

Renovation Construction Moving Along

Anyone beginning a renovation project expects a few trials and tribulations. Since old blue prints don't always show what hides beneath those walls or that cement, pipes and problems sometimes surface as one rips down to re-build.



Before we could begin to build we needed to tear down the old plaza and install new foundations

We are happy to report that our discoveries have been surprisingly few and we are only a few weeks behind schedule.

As you can see, this summer has been a time of tearing down. We are now in the next stage --rebuilding. Foundations have been poured and walls rise upward.

We are very happy with the progress. Thanks again to all of you who provided financial support to make our church more user-friendly for the handicapped, those who are grieving, and families with young children.



One of our first goals was to install a support system for underneath the new baptismal

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

You don't want to miss these events!

- September 16/17: Parent/child prep meet for Confirmation
- September 17/18: T/Th/W Preschool begins (*one week delay from Sept. 10 due to construction*)
- September 22/23/24/25 Religious Education classes begin (PreK—8)
- September 25: YES² Service Project
- September 29: Family Religious Education (grades PreK—7) begins.
- September 29: "AIDS WALK - Ann Arbor"
- October 6: "CROP Walk"
- October 8: "Nutrition for Senior Citizens"-2nd Tue meeting & lunch
- October 10: "Senior Appreciation" Mass & Lunch
- October 12: Anointing of the Sick
- October 17 & 19: Eucharistic Minister Training
- October 13: "LIFE CHAIN" at State & Eisenhower.
- October 20-27: "Family Shelter" at IHN Alpha House.
- October 3: Foster Parenting Information Night
- October 6: RENEW Season I begins
- October 27 or 28: Parent/Child prep meet for First Reconciliation (Penance/Confession).
- November 14: "Hospice & Advanced Directives"
- November 16/17: Fall Food Drive & Delivery
- November 23 Saturday Retreat for Married Couples
"The Three Intimacies of Marriage"
- November 24 Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration

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ticipate in small groups will be asked to pray in a particular way for the success of RENEW. Reflective connection through the **parish website** and **parishioner email** will round out the program.

Do you belong to St. Francis but really don't participate in mass or parish activities? Do you go to mass but don't feel like you know anyone...or that anybody cares about you? Do you know someone in your family, neighborhood or at work that is Catholic but is not connected to a parish? RENEW offers the opportunity to change that. Sign-up Sundays are

September 7/8 and
September 14/15.

Make the promise to yourself to participate in RENEW.

RENEW is not being offered to put another layer onto already busy lives. It is meant to be a time for us to **stand back and take stock**, and to **see Christ's action in our lives**. It will be an opportunity to find an oasis in the hustle and bustle that is so much a part of contemporary life. Since September 11th many people have expressed the need for more spirituality, to redefine priorities and to simply appreciate the gifts of family and faith. Let RENEW be the way for us, the parish family of St. Francis!