

?Construction project at St. Michael's in Bradford underway

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?? St. Michael's Catholic Church in Bradford, which is in the northeast corner of Harrison County, has proceeded on a \$2.5 million project to upgrade and expand their parish facilities.

The church held a formal ground breaking ceremony after its 11 a.m. Mass Sunday, November 2, and this last week, workmen used earth moving equipment to start the ground work itself.

The project will turn the present parish hall, which is across the church, and on the west side of Farmer's Lane, into a Religious Education Center, and will include an addition to the front of the present building.

The part of the building that was the parish hall will be all classrooms after the renovation.

Across the road, on the northeast corner of the church, will be the new multi purpose facility, which will contain the new parish hall, complete with a full service kitchen, offices, and markings on the floor in the all purpose area for basketball, volleyball, and other indoor sports.

A corridor connecting the church and the new addition will also be built, on the north side of the church.

The parish, which draws families from Harrison, Washington, and Floyd Counties, has approximately 425 families registered. The parish was founded in 1835, and originally was located south of present day Central Barren, where the original cemetery is still in existence along State Road 135.

The architectural firm of Michell, Timperman, and Ritz designed the facility, and the construction firm of Crossroads Contracting LLC will build it.

Completion is expected on the facility within 10 months.