St. Bernard's Church

Congratulations to the following students who will be receiving their First Holy Communion this Sunday, May 21, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. May Jesus be in your heart always!

Luke Allison
Sophia Kerber
Tenley Read
Wyatt Sunde
Jared Templin

 "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." John 6:51



A special thanks to our 2nd grade catechist Lisa Whitaker and our atrium assistants Amber Beneke, Amy Buckentin, Emilie Kerber and Penny Stender for sharing their faith with the students and assisting with their preparation for the sacrament of Holy Eucharist. God bless you always!

As you may have noticed, we have started on the second phase of the windows project. The project is scheduled to be completed in August. The components needed to complete the installation of the air conditioning have been ordered and that project will completed as soon as everything arrives.

Our project goal included existing FIF money, our fund drive of \$100,000, which was met and even exceeded due to everyone's generosity, and a pledge of \$35,000 from the Sr. Christa Fund. As mentioned in the update in April, we had 6 donors contribute \$10,000 each and we are preparing plaques recognizing this level of contribution. With the second phase, we now have 6 more windows that could support a plaque with a memorial of your choice if you feel called as a \$10,000 window sponsor. Another option not previously presented is for a \$7000 donation to sponsor a window in the Adoration Chapel. We had a parishioner ask if these windows cost the same amount as the church windows and they do not. We will also recognize a \$7000 donation for each Adoration Chapel window with a sponsorship plaque.

"Where will this money for these extra donations be used?", you may ask.

Well, we would: 1) finish paying off the roof loan which has a remaining balance of \$12,037. Again, thanks to your dedicated support and donations from the Fish Frys and a quilt sale, we have brought the principal on the roof loan down from \$40,367 on July 1, 2016 to the current balance of \$12,037. We would like to finish paying it off by the end of June which is the fiscal year end.

And 2) any donations in excess of the roof loan balance would reduce the amount we need from the Sr. Christa Fund pledge. This will leave more available in that account for its original purpose.

Thank you to everyone who has participated in any way on this project. From your support of the fund drive to the generous donation of time and talent for the interior finish work. Together we are bringing back the original beauty of our church.