

St. Francis of Assisi

New Haven, Michigan

Tan brick, green shingles, and white-wash beams set off the inside and outside of this new church complex.



A member of St. Francis of Assisi's building committee occasionally worships with his mother-in-law at the New Bethel Church of the Nazarene in Macomb, MI. He and his wife fell in love with this 100' geodesic dome church. So when his own church decided to build he took the committee for a visit.

The committee also took time to view St. Francis Xavier's 90' geodesic dome in Otisville, MI. After careful assessment of their needs they chose a 90' geodesic dome with a 14' wall and cupola. This was a new complex at a new location so they added two wings. One for fellowship/education; the other for offices.

Located in back of the church is the gathering space, reconciliation chapel, ushers room, and vesting sacristy. At present the church seats 360 with future seating to 500 (when they remove the four rooms). This is one method many churches use to increase seating without building again. A second way to expand seating is by adding a balcony.



St. Francis of Assisi Notes:

- Structure: 90' geodesic dome
- General Contractor:
• Bernco, Inc.
- Assembled by UCS March 1998

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