

# POPE JOHN PAUL CHURCH

## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

As of 8/28/08, the north and south walls have been raised. We have had a few delays in the past few weeks with intermittent rains and some excavation problems. All things considered, we are pleased with the progress. Paving of the parking and entrance areas in the next several weeks will cut down on the mud issues. We'll have an opportunity to hold a "meet at the rock" get together in mid September. This will give everyone a chance to view the construction progress, and to take some of the thousands of rocks home for their mantle, rock garden, or to throw at the skunks!!

FCI Constructors (our general contractor) are a pleasure to work with. They have worked very hard with architect Jim Paull on value engineering issues to keep our costs down. Additionally, parishioner Dennis Schick, a structural engineer, has donated a great portion of his time as our local project manager, thereby enhancing the quality control of the project. Dennis is on site every day making decisions on the fly and coordinating with our architect and numerous other permitting and regulatory agencies outside of the scope of our general contractor.

The reverse side of this page is devoted to an enormously exciting recollection of the Archuleta County Catholic community history. It is now time to bring everyone up to date on the labor donation opportunities that are forthcoming in the next few months. For instance; repair stained glass, build book shelves and display cases, etc. The immediate need is ongoing property clean-up.

Especially important is the need for prayer. Following is a suggested daily prayer.

*"Lord Jesus Christ, bless the building of the Pope John Paul II Church with your Grace and Mercy. We pray that your protection, wisdom, guidance be with all of the contractors in the timely completion of their work. Bless those responsible for managing the project finances with wisdom and prudence in all expenditures. Enable those with resources to contribute their time, talent and treasure to this 100 year milestone in the Archuleta Catholic community history. We pray that this work will also be blessed by the Immaculate Heart of Mary. We humbly give you thanks for the abundance of your blessings. Amen.*



May through August JPPII: land clearing to utilities installation and now to wall framing.