year's event. We also thank Mike and Angie Angelis for their invaluable assistance with overseeing the preparation of the tri-tip barbecue.



Pictured above, left, our new parochial vicar, Fr. Mario Valmorida, is honored with a special cake. We warmly welcome Fr. Mario to our parish and, with gratitude, ask God's continued blessing upon Fr. Bernardin as he begins serving at Sacred Heart Parish, Alturas.



From the delicious buffet choices, above, to the bean bag toss, left, parishioners enjoy our 2009 annual picnic.

OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS CATHOLIC PARISH

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