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St. Mary of the Assumption

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St. Mary of the Assumption ground breaking for the Monsignor J.A. Wagner
Parish Center

West Point, Iowa- After years of planning and preparation St. Mary of the Assumption is breaking ground Monday, July 10th at 3:00pm on the new Monsignor JA Wagner Parish Center

The new building will be located on Avenue C between the church and the cemetery entrance. The Parish Center will provide modern administration offices, religious education classrooms, meeting rooms for regular parish events and an area for youth and family ministry activities. Finally, it will provide ample storage for the many records and documents that the parish maintains.

The current offices are in a residential building which is not suited for business, not readily accessible, and unable to be updated with new technology. This new building will remedy these deficiencies while being more energy efficient. The space will be at street level with an elevator to the lower level so it will be fully accessible. Most importantly, it will provide a dedicated space to grow youth and family programs for our family of four Catholic parishes: St. James in St. Paul, St. John's in Houghton, St. Boniface in Farmington and St. Mary's in West Point.

"We are excited to begin this much needed building project. The people of St. Mary's have been planning and saving for this for over a decade. It's great to see the people come together and commit to the future of this faith community." said Father Dan Dorau, pastor of the four parishes.

This building project is being named after Monsignor JA Wagner who served as a priest at St. Mary's from 1939 until 1970 who among his many other duties led three major construction projects during his tenure. This name came at the request of an anonymous donor who is supporting the project with a \$500,000 donation. Schickedanz Construction will be the general contractor with many local contractors taking part.

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