

August 25, 2018

The Beautification Committee has been meeting weekly to develop a plan to redecorate St Bernard Catholic Church, as a gift in memory of Adrian Wickenhauser, along with the generosity of Leon & Marcy Wickenhauser.

Three main goals have guided us—

- We want our church to be a living center of our lives for both prayer and the sacraments.
- We want to incorporate our patron-St Bernard of Clairveaux in the project- his words or symbols of his life.
- We want to be good stewards of this most generous gift.

What have we done-

- Began and ended our meetings with prayer to ask for God's guidance in our decisions
- 10 weekly meetings thus far
- Saturday Church tour of 4 catholic parishes to see a variety of ideas, design, color and also to see the work of the contractor we have chosen to lead our project—St Patrick's Guild
- Reviewed many design features from the companies that gave us a bid
- Took parishioners suggestions into account and brought all parishioner input to the committee meetings
- Used a consensus process to help make the larger decisions that impact our budget
- Took the advice of the professionals from St Patrick's Guild—in regards to design, colors, styles, and what they recommend doing to repair both the Stations of the Cross and the cracks in our plaster.
- Reviewed photos from our church history and the décor of the past
- You are cordially invited & encouraged to take a moment today in the narthex to see some of the ideas & plans we have been working on.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Fr Gregory Abbott

Doris Mielke

Roger Storms

Julie Monsen

Mary Monsen

Elroy Knauer

Mary Lou Wildung

Judy Jenkins

Julie Kleindl

Beautification Project Costs Parish Presentation

Plaster repair and painting of the sanctuary and proscenium wall	\$34,329,00
Plaster repair and painting of Nave	\$35,022.00
Restoration of Stations	\$34,000.00
Lighting of Sanctuary	\$17,000.00
Restoration Last Supper Altar	\$10,500.00
Restoration of 6 Statues	\$7,450.00
Angels in new Altar	\$1,000.00
New Tabernacle Altar	\$22,650.00
Paint Ceiling	\$31,500.00
Contingency	\$6,000.00
Total cost of restoration	\$199,451.00

Start Date of the Project~October 8

Completion Date~December 14

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Dear Parishioner,

St. Bernard Parish has been blessed with a long tradition of monthly Eucharistic Adoration. We are continuing this tradition on the first Wednesday of the month after the 8:00 a.m. Mass until 8:00 p.m. in the Adoration Chapel. Beginning this September, in addition to this 1st Wednesday adoration tradition, we are adding Adoration in the main church all other Wednesdays from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Therefore, we will now have weekly adoration. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come.

Since we cannot leave the Eucharist unattended, we will continue to have a sign-up sheet for the first Wednesday of the month and encourage everyone to sign up for a specific time. However, to expand Adoration to a weekly basis, we need to have people who will commit to an hour or half-hour every week. We have therefore contacted some of the people from our list of people who have regularly committed to time in Adoration to ask if they would be willing to commit to spend an hour or half-hour every Wednesday afternoon or evening in Adoration. We are very grateful to have received this commitment from the people we have contacted and are enclosing a copy of the schedule we have prepared for the months of September and October. In addition, a copy of it will be on the table in the Narthex. We appreciate the regular adorers, but we can certainly use more, so we will also have a blank schedule on the narthex table on which you can indicate the time periods you feel you could commit to, or you can contact Marcy Wickenhauser (at 952-466-2593 or cell: 952-412-1482) to let her know your preference. Jesus said *"Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I."* It would be wonderful if there would be two or more people in Adoration at all times. If for some reason you were unable to keep your committed time, you could call the other individual in that time period to be certain someone would be there; or you could call Marcy, and she would get someone to take your place.

To facilitate this, we are planning to send out a list of the names and phone numbers of people who have spent time in Adoration. If you do not wish to be on this list, or have your phone number on it, please let Marcy know.

For the 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Adoration, Father will expose the Blessed Sacrament at 3:00 p.m. If he should be called away for an emergency, please wait for a bit and someone else will be there shortly to do it.

If for some reason Adoration had to be unexpectedly cancelled, we would post a sign at the main door. Additionally, in bad weather, if Central NYA schools close, there will be no Adoration.

Sincerely,

Marcy Wickenhauser
Adoration Coordinators

Helen Nicklaus