

## Habitat for Humanity~Catholic House

*"For every house is built by someone,  
but the builder of all things is God."*

(Hebrews 3:3-5)

### Notes from the House Leader's Log book . . .

After the rain on Good Friday, we had a very productive Saturday. The weather was perfect all day and with the help of our Catholic Habitat House volunteers and many volunteers from the other 2 houses we were able to clear all 3 lots. John Kelly and his crew (from Dexter) brought chain saws and industrial chipper/shredders and many volunteers had chain saws and hand saws. We all had good exercise and everyone seemed to enjoy the work and meeting new people.

On Saturday, May 18 the basement walls for our Catholic Habitat House at 1265 Highland Court, were delivered and set in place with a crane (see pictures at: [www.stfrancisa2.com/habitat/](http://www.stfrancisa2.com/habitat/)).

Even though the weather on Saturday, June 15 started cool with drizzling rain, the stairs to the basement were finished, the remaining interior and exterior walls were erected and plumbed, the top plates added, and the gable end trusses were sheathed with overhangs started. Laura Stimpson, Michelle Eiden, Annette Dentel and Thu Smith brought this week's lunch, thanks to all.

On Saturday, June 29th Pat Walters & Sons Heating and Cooling of Ypsilanti installed all the ductwork they donated to the Catholic House. Thank you Pat, a thousand times plus. Also, the shed is almost complete, roof OSB sheathing is in place and most of the windows were installed. The wrong color shingles were delivered so they were not installed as planned. Another great meal was delivered, this time by Christine Horn of St. Joseph's, Dexter. The afternoon work was ended earlier than planned for various reasons. Other Habitat houses ended their workday early because of the intense heat and humidity.

July 15, this was a busy week as professional trades and volunteer work was performed. A phenomenal amount was accomplished. On Monday and Tuesday, the rough plumbing was installed by the Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 190 of Ann Arbor (labor donated); thanks to Bruce Carson and his crew. On Wednesday and Thursday, the

electrical work was installed by B-Safe Electric of Northville and the employees from Advanced Manufacturing Engineering, Ford Motor Company of Redford (labor donated); McNaughton McKay of Ann Arbor donated all electrical materials. Thanks to Greg Mikol from B-Safe Electric for supervising the install, the Ford employees for their hard work and to Charlie Phibbs from McNaughton McKay for donating all electric materials and fixtures again this year. The Ford employees, fulfilling their required, annual community service work, also started the vinyl siding. On Thursday afternoon, our new Catholic House sign was delivered, acknowledging our sponsors and major donators.



On Saturday, July 13, youth groups from St. Francis (and others) installed almost all the roof shingles and hurricane clips, and the front and side porches were started. Asha Gubalan donated lunch, an Indian dish called: Vegetable Pulao or (Vegetable Fried Rice) was included, very tasty. Next Saturday, we will finish installing the shingles, ridge vents, porches and vinyl siding. We will also install basement windows. Thank you all, for donations and your hard work.

On Saturday, July 27, about 10 U of M students from the Ecumenical Center and International Residents (and others) installed most of the insulation and helped install more vinyl siding. The two large basement windows were also installed and finish framed. Sam and Mary Ann Tocco (from Canton area) delivered lunch, thank you very much.

On Thursday, August 1st a group from Pfizer, finished installing our insulation. With their generosity we were able to pass our insulation inspection and start our drywall installation on time.

Thanks to a wonderful group of volunteers, a lot of work was accomplished.

*Steve Polgar*, Catholic House Leader

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