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AWAKE, ARISE, ASSEMBLE

A CAPITAL CAMPAIGN *for* **ST. BERNARD CHURCH**

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Saint Bernard Parish





Fr. Jay Horning
Pastor
2027

Dear St. Bernard Family and Friends,

We have much to be thankful for at St. Bernards. Our parish began in 1864. That is 162 years, and 104 years for our school. Our campus is a place where we live the intense presence of God and many of life's most important experiences, whether it be through the Mass or other sacraments, our faith formation programs, the parish school, and our diverse ministries, which continue to expand. It is such a blessing to be your pastor and witness each day how our community of missionary disciples lives out the Church's mission.

Our church and school are welcoming spaces to live our faith in community and bring us closer to God. However, we have reached a critical point. Zahn Hall, in our school basement, is no longer able to keep up with the growing needs. Some examples of why we need more space: funeral dinners, formation classes, catechesis training, and meetings. The school would also benefit with a space for indoor recess and gym in the winter months and play host to events such as Grandparents Day, Talent show, Christmas program, and much more.

For these reasons, after thorough discernment and consultation, we are embarking on a capital campaign to raise $3 MILLION. This is an all inclusive cost that includes the construction costs and the soft costs. *Soft costs are things like furniture, equipment, A/V, security, design fees, etc.* We have already raised $1.1 MILLION over the past 3 years. The remaining amount for the campaign that we need to raise is $1.9 MILLION.

The enclosed brochure shares the necessary plans to ensure that we raise the funds necessary for this project. Whether you are new to St. Bernard, an alumni of the school, friend in the community or have been here from the beginning, I ask you to prayerfully reflect on how you have been blessed by this parish. I invite you to prayerfully consider how you are able to contribute your financial gifts to this crucial effort for our parish and join with me in praying for the success of our campaign. Sacrificial giving is an expression of our faith and a way to put our faith into action.

The Suggested Gift Chart details pledges ranging from $2,500 to $200,000, payable over three years. This wide range of gift opportunities makes it possible for virtually every family to take part in the program.

Time will be set aside during all Masses on the weekend of January 24, 2027 for the faithful of St. Bernard to make their pledge. As leaders in the community, the school, and parish, I am asking you to prayerfully discern your pledge and return your card to the parish office as soon as possible.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous support for our parish as we look to the future with hope and continue to build the Kingdom of God.

Blessings in Christ,

Rev. Jay Horning
Pastor

Our Parish History

For over 162 years our church has been praying, serving and evangelizing in Wabash County. The first foundation was laid in 1864 at 429 W. Maple St.. The new church, completed in 1871, was a brick structure 60 x 30 feet.

On April 17, 1900, the growing congregation arranged an exchange of the church property on Maple Street for a church and house at the corner of Sinclair and Cass Streets. By 1922 the congregation had grown further, and St. Bernard's School was begun on the first floor of the church building. Staffed by the Sisters of St. Joseph, Tipton.

In 1951 the current school was completed and in 1953 the current church was completed!

So many faithful hands have helped us along the way. We continue to grow in faith and our parish has an energy derived from you, who live the faith through service to others! We are grateful for all those who have gone before us and honor them as their sacrifice, faith and service have made our parish what it is today!

Campaign Case

Our parish has been blessed with growth and opportunities for ministry that continue to expand each year. This includes both the church and the school, together we are one parish. As our parish family grows, so does the need for spaces that can adequately support worship, faith formation, fellowship, outreach, and various activities from the school.

Our current facilities no longer fully meet the needs of our parish community. Limited space restricts ministry opportunities, educational programming, and our ability to welcome new families into parish life.

Through prayer, discernment, and planning, we have identified the need for a Parish Hall that will allow our parish to continue its mission of evangelization and discipleship.

This campaign is not simply about constructing a building. It is about creating opportunities for ministry, strengthening our parish community, and providing a lasting foundation for future growth in faith

How can you help St. Bernard Catholic Church accomplish our goals?

It is our time to Awake, Arise, and Assemble. We are invited to grow our Parish, which includes the church and school community together, seeing this as a commitment to our future.

1 **First, Pray.**

Pray for God's provision and your opportunity to take part in the transformation of our beautiful church and expansion of a new hall.

