

The Renovation of St. John Neumann Church



Parish Education Sessions

- **What needs to be renovated and why? How do I know what needs to be done?**
- **How can I participate in the renovation of our church? Do I have anything to offer?**
- **What do the Church and the archdiocese teach us about our parish church buildings? What is our direction for the future?**

Do you want to be involved in the renovation of our church? Come to the Education Sessions listed below and become a part of the solution.

Our Liturgical Design Consultant, Joseph P. Wittmann, MTS, will assist the parish of St. John Neumann in an education series that will lead our community in creating a shared vision for renovating our church. We will study what the Church asks of us, look at design ideas from other parishes and gather your input on this project. Together we will come to understand the principles outlined for us in the current liturgical documents. These documents tell us that the church building is to be a reflection of the community gathered there. Your participation and input will help to envision what we would like our renovated church to be like.

St. John Neumann faith community has a rich tradition and strong mission. It is important for us to reflect on that history and mission, adding our own chapter which will lay the groundwork for generations to come.

All parishioners are invited, and encouraged to attend as many sessions as you are able. Each session will begin with prayer, followed by a presentation and an opportunity for your feedback. Refreshments and fellowship to follow.

Monday – April 7, 2008 – 7:00 pm

Called and Gathered – A Place for Baptism and Reconciliation

The sacraments are our celebration of the transforming grace of God in our lives. Our life united with Christ begins at Baptism. What would a place for baptism be like? What are the symbols that speak to us in this sacrament? What is the relationship of Baptism with other sacramental celebrations? How is the sacrament of Reconciliation related to Baptism?

Monday – April 14, 2008 – 7:00 pm

To Share in the Feast – Our Place at the Table of the Lord

The “source and summit” of our lives as Catholic Christians is the celebration of the Eucharist. This is our “Communion” with God. How can our church facilitate this celebration more fully? How will we foster “full and active participation?” What is the relationship of the sacramental presence of Christ in the community, on the altar and in the place of reservation?

Monday – April 21, 2008 – 7:00 pm

Sacred Images and Places of Devotion

Symbolism is the powerful language through which God can speak to us. Through our prayer and meditation before a sacred image the sacred art can assist to move us beyond the obvious and uncover the mystery it represents. The images placed in our church are not decoration but rather tell “the story.” How do our images tell “the story?”

Monday – April 28, 2008 – 7:00 pm

Building the Kingdom – Our Worship, Our Church

The prayer of the church reaches its summit when the faithful are gathered for worship. Here the work of the church begins. We are nourished and fed together to transform the world – to share the Good News. Our church building serves as a symbol of our mission in the community. How is our faith life expressed in Waukesha? Are our doors open to our neighbors? How is the mission of the church lived and expressed here?



St. John Neumann – Pray for us.