

**Saint Bernard of Clairvaux Parish**  
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**Dear Parishioners,**

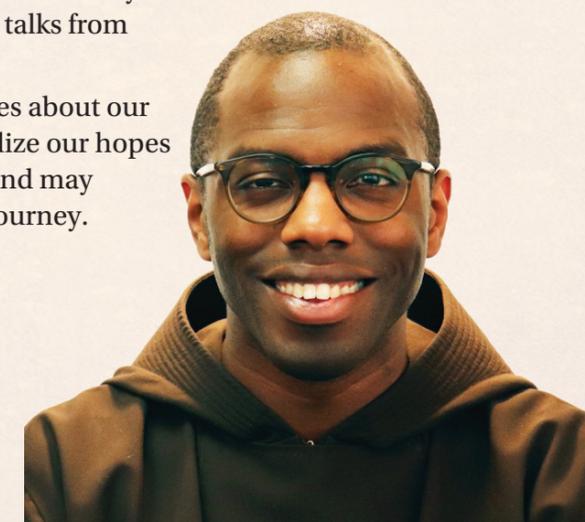
I am grateful for the warm welcome that you extended to the Capuchin Friars and the encouragement and support we continue to receive from you. Much has happened in these past 15 months for our parish facilities, finances, staff and parish life. Some of these are highlighted below:

**FACILITIES:** We improved the garden in the aisles of the parking lot; updated the landscaping around the church; updated the audiovisual equipment in the social hall; and upgraded the lighting in the parking lot.

**STAFF:** With an easing of COVID protocols, all staff members returned to work in person. In light of recent departures, we are currently restructuring job descriptions for staff positions. We hired a Director of Youth Ministry and Young Adults to be shared with Saint Thomas More University Parish. We also created a shared financial secretary position for Saint Bernard of Clairvaux Parish and Saint Thomas More University Parish.

**PARISH LIFE:** We were blessed to host our first Indiana Catholic Community Parish Mission last year. The parish was inspired with spiritually enriching talks from Dr. Timothy Muldoon and the Damascus Praise Band.

I invite you to review the information presented in the next few pages about our parish, and then to make a prayerful commitment to helping us realize our hopes and vision for the parish. May God bless you and your loved ones, and may Saint Bernard of Clairvaux Parish continue to inspire us along our journey.



*Peace and All Good,*  
**Father Richard Owens, O.F.M. Cap.**



Uplift Our  
**FAITH**  
Community

**Saint Bernard of Clairvaux Parish  
Annual Report 2022**



## Sources of Hope:

The generosity of our parishioners helped to uplift our parish this year. We have returned to weekly Communion calls at local nursing homes and initiated a Bereavement Ministry for the Indiana Catholic Community.

I am happy to report that this year we saw a slight increase in the Sunday collection! Many thanks for your generous support in helping our parish move in the right direction.

Saint Bernard of Clairvaux Parish continues to need your help. I am asking you to prayerfully consider your weekly commitment to our parish:

- Has your contribution grown over the past several years, or is it still the same amount?
- As you reflect upon God's blessings in your life, are you able to show your gratitude by increasing your weekly contribution?
- Considering that we need a 3-5% increase in revenue each year, are you in a financial position to help us meet this goal?
- Do you use Online Giving for electronic giving to ensure that your support reaches the parish, even when you are away or not able to attend?
- Are you willing to share your talents (outdoor gardening, liturgical minister, visiting the sick and homebound)?



As stewards of Saint Bernard of Clairvaux Parish, we need to rebuild our savings in order to maintain the physical plant and property that makes up our church. Your increased offertory, combined with careful planning and financial management, will help us meet our day-to-day expenses, plan for capital improvements, and ensure that our community of faith continues to grow and thrive well into the future.

Finally, in order to leave a legacy for the future, I ask you to prayerfully consider including Saint Bernard of Clairvaux Parish as a part of your legacy in your will or estate plan.

