

Ministry for Today... ***Preparing for Tomorrow***

Capital Campaign



Volume 3

St Bernard Church, Appleton, Wisconsin

A LOOK AT THE RE-DESIGN



A LETTER FROM

FR. DENNIS AND THE CHAIRS

Dear Friends in Christ,

We, the St. Bernard's family, are excited as we mark our 50th anniversary and we are even more excited as we look forward to the next 50 years! Standing on the shoulders of our founders, parents and grandparents, we want to strengthen our ministries for today (*Ministry for Today*). And, we want to update and repair our worship space and buildings (*Preparing for Tomorrow*).



Why do we do this? Very simply, by faith and baptism we have been brought into God's everlasting family and given the mission of sharing the Good News (Word), worshipping God in the Eucharist and sacraments (Worship), and serving the needy around us (Service). We have done this for 50 years here at St. Bernard's, and we want to prepare our church and ministries for 50 more.

As the saying goes, "Those whom God calls, God equips." We are a blessed people. We have been blessed with all kinds of spiritual, personal, and financial gifts. And these gifts equip us for our worship, word and service ministries.

Ministry for Today... Preparing for Tomorrow is about looking at the blessings God has given each one of us and:

- Financially supporting **today's ministries (Community, Word, Worship and Service)**
- Preparing for tomorrow by **updating and repairing our church and campus**

We have been blessed, called, gathered and given the saving three-fold mission of sharing the Good News, worshipping, and serving.

As we go forward, let us fully acknowledge God's blessings and prayerfully consider how we can give back to Him and carry on His urgent, life-saving three-fold mission. In this way we build His Kingdom!

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Dennis Ryan

Pastor

Mike Faudree, John and Pat Larson, Jack Mullins, and Jeff Seichter
Campaign Chairpersons

OUR HISTORY

- 1966** September 8 – St. Bernard Church is founded by Fr. Orville Janssen and 350 families
- 1967** Ground broken on new church and campus
- 1968** First Mass in new church
- 1971** Ladies of St. Bernard and Men of St. Bernard organized
- 1978** First Hmong family brought to St. Bernard's
- 1981-86** Bell Tower erected, New Addition, and Pipe Organ installed
- 1985** Construction of New Addition (Library and Music Room)
- 1986** New Pipe Organ installed
- 1991** Elizabeth Ministry founded
- 1996** Addition of Marian Chapel, *Fr. John Bersgstadt* named pastor
- 2005** *Fr. Dennis Ryan* named new pastor
- TODAY** St. Bernard has over 975 households and families with over 100 ministries



PREPARING FOR TOMORROW

FINANCIAL PLAN

In collaboration with parish members and parish leaders, our St. Bernard community plans to update our church and campus.

Our Interior Church Needs: Phase I

- Handicap-Accessible Altar Area
- More Prominent Setting for the Tabernacle
- Handicap-Accessible Reconciliation Room
- Upgrade of Interior Lighting including Window Lighting
- New Flooring under Pews and Aisles
- Engineering Assessment and Resolution of the Spire

Budget for Phase I Interior Church Needs:

- Design/Build Contractor Cost: \$848,700
- St. Bernard Art and Environment: \$115,900
- Fund Raising & Architect Consulting: \$140,000
- Owner & Construction Contingency: \$145,400
- **Total Schematic Budget Phase I:** **\$ 1,250,000**

Other Parish Needs: Future Phases

- Restroom Upgrades: \$200,000 - \$300,000
- Door Entrance Airlocks: \$190,000
- Carport Brick Work: \$23,500
- Bell Tower Structural Reinforcement : \$10,000
- Ongoing Funding for Future Building Improvements (RGH) Ongoing
- **Total Estimate:** **\$523,500 + RGH**

CELEBRATION
\$1.25 MILLION

- Redesign the church
- New cupola on church
- Handicap-accessible reconciliation room
- Upgrade interior lighting
- New flooring

CHALLENGE
\$1.55 MILLION

- Restroom upgrades

TRANSFORMATION
\$1.85 MILLION+

- Door Entrance
- Airlocks
- Bell tower
- RGH Ongoing Building Improvements

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. Why this campaign now?

A. Our founders built St. Bernard's for their families and future families. After 50 years of wear and tear our church and campus are in sore need of upgrades and repair.

St. Bernard Parish will continue to serve Catholics and non-Catholics in the Appleton area for the next 50 years. We need to pass on a worship space that we can be proud of: one that is fresh, new, and visually appealing.

Q. How do we plan to fund current ministries and the redesign projects?

A. The parishioners of St. Bernard's have been generous and careful stewards over the years. Our *Ministry for Today... Preparing for Tomorrow* campaign will focus on two parts: supporting today's ministries and updating our worship space.

Q. Will we go into debt to fund the Redesign projects?

A. No. We are not going to borrow money. We are going to live within our means and pay for the various projects as funds are available.

Q. How can we financially support our current ministries while going through this process?

A. *Ministry for Today... Preparing for Tomorrow* addresses both our current ministry needs and updating needs.

For example, a neighboring church with 850 families discovered their Sunday giving increased by 9% and while their campaign yielded \$3.2 million in pledges.

