

St. Joseph Church

An Overview of our Worship Space Renovations

A Renovation Committee consisting of Father Mike, our deacons, parish staff, and parishioners have been meeting periodically for four years planning a much-needed facelift to our church worship space. With the guidance of an architect experienced in church design and with the approval of the Diocesan Committee for Liturgical Design and Bishop Boyea, we are ready to begin renovations at the end of June.

The committee was guided by the following goals:

- Consistent design throughout with emphasis on visually incorporating the north addition with the older worship space
- Emphasize elements of beauty and devotion already present
- Enhance the welcoming nature of both the worship space and the main entry
- Provide additional areas for devotions and reflections

WEEKEND MASS

Weekend Masses will be held in the Wilson Center Auditorium, half a block west of us on Cass Street. There are accessible entrances at the northwest corner to the auditorium and at the back of the Wilson Center.

OTHER CELEBRATIONS

Weekday Masses will be held in the Youth Room, which will be converted to a Day Chapel. This room is in the school building and is entered from the parking lot north of the church. Note: there is one step down when you enter the room.

The Day Chapel will be our weekday home away from home. The Blessed Sacrament will be reposed there, and you may stop in during the day for private prayers. The sacraments of Baptism and Reconciliation will also take place in the Day Chapel.

The Youth Group will meet in the church basement. One of the meeting rooms has been converted into a temporary home for them.

Funerals will be held at the funeral homes.

Weddings: Most Holy Trinity Parish in Fowler will host us for wedding liturgies.

PARISH BUSINESS

The **parish office** will still be open for regular office hours, and the **basement meeting rooms** will still be used. The church basement will be accessible from only the two north entrances to the church. The rest of the church building will be closed.

Preview of what is to come

- Light-colored porcelain tiles to replace the wood paneling on the walls
- New altar, ambo, and tabernacle stand.
- Ivory and tan color scheme with accents of blue and metallic gold
- Special paint treatment with gold motifs on the wall behind the tabernacle
- Medium-brown woodwork and pews with additional spaces for wheelchairs and walkers
- A devotional alcove
- New frames for the Stations of the Cross
- Statues of North American saints for various corners and nooks
- Special lighting of the stained glass windows at the front of the extension
- New carpeting
- More space for gathering
- Weather-tolerant entry doors with windows