Consolidated Construction Breaks Ground on Saint Nicholas Catholic Church (Freedom) Community Center and Fellowship Hall

(Oct. 18, 2018) Appleton, Wis. – Consolidated Construction Co. Inc., a full-service design/build firm headquartered in Appleton, Wisconsin, broke ground on Oct. 14, 2018, for the new Community Center/Gymnasium and Fellowship Hall on the campus of Saint Nicholas Catholic Church in Freedom, Wisconsin.

The gold-shovel ceremony held Sunday was the culmination of years of planning on behalf of the parish. The effort officially got rolling in February of 2015 as the Building for the Future project. It was driven by the vision of church leaders who recognized that, in order for the parish to remain viable for the long term, they needed to diversify and expand the services and experiences offered to parishioners and the community.

Saint Nicholas is blessed to have room to grow on their campus. The expansion will allow them to host events for parishioners of all ages, attract revenue-producing events and build camaraderie throughout the community. Just as important, the new elevator will help create a more accessible church for the disabled and handicapped. A capital campaign organized by the parish raised 100 percent of the funds for the project.

The 13,700-square-foot addition will feature a Community Center/Gymnasium, Fellowship Hall, kitchen, restrooms and storage areas that will serve church parishioners, the students and faculty of Saint Nicholas Catholic Grade School, new evangelization programs and the Town of Freedom at large.

“One of our main challenges was to ensure the building design would accommodate a wide variety of events,” said Consolidated Construction Project Director Paul Ver Voort. “The new facility will host everything from athletics to plays, concerts, funerals, banquets, receptions, showers, retreats and church functions, so not only do we have to make sure the spaces are multifunctional, the designs also need to meet or exceed specifications and codes that allow each of these diverse events to be hosted at the site.”

When completed, the expansion will connect the church to the grade school on the west side of campus. The Fellowship Hall will have a capacity of 150 while the Community Center/Gymnasium will accommodate 299. The facility is expected to open in spring 2019.
About Consolidated Construction
Consolidated Construction Co., Inc. consolidates funding assistance, architecture, construction, and capital maintenance planning into a single source to provide streamlined building services to commercial, hospitality, industrial, senior living, and food industry clients throughout the nation. Company headquarters are located in Appleton, Wisconsin, with additional offices in Rapid City, South Dakota and Bismarck, North Dakota. The company’s delivery model has resulted in national awards for design/build ingenuity and cost reduction. Project information and company history can be viewed at www.1call2build.com.