

# ANNUAL REPORT

— 2021-2022 —



**PASTOR**

Rev. Garrett McIntyre

