



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 total continues to grow. We have received over \$4,353,000 in cash & pledges towards the estimated \$7 million Phase 2 project cost.

You haven't yet responded? Now is time to do so! Our success depends on the support of everyone in the parish. Every pledge and contribution is important. **Please respond by June 30.** In July, significant decisions will be made as we determine the scope of the building plans our parish can afford. Your response at this time will help our project move forward, ensuring 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, check the Welcome Desk or contact the parish office at 262-512-8980.

"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 begin a series of catechetical articles to help us understand the design of our new worship space.

The Importance of the Baptismal Font:

Baptism is the first of three Sacraments of Initiation. These Sacraments welcome us into the family of the Church (with a capitol "C" as in the whole Catholic Church). Therefore, the font of water itself should be a symbol to welcome us into the worship space. For many years of our Church's history the Baptistry was a separate building just outside the main doors of the church. These days, with the font inside the worship space we are encouraged to place it near the main entrance. The font full of water is then a visual reminder of how we have all entered into this faith through the same way: Baptism.

With parishioners' feedback, and discussion with the architects, builders, and the building committees the decision was made to move the font a little further in from the main doors. The font is now placed an equal distance between the altar (up front) and the Easter Vigil fire pit (outside the main entrance). This new placement now connects those Sacraments of Initiation, specifically Baptism and Eucharist, with the Easter fire which is a symbol of Christ's resurrection, and with "Lumen Christi" our parish name: "Light of Christ". Our hope is that connecting these symbols together will enrich the faith experience for all who come to worship at Lumen Christi and be a strong sacramental sign for the Catechumens who are welcomed into our Church family during the Easter Vigil.

A more liturgical reason for placing the font about one third inside the nave entrance is for visibility. More people at Mass will be able to witness baptisms. The baptism family will be able to feel the support of the congregation all around them. Ample space around the font is provided so that there is enough room for the procession of ministers, bridal parties, and pall bearers. The beauty and symbolism of the font will be seen by all who enter this sacred space. The font of water is

I'm grateful for the witness of faith my parents provided through their actions. The personal relationships, adult education and activities available at Lumen Christi help me not only better understand and be a witness for my faith, but also provide the opportunity to be part of a community of wonderful people. The sacraments that define us as a faith community and mark the major milestones in our lives occur in our worship space. Its vitally important that we have an environment that can effectively support them for future generations. – Jim Karolewicz