Q. What will we be asked to consider through the *Ministry for Today... Preparing for Tomorrow* campaign?

A. All of us will be asked to prayerfully reflect upon God's love and countless blessings and to prayerfully consider a generous response as we 1) fund our many ministries and 2) make urgent updates to our church and campus.

Q. What will our commitment card look like?

A. Our commitment card will be a two-part card where we're asked to prayerfully consider: a 1) three-year Sunday giving increase, and 2) one-year pledge for our church updating and repair.

Q. Could I also consider an estate gift? What are the parish's legal titles?

A. Yes!

- Our legal name is: St. Bernard Congregation of Appleton.
- Our endowment name is: St. Bernard Endowment Fund.

There will also be a box on our commitment card indicating a request for future estate planning information.



MINISTRY FOR TODAY...

As followers of Christ, brought into God's family through baptism, we are called to use our time, talent and treasure to build God's Kingdom by:

- Building up a **family of faith**
- **Sharing the Good News** of God's love and mercy and promises
- **Worshipping** God in the eucharist and sacraments, and
- **Serving the needy** in our midst

St. Bernard's has done an excellent job at these ministries in the past, and does so today! As times change, new needs and ministries will arise. This little snapshot gives you a look at ministry at St. Bernard's "by the numbers." You know that there are more people involved at St. Bernard's and more going on here than can be adequately captured. **To all who serve we say a heartfelt and huge, "Thank you!"**

Community

- 975 Families
- 15 Pastoral Council members
- 11 Finance Council members
- 1 Pastor
- 4 Deacons
- 11 Parish Staff

Sharing the Good News

Through RCIA, Children's and Youth Ministries, Adult Education, Parish family programs, Small Groups, Women's and Men's Retreats, Cursillo

- 159 Children in Religious Ed (K-8)
- 45 Youth Group members
- 25 Volunteer Catechists
- 1 Parish Library

Eucharist and Sacraments

1200+ Attending Sunday Masses/Weekend
Worship Ministers – Choirs (5), Choir Members (45), Greeters (80), Ushers (48) Servers (32),
Lectors (39), EMCs (89), Art & Environment (8),
and Media Ministers
Youth Liturgies at Contemporary Mass
Sunday Nursery for young families

Eucharist and Sacraments, Cont'd

- 6 Baptisms and Receptions into Catholic Church
- 36 First Communions
- 22 Confirmations
- 8 Weddings
- 28 Funerals

Service

We have many committees, ministries and groups involved in building up the community and serving others. Here are just a few:

Social Justice Committee – Organizes and lends support for various social justice projects.
St. Vincent de Paul – Serves the needy in our neighborhood.

Care Ministry – Visits the sick, lonely, or those suffering in some way.

Grief Share – Encourages and supports those grieving the death of a loved one.

Mentoring – Provides resources and companionship to those seeking spiritual growth.

Prayer Shawl Ministry – Prays for and makes prayer shawls for those needing to experience God's comforting embrace.

Martha Ministry – Prepares meals for those who are ill or in special need.

Pro-Life Ministry – Promotes awareness of how precious life is from womb to tomb.

Ladies of St. Bernard

Men of St. Bernard

Building & Grounds Committee

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016

RECEIPTS	2016
Sunday/Holy Day/Collection	\$829,653
Trusts & Bequests.....	\$18,205
Investment Income	\$863
Restricted Income.....	\$41,052
Realized Gain/(Loss) on Assets	-
Other Receipts	\$71,666
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$961,439

EXPENDITURES	2016
Salaries (Pastor and Staff)	\$393,700
FICA	\$27,011
Retirement Plans	\$30,640
Other Parish Administrative Expenses.....	\$139,855
Education Expense (St. Francis Xavier)	\$340,122
Building Expense	\$127,936
Worship & Spiritual Life Expense.....	\$38,670
Christian Service Expense	\$859
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,098,793



GO HIGHER, GO FARTHER!

Remember, “**Not Equal Gifts, But Equal Sacrifice!**” is our campaign’s guiding theme. Some have been given little, so they can share little; some have been given much, so they can share much. But all of us can give like kings, if we give sacrificially. As good stewards we attempt to be the very best caretakers of all the gifts God has entrusted to us.

To start thinking about your gift, seek to do the following:

- A) Review the gift chart.
- B) Let your eyes rest on the largest three-year gift you think you can make.
- C) Now, consider a sacrificial gift. Consider going one level higher: from the more comfortable level to the more sacrificial level.
- D) Think of the generous example of your grandparents and pray, “Lord, what do you want to do – through me – for my parish?”
- E) Let the Holy Spirit lead you to a place that is satisfying and sacrificial!
- F) The ways most of us can go one level higher is by A) giving something up for awhile or B) putting off purchasing something for awhile.

Monthly	Yearly	3-yr Pledge
\$5,556	\$66,667	\$200,000
\$4,167	\$50,000	\$150,000
\$3,333	\$40,000	\$120,000
\$2,500	\$30,000	\$90,000
\$2,000	\$24,000	\$72,000
\$1,500	\$18,000	\$54,000
\$1,000	\$12,000	\$36,000
\$750	\$9,000	\$27,000
\$500	\$6,000	\$18,000
\$250	\$3,000	\$9,000
\$200	\$2,400	\$7,200
\$150	\$1,800	\$5,400
\$100	\$1,200	\$3,600
\$50	\$600	\$1,800