St. Pius X Catholic Church
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

10th Anniversary of the
Dedication of New and Renovated Facilities
June 5, 2004 – 2014

The Octagon as a Symbol
The octagon is found prominently and frequently in the renovated St. Pius X Church. Early Christians gathered on Sundays, the day after the Jewish Sabbath, or the eighth day, for this was the day of Christ’s resurrection.

Gathering Space
The gathering space is a place of welcome and a powerful outward expression to the neighboring community that we are a House of God.

Baptismal Font
The location of the font speaks of baptism as the gateway to Christian life. From these life-giving waters, Christians are called to go to the altar and beyond, ready to serve both God and the world.

Reconciliation Chapel
An icon of the Prodigal Son graces this place of reconciliation.

Sanctuary
The shape of the altar platform allows the priest, ministers and assembly to gather around the altar and worship as a single body, united in faith. The sanctuary area holds three primary symbols of Christ: the altar, the ambo, and the presider’s chair.

Blessed Sacrament Chapel
This space is conducive to private or small-group prayer. Here the Eucharist is reserved so Communion can be taken to the sick and dying. Specially-designed stained glass windows include images of wheat, water, and the rolling fields of Iowa.