

Saint Bernard of Clairvaux Parish

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Dear Saint Bernard of Clairvaux Family,

May the Lord Give You Peace!

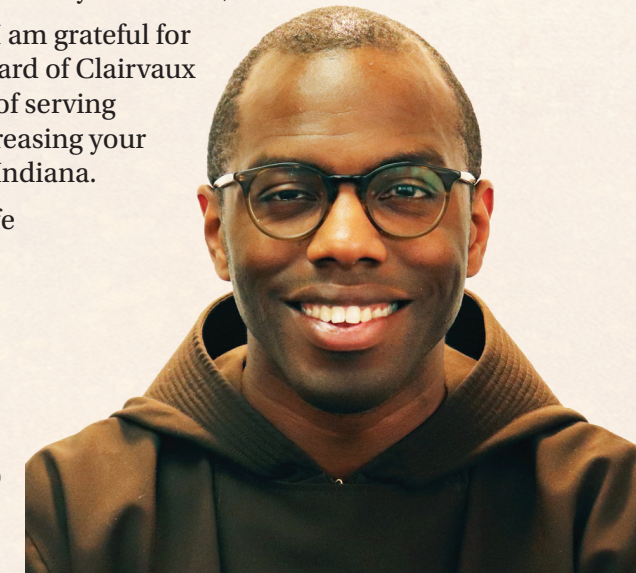
I hope this letter finds you and your family safe, in good health and enduring these unsettling days of quarantine with faith and hope. This historic COVID-19 pandemic has required us all to make enormous sacrifices to protect the health of our community. I hope you and your family are adjusting to these circumstances and that you are experiencing the comfort of God's faithful presence every day.

It is my hope that you have been comforted by our parish and Diocesan outreach through streaming Masses, phone calls, prayer chains and opportunities for prayer at Saint Bernard of Clairvaux Parish. We have continued to nourish the seeds of faith that have been planted almost 175 years ago, seeking to care for the spiritual and material needs of the Catholic community of Indiana, Pa.

On behalf of my fellow Capuchin Friars, Father Tage, and Deacon Andrew, I am grateful for your extraordinary generosity. In so many ways you have helped Saint Bernard of Clairvaux Parish continue to do the things necessary so as to sustain and create ways of serving Christ. Please remember your parish this year, and prayerfully consider increasing your stewardship of time, talent, and treasure so we can continue God's work in Indiana.

May God bless us in this time of unknowing, calm our fears, and keep us safe and healthy!

Peace and All Good,
Father Richard Owens, OFM Cap



Growing Support for our
FAITH
Community



Saint Bernard of Clairvaux Parish Annual Report 2021

Flowers that Feed the Soul: Our Ministry Listing

- **Greeters** - Welcome people as they enter the church, and assist those with baby carriers, wheelchairs, and walkers.
- **Hospitality** - Assist ushers at each Mass. This new ministry will serve to assist those attending in fulfilling the special expectations that will be needed to be observed in light of our current situation of the pandemic.
- **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.



Cultivate the Garden Within: 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 sealing of the parking lot, updating of the lighting in the parking lot, installation of LED lights in the parish

hall, new flooring in the kitchen and parish hall restrooms, repainting of the parish hall and the Brady Conference Room, installation of televisions in the parish hall/narthex, and installation of equipment for livestreaming Mass.

Parish Financials

	2020-21	2019-20	2018-19
Offertory	\$ 532,698	\$ 560,617	\$ 513,408
Other Ordinary Income <i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>	4,599	5,997	7,897
Extraordinary Income <i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>	123,361	38,765	36,634
Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund	22,981	20,546	16,056
Other Non-Assessable Income <i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements, and PPP Loan)</i>	92,805	130,447	44,470
Special Collections	32,044	49,079	40,277
Total Income	\$ 808,488	\$ 805,451	\$ 658,742
Expenses			
Administration	\$ 144,430	\$ 162,012	\$ 153,763
Church	95,695	77,115	73,490
Rectory	19,017	10,662	9,604
Education and Ministry	106,840	98,362	114,444
General Expenses	265,056	263,602	232,474
Special Collections	30,681	49,429	40,277
Extraordinary Expenses	218,324	76,422	61,989
Total Expenditures	880,043	737,604	686,041
Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$ (71,555)	\$ 67,847	\$ (27,299)

Our Garden



Registered Households

2021: 1024
2020: 1018
2019: 1030

Single Member Households

389



Baptisms

2021: 14
2020: 11
2019: 15

Weddings

2021: 3
2020: 5
2019: 3



Funerals

2021: 19
2020: 48
2019: 40



Weathering COVID-19

Just as God has provided for you, you have provided for our parish. Your stewardship is like the tilling of the soil, helping us to grow stronger. Despite the pandemic, our parish offertory remained strong, primarily due to the generosity of our parishioners.

I do want to call your attention to our ongoing celebration of our 175th parish anniversary. The 175th Anniversary Planning Committee has several exciting events planned: Adult Faith Formation Series, 175 Hours of Eucharistic Adoration, Dinner with the Friars Raffle, community service opportunities, and the 175th anniversary Mass and reception.

We also have a new ministry to youth of both Saint Bernard of Clairvaux Parish and Saint Thomas More University Parish. Chosen Youth Ministry will allow the Catholic youth of Indiana to deepen their faith and grow in their vocation as Christian disciples. These efforts will go a long way in planting the seeds of faith in the next generation of our parish.



Ways You Can Give



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