



BUILDING FUND CAMPAIGN

Together we have enhanced our church & school ministries through the successful completion of our Phase 1 building project. Our attention now remains focused on completing our Master Plan. Our planned Phase 2 project will dramatically enhance our worship space and liturgy experience.

Thank You to all parishioners who have responded to our Phase 2 Campaign. Our campaign total continues to grow. We have received over \$4.5 million in cash & pledges towards the estimated \$7 million Phase 2 project cost. Based on the generosity demonstrated so far, we are confident that our Phase 2 project will eventually go forward. But there is still more planning and fund raising that needs to occur before we can break ground. Our Building Committee, Arts & Furnishings Committee, and Architects continue to meet and are further developing the building plans. In the months ahead, we will continue to update parishioners as progress is made. Most importantly at this time... we remain focused on raising additional funds needed to sufficiently fund our Phase 2 project.

You haven't yet responded? Now is time to do so! Every pledge and contribution is important. Your response will help ensure that our parish is a center of spiritual growth and renewal for generations to come. You can mail your response form to the parish office or bring it to Mass next weekend. If you need a new response form, please check the Welcome Desk or contact the parish office at 262-242-7967.

"WHAT DOES CHURCH ART AND ARCHITECTURE TEACH US ABOUT OUR FAITH?"

Every aspect of a Catholic church building is full of meaning and symbolism. With that in mind, we would like to continue a series of catechetical articles to help us understand the design of our new worship space.

The Image of Mary in our Worship Space:

Mary, the mother of Jesus, is a central figure in the story of salvation. From the opening chapters of the Gospels of Luke and Matthew to the "Hail Mary" prayer recited by our children preparing for their First Eucharist, Mary has been an example of faith and trust in God, and an inspiration to believers struggling to understand how God is calling them to follow Mary's Son Jesus Christ. Over the centuries many cultures and peoples have adopted Mary as their patroness. From Our Lady of Lourdes to Our Lady of Altagracia to Our Mother of Perpetual Help, devotions have been prayed, hymns have been sung, and images of stone and wood and mosaic have been gracing our churches and homes.

Therefore, it is vital that an image of Mary be visible to all who worship in our renovated church, not just because it is required, but because Mary is so important to our relationship with her Son.

To accomplish this, we will have a shrine for Mary, which will be located in an alcove facing into the main nave near the new adoration chapel. The image will be of Our Lady of Guadalupe. She has been declared the

I'm grateful to be asked to help and I'm thankful when I can help. My spirit and faith have been enhanced and nurtured

by parish leadership, staff and the parishioners. Faith sharing opportunities are the highlight of my experiences at Lumen Christi and I'm grateful for each and every one of them. Each community needs a central place/home to share faith, hope, love and community with others. Lumen Christi is the Catholic home central to those in Mequon-Thiensville (and beyond).