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BASILICA OF

St. Adalbert

701 4TH ST. NW · GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49504

The Basilica is a landmark on Grand Rapids' Westside, and home to a dedicated and proud mostly-Polish congregation. The church is the only Minor Basilica in Michigan, and one of the few in the United States. The interior features colorful matched marble paneling and columns, and fine early 20th century marble statues.

All of the original exterior copper had reached the end of its life after 80 years. We removed and recycled the original copper and replaced it with new copper in the identical shapes and sizes.

Except for the shingles and the capitals, all of the copper shapes on the building were formed by us in our shop from copper sheets, including all of the cornices, lanterns, cupola, crosses, and hip caps. ➡

As the scaffolding went up, the removal of the old green copper began.



Completely rebuilt in our shop, the main cupola is being placed on a trailer for the trip to the Basilica.

SHEET METAL



The rebuilt north lantern being lowered into position. The stamped capitals were provided by W.F. Norman Corporation.



TILE

We replaced all of the lower roof tiles, and installed new custom copper gutters.



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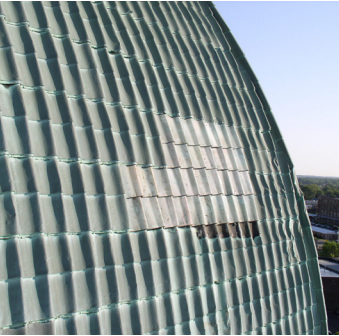
CONSTRUCTION MANAGER:
Owen-Ames-Kimball, Grand Rapids

EXTERIOR ENVELOPE:
Wiss Janney Eltsner, Chicago

ARCHITECT:
Bahr Vermeer & Haecker, Omaha

BEFORE

Age, wind and weather had taken its toll on the original copper.



DURING

The belltower lantern being stood up after the new gilded cross was installed.

Over 7,500 pounds of custom stamped copper shingles – by W.F. Norman Corporation – were installed by hand on three domes.



AFTER

The bright new copper will take on its own blue-green patina over time.



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