## Our Parish by the Numbers:



### Registered Households

2022: 955  
2021: 1,024  
2020: 1,018

### Current Single Member Households

379



### Baptisms

2022: 9  
2021: 14  
2020: 11

### Weddings

2022: 3  
2021: 3  
2020: 5



### Funerals

2022: 45  
2021: 19  
2020: 48



## Our Ministries:

- **Greeters** - Welcome people as they enter the church and assist those with baby carriers, wheelchairs, and walkers.
- **Ushers** - Take up the offertory and distribute bulletins after Mass. They also assist as needed with emergencies or other necessary concerns.
- **Lectors** - Proclaim the word of God during Mass or other liturgical functions. Lectors devote time to preparation and understanding of sacred Scripture.
- **Altar Servers** - Assist the priest in preparing for Mass. The servers take part in the liturgy by performing tasks to help the priest celebrate Eucharist. Children who received their first holy Communion can be altar servers.
- **Adult Choir & Cantors** - Provide musical support of full and active participation in the liturgy.
- **Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist** - Assist the priest by distributing the Eucharist at Mass.
- **Hospital Ministry** - Assist the priest by taking Eucharist to the sick in the hospital.
- **Homebound Ministry** - Assist the priest by taking Eucharist to the sick whether they are at home, a personal care home or a nursing home.
- **Grandmothers Corps** - Promote grandparents as nurturer, mentor and teacher, family historian, model of aging and sage.
- **Knights of Columbus** - Provide charitable service to the poor and hungry, while promoting Catholic education and family values.
- **Pastoral Council** - Advises the pastor by assisting him in discerning, expressing and fulfilling the parish pastoral mission. Members are either appointed by the pastor or nominated by the parish for a three-year renewable term.
- **Finance Council** - Assists the pastor in the administration of parish material goods and resources. It ensures that all parish resources are used in support of the parish mission, pastoral plan, and within the approved operating budget.

You are invited to be a Christian steward of your God-given gifts of time and talent. Listed above are many opportunities for your consideration. We ask you to prayerfully reflect over these opportunities and ask yourself, "How will I give back to God this coming year by serving others in His name?"

## Capital Improvements:

Your contributions to our parish help maintain the facility, making it the center of prayer in our community. Over the last three years, we completed the following projects:

- Updated the lighting in the social hall
- Upgraded the audiovisual equipment in the social hall
- Improved the lighting in the parking lot
- Resealed the parking lot
- Renovated the Brady Conference Room



## Parish Financials

	2021-22	2020-21	2019-20
<b>Offertory</b>	\$554,174	\$ 532,698	\$ 560,617
<b>Other Ordinary Income</b> <i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>	8,260	4,599	5,997
<b>Extraordinary Income</b> <i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>	106,353	123,361	38,765
<b>Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund</b>	19,382	22,981	20,546
<b>Other Non-Assessable Income</b> <i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements and PPP Loan)</i>	260,531	92,805	130,447
<b>Special Collections</b>	51,403	32,044	49,079
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$1,000,103</b>	<b>\$ 808,488</b>	<b>\$ 805,451</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Administration	\$ 140,976	\$ 144,430	\$ 162,012
Church	133,736	95,695	77,115
Rectory	25,960	19,017	10,662
Education and Ministry	108,252	106,840	98,362
General Expenses	264,426	265,056	263,602
Special Collections	51,528	30,681	49,429
Extraordinary Expenses	207,518	218,324	76,422
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>932,396</b>	<b>880,043</b>	<b>737,604</b>
<b>Net Operating Income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$ 67,707</b>	<b>\$ (71,555)</b>	<b>\$ 67,847</b>

## Ways You Can Give



**BY MAIL:**  
Saint Bernard of Clairvaux Parish  
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**IN PERSON:**  
Monday - Friday  
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM



**ONLINE:**  
[osvhub.com/saintbernardparish/giving/funds](https://osvhub.com/saintbernardparish/giving/funds)

