

# Press Release

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## **Saint Pius X Catholic Church Community to Break Ground for New Church**

*Most Visible Outcome of Parish's Ongoing \$20 Million Campaign*

April 15, 2015 (Granger, Ind.)— Saint Pius X Catholic Parish will hold a celebratory groundbreaking event for a new church at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 19. Hundreds of parishioners are expected to attend. Building a new church is a major step in the parish's ongoing \$20 million *Behold, I Make All Things New* campaign, which will fund the expansion and renovation of the campus' facilities. The larger church will be built north of the existing church on the corner of Fir Road and State Road 23, where the priests' residence, the rectory, was formerly located. The priests recently moved into a newly constructed home on Santa Monica Drive, across from the Parish Education Center (which houses Saint Pius X Catholic School). The campaign has already funded the demolition of the former rectory, the purchase of the lot for the new home and the construction of the new rectory.

“The groundbreaking for the new church is a significant step in our major facilities project to renovate and expand Saint Pius X. It is through the prayer and generosity of parishioners and friends that the campaign continues to be such a success. Generations of Saint Pius parishioners will benefit from larger facilities, which will provide ample space for worship and education, as well as for outreach and community building. Present and future parishioners will enjoy an enriched faith life because of the foresight and investment of our congregation,” said the Rev. William C. Schooler, pastor.

The present church was built in 1992 to accommodate 1,400 families. Saint Pius X now serves more than 3,100 families. The new church will comfortably seat over 1,300 people, nearly doubling the size of the current church. This will allow more parishioners to attend Mass together each weekend. The current church will be renovated to include a baptistry, a gathering area, a parish library and meeting rooms. The next phase of the project will include the expansion of the Parish Education Center, including: a preschool wing, additional classroom space for the school and the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd religious education program, additional restrooms and a multi-purpose gathering area.

Saint Pius X Catholic Church announced the *Behold, I Make All Things New* campaign in February 2014. The expansion plans came at the recommendation of Saint Pius’ Facilities Study Committee, Parish Council and Finance Council, and approval from Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades and the Diocesan Finance Committee. Since the start of the campaign, nearly \$12 million in pledges and donations have been made by parishioners and friends of the parish.

Those interested in learning more about the ongoing *Behold I Make All Things New* capital campaign may contact Betsy Quinn in the Parish Campaign Office at (574) 272-8462, ext. 115 or [behold@stpious.net](mailto:behold@stpious.net), or go to [StPiusCampaign.com](http://StPiusCampaign.com).

***About Saint Pius X Catholic Church:***

*Saint Pius X Parish, with over 3,100 registered families and over 10,100 parishioners, is a vibrant, faith-filled community dedicated to sharing and living the Good News. Programs and events touching the lives of every facet of the parish provide opportunities for spiritual growth, education and service to many in the parish and the greater community. Saint Pius X has been*

*described as a large parish with a small community feel, a true family of faith that seeks to respond to God's wondrous love and grace.*

***Mission Statement:*** *Saint Pius X Catholic Church is a faith community that proclaims the Word of God and celebrates the Sacraments, with the Eucharist as the source and summit of our spiritual life. Our parish, rooted in Granger and part of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, invites everyone to respond to God's call to salvation by developing a sense of Christian fellowship. This is done through life-long religious education and stewardship: calling all members to serve others, to share our blessings with those in need, and to promote Catholic social justice.*

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