



# Our Lady of Consolation

## CATHOLIC PARISH

4865 11 Mile Rd NE Rockford, MI 49341

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Dear OLC Family,

I'm happy to share that the new confessionals are close to completion and will be ready for use soon! The final steps include installation of the air system, electrical, and custom doors. When we have the green light to utilize this space, I will make an announcement at weekend Masses and invite you, the people of our parish, to step inside and view the sacred place where the beautiful Sacrament of Confession will take place.

Every piece of this new construction is intentional. The movement of the confessionals into the church, where they belong, keeps the Sacrament reverent and protects the sacred seal. This is proper to the Church, and in accordance with tradition and Canon Law 964.

With the new confessionals, we can accommodate two priests and fulfill the growing need for confessions. The south confessional is dedicated to Saint John Vianney; the north confessional is dedicated to Saint Padre Pio. These Saints both had a strong devotion to the Sacrament, spending most hours of the days in the confessional. Father Dominic (or a sub-priest) will mainly use the Saint John Vianney confessional. If we have an additional priest present for the Sacrament, both confessionals will be available.

In addition to the diagram on the next page, below are instructions for the new confessionals:

- Enter through the side airway doors (#27 & #28 for north, #29 & #30 for south).
- Take a copy of the Examination of Conscience and Act of Contrition, located by the side doors or in the narthex.
- Start or join the line for confession in the back pew on the opposite side of the aisle.
- "Next in line" penitent will be seated in the aisle seat of the back pew.
- You may enter when the cross lights up green. When the cross is red, it is occupied.
- You have the option to kneel behind the screen or be seated where you can see Father.
- You are welcome to fulfill your penance in the church, narthex, or chapel.
- Remember to practice silence during confession hours. Gregorian chant will be played quietly during this time.

We are extremely thankful to the generous donor who covered the cost of one confessional. Our thanksgiving continues to everyone else who donated to cover expenses of the second confessional. Please continue your words of support, prayers, and patience as we come to the completion of this project.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Dominic Couturier - Pastor



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