2 **Second, give a gift today.**

We are asking that you consider how generous God has been to you and that you respond in proportion to your own financial ability.

3 **Third, be a part of this exciting movement!**

Be an advocate for **St. Bernard!** We need you to help spread the word and invite others to participate.

THANK YOU!

New Parish Hall – Project Scope

200 Person Parish Hall

Construction of a 200-person multi-functional parish hall with adjacent, handicap accessible, men's and women's restrooms. An enclosed connecting hallway is provided between the new hall and existing church, as is direct access to the new parking lot. Side access from the hall is also provided to the prayer garden / courtyard against the existing church.

ESTIMATED Cost: $1.6M

Office Space / Kitchen

The Parish staff offices and reception are relocated to the new project, with a new dedicated Parish Office entrance. An adjacent 10-person conference room is provided, as well as a kitchen to serve the Parish Hall adjacent. A serving window is provided from the Kitchen to the Hall, as is a dedicated back entry from the alley for food and equipment deliveries and dropoffs.

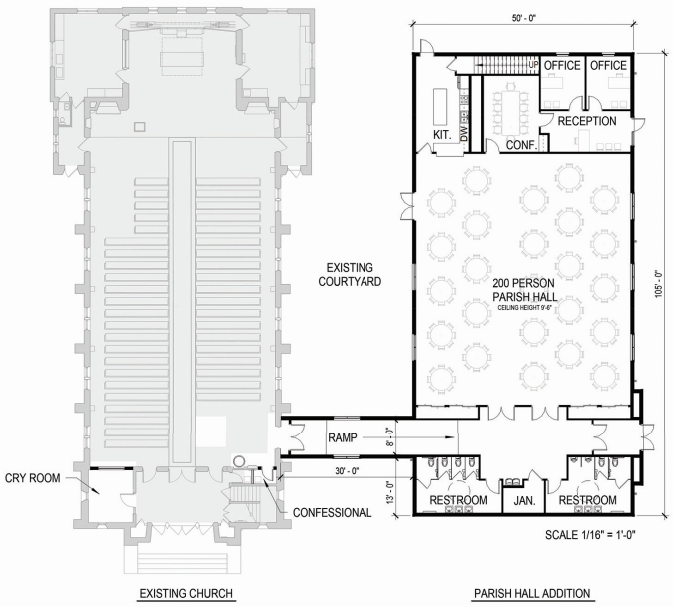
ESTIMATED Cost: $350k

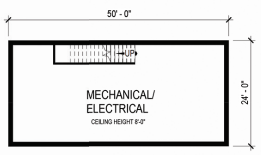
Partial Basement

A weather tight, partial basement is provided beneath the kitchen and staff office functions of the new building, to house mechanical and electrical equipment, and needed storage for the Parish.

ESTIMATED Cost: $330k







MAIN LEVEL	5,490 SF
LOWER LEVEL	1,200 SF
TOTAL	6,690 SF

New Parking Lot

A new 60-space asphalt parking lot is provided as part of the project, with improved accessible parking spaces and access / circulation from the street and alley. Improved site lighting and sidewalks are also included.

ESTIMATED Cost: $165k

Church Renovations & Connector

The new Parish Hall includes a temperature controlled connecting hallway to the existing church. This feature will allow for handicap access to the church as well as direct access to restrooms during and after mass. The project also includes select renovation improvements to the existing church, including the creation of a new cry room, relocated confessional, and relocation of the baptismal font.

ESTIMATED Cost: $92k

TOTAL Estimated Project Cost:
$3,000,000

****The $3M total estimated cost includes both construction and soft costs. Soft costs are things like furniture, equipment, A/V, security, design fees, etc. The total estimated project cost is made up of an estimated $2.5M of construction cost + $500k of budgeted soft costs,* ***equaling $3M total for fundraising goal purposes.***



Awake, Arise, Assemble

An Invitation to expand His Kingdom, here and now!



Three-Year Gift Table

TOTAL PLEDGE	36 MONTHLY PAYMENTS	12 QUARTERLY PAYMENTS	6 SEMI-ANNUAL PAYMENTS	3 ANNUAL PAYMENTS
$200,000	$5,556	$16,667	$33,333	$66,667
$100,000	$2,777	$8,333	$16,667	$33,333
$75,000	$2,083	$6,250	$12,500	$25,000
$50,000	$1,389	$4,167	$8,333	$16,667
$25,000	$694	$2,083	$4,167	$8,333
$10,000	$278	$833	$1,667	$3,333
$7,500	$208	$625	$1,250	$2,500
$5,000	$139	$417	$833	$1,667
$3,600	$100	$300	$600	$1,200
$2,500	$69	$208	$417	$833

Ways to Give

Stocks & Bonds*
There are added advantages to giving stocks, bonds, and securities.

Wills & Bequests
Providing for St. Bernard in your will can have significant federal and estate tax advantages. For additional information, please contact the parish office at (260) 563-4750.

Tax-Deductible Gifts
All gifts are tax deductible as provided by law. Receipts will be provided upon request.

Talk with your financial advisor for more information on making these types of charitable donations.

IRA Gifts*
People over 70 ½ years old may also be eligible to make a charitable gift from your IRA assets with no tax complications.

Matching Gifts
Many firms have matching gift programs to provide incentives for their employees to make charitable donations. Please ask your Human Resources department for a matching gift form. Both current and retired employees may be eligible.

Pledge Installments
You will receive reminder notices in accordance with the payment method you select. Please make your checks payable to: *St. Bernard & Awake, Arise, Assemble (new parish hall).*



Fulfilling Your Pledge

Sign up to fulfill your pledge using our Online Giving at **stbwabash.org/awake-arise-assemble** You can set your recurring pledge payment using your bank account or credit card.

Explore using tax advantaged charitable gifts such as IRA distributions, Gifts of Stock or remembering the parish in your will. Contact the parish office at **(260) 563-4750.**

Use your campaign envelope and bring it to mass or mail it to the parish office.

Scan this QR code with your phone to be taken directly to our campaign page on our website.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. When will the work begin?
A. The work will begin as the funds become available from the Capital Campaign. The diocese requires that we have 50% of the funds in hand and the other 50% pledged.

Q. What will happen if we go over our goal?
A. All gifts collected after we exceed our goal will be put towards the maintenance and upkeep of our facilities.

Q. Can I make my pledge online?
A. Yes. We have set up a page on our website where you may make your pledge online.

Q. Why should I make a pledge?
A. Most people take advantage of time-payments for major purchases. A pledge to the parish Capital Campaign is a "time-payment plan" that makes it possible for you to meet your parish obligations without undue hardship. Pledges enable you to consider a more significant contribution to the campaign rather than a one-time gift.

Q. Is my pledge over and above my Sunday Offering?
A. Yes. We can only reach our goal with a little extra sacrifice. We cannot reach our goal if we reduce our weekly offerings in order to make a pledge to the Capital Campaign. The parish will continue to have normal operating expenses during the pledge period.

Q. Who will be asked to support the Campaign?
A. Every parish family will be invited to be a part of this effort. It is our hope that every parish family will make a sacrificial gift for this major effort according to his or her financial ability. We will also be inviting our school families and friends of St. Bernard in the Wabash and surrounding area to contribute. We hope everyone will play a conscientious role in renewing the future of the parish.

Q. What happens if I cannot fulfill my pledge?
A. Pledges are made in good faith and accepted as such. If hardship or illness prevents you from fulfilling your pledge, let the parish know, and other arrangements will be made.

Q. What if I would like to give stocks, real estate or some other kind of gift?
A. There are several ways to support our campaign, please see the ways to give section on the next pages of this brochure or call the parish office.

More Questions?

Contact the Parish at **(260) 563-4750**
or by email: **campaign@stbwabash.org**

Campaign Prayer

Heavenly Father,

We praise you for you are the source of life. We thank you for our church and our school and the many blessings you have given us over the past 162 years.

Open our hearts and minds to you and help us to be good stewards of the gifts you have given us. May we see the Sacraments as a way to make Jesus the center of our lives. Then help us create a Community steeped in prayer, holiness, and righteousness.

We especially pray for the success of our capital campaign, that we may step forward together in faith and recommit ourselves to your mission of love. May our effort, combined with your grace, allow us to continue bringing people to Christ for generations to come.

AMEN.





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