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Fannett church reopens more than two years after Ike

The doors of St. Mary Catholic Church will open for the first time this Sunday since it was ravaged by the winds and water of Hurricane Ike. Hundreds will gather with Bishop Curtis Guillory, SVD, to worship in the newly renovated church and celebrate the rite of dedication.

After taking a beating from Ike Sept. 13, 2008, the church was left with no roof and extensive water damage. Throughout the two years of repairs parishioners have continued to celebrate Mass at the parish hall which also received damage from the storm.

The dedication will begin at 10 a.m. Nov. 21, 9894 Gilbert Road, Fannett.

The original St. Mary Church was located in Hamshire but was destroyed by a fire on Easter Sunday April 17, 1960. The present church was dedicated five years later March 25, 1965. The cornerstone of the present church contains pieces of glass from the burned church.