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STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT



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Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you especially for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and hold the promise for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight. Be present with us as we work together: make us responsive to your will and give to us a healthy pride in all we do that we may be good stewards of all things entrusted to us. May the prayers of our patron Bernard help us to keep in mind the wise counsel given long ago "whoever would climb to a lofty height must go by steps, not leaps."

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

WHAT'S HAPPENING

The backhoe was fixed and the test pits have been dug! Such a HUGE thanks to Tom Sandham for all of the VOLUNTEER work he has done to help the Parish in this effort. In all, 16 pits were dug at certain strategic sites on the Davis property. These sites were inspected in order to determine the level of the water table. Identifying the line where the water has left a residue of rust is the objective. While the report is not final, the preliminary results of each test pit indicated water table levels of between 16" and 24". 24" is needed to locate the ISDS.

Martha Werenfels, an architect from Durkee, Brown, Viveiros and Werenfels, showed us 3 different ISDS systems requiring various amounts of space on the site. The least intrusive

on the site incorporated a shallow narrow drain field. The tests and analyses indicated that if the Parish were to have a school, 30% of the ISDS would be needed for the church and parish center with the balance of 70% of the ISDS needed for the school. That's a lot of septic! Future analysis will be done to confirm that the space above the ISDS field can be used for ball fields or meditation areas.

As mentioned last week, the tests answered one big question. They confirmed that even with a large septic system, there is room on the site for the Parish to build a school along with the church, rectory and parish center—**if** we, the Parish, choose to move in that direction.

JOIN US!

This Tuesday, October 7th the Steering Committee is holding an informational meeting for those interested in the concept of creating a new school in St. Bernard's parish. First we need to determine if the school is needed – then we can determine if it is feasible. Remember: **7pm, Tuesday in the Parish Center .**

Question for Sunday, October 5, 2003

Do you have a question that you would like us to ask the Parish relating to the Davis property? Let us know and we'll ask it! Thanks.

Please drop your response in the collection baskets or send an email to steering_committee@sbcwickford.org. Thanks for your response!