

Original Announcement

April 14, 1981

How would you like to witness five years of hard work, prayers and dreaming become a reality? It's going to take place April 19, 1981 at St. Lawrence Catholic Church on the Swartz School Road when, by the grace of God, we will celebrate Easter Sunday Mass in our new church. For everyone's convenience, two Masses will be held, one at 10:30 in the morning and one at 5:00 in the evening.

The birth of St. Lawrence Church can be compared in many ways to God's most beautiful mystery, the birth of a child. Our church was conceived out of the love a few men and women had for each other and their neighbors in the Swartz area. The idea was then examined by the Bishop, tests were made, consultants were called in and finally it was concluded that this was indeed a valid conception.

But then came the period of waiting, watching and nurturing our yet unborn child. Just as a babe in its mother's womb, our "baby" began to form. At first the growth was slow and it sometimes seemed that the signs of life would never be felt. As time passed we began to feel just a slight amount of movement and experienced moments of joy and love. Suddenly there were times when all movement would seem to stop and we became worried, concerned and even despondent. Just as many mothers, during the pains and discomfort of pregnancy, become nervous, irritable, and short tempered we too lost patience on many occasions. Some of us even lost faith and considered the abortion of our love child.

In the final month's of pregnancy the child begins to grow more rapidly, its movement becomes more active and it strains against the walls of its mother's womb. We have certainly experienced such a strain within the walls of the band room at Swartz School.

Finally, after what seems an eternity of waiting, the time arrives and the long awaited child, conceived by a love affair with God, is born. All the anxiety, pains, loss of tempers, and discomforts are forgotten as we gaze lovingly at our beautiful new child. We call a celebration and invite all our friends and neighbors to come and join us in our adoration. So please join us Sunday, April 19, 1981 at either 10:30 AM or 5:00 PM. Welcome our child into God's world as we celebrate Holy Mass on Easter Sunday in our new church. Our baby will be on display on the Swartz School Road just off Highway 139.

SEE YOU THERE!

Yours in the Love of God,

Craig Whitford
COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE