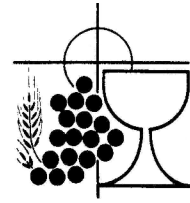


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ST. JOHN NEUMANN CATHOLIC CHURCH TO BREAK GROUND ON NEW FACILITY

Sunbury, OH – Sunday, June 12th, St. John Neumann Parish will officially break ground on a project for a new 21,000 SF two-story Parish Community Center, renovations to an existing social hall, and additional parking. The groundbreaking ceremony will immediately follow the 11:00 a.m. meadow Mass on parish grounds at 9633 E. State Route 37 in Sunbury, followed by a parish picnic.

Over the past five years, St. John Neumann Parish has grown by over 100 families per year to over 1,000 families. To accommodate their growth, the Parish has added and expanded programs for religious education, faith formation, spiritual growth and social activities, ultimately outgrowing all of their existing spaces. A 10-year long-range master plan has been created by the work of numerous volunteers with input from all parish families to determine the needs now and into the future.

The Parish Community Center includes a multipurpose space that can accommodate up to 300 people seated at tables on the ground level, 10 meeting rooms for faith formation and group meetings on the lower level, a new kitchen, and required site improvements including expanding the existing parking lot up to 400 spaces. Renovation of the existing parish social hall includes subdividing 2,725 SF of the first floor to create parish offices and upgrades to 2,341 SF of the basement level into 5 meeting rooms and a counselor's office. The project was designed by M&A Architects and is being constructed by Elford, Inc.; both companies are based out of Columbus.

The project is funded by the Parish Center Capital Campaign titled "Faith, Family and Tradition – Building Today for Tomorrow". By the grace of God and in thanksgiving, St. John Neumann Parish is proud to report that the campaign has raised approx. \$4.4 million in pledges from the faithful community to be paid over the next five years.

St. John Neumann Parish is a Catholic Christian community founded in purpose to love and worship God and serve God and neighbor. Fr. David Sizemore has been the parish pastor since 2005.

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