

Sts. Simon and Jude Catholic Church

Westland, Michigan

Sts. Simon and Jude planned for the future.



When members of Sts. Simon and Jude decided to build a new church, they had the future in mind. They knew they would have to build to accommodate their growing community. After Father Gerald Bechard and the building committee viewed three geodesic dome structures, they decided the dome was the right structure for them.

They attached the new structure to the existing one and blended them with the use of brick. Interior partitioning walls can later be removed to increase sanctuary seating space. Windows were placed in and around the Eucharistic Chapel for natural light. They used a combination of chairs and pews for seating. Liturgical guidelines suggest seating in a semi-circle or circle around the Sanctuary area and no more than 12 rows deep. The altar, ambo, and baptismal font are made of natural marble.



Sts. Simon and Jude Notes

- 120' geodesic dome with 12' wall and cupola
- Builder: Bernco, Inc.
- Architect: Merritt McCalum Cieslak, P.C.
- **TIME LINE:**
- Dec. 97: Church reviewing designs
- Aug. 98: Shop Drawings to Architect
- June 99: Assembly
- Nov. 99: Dedication

- Current Seating: 562
- Future Capability: 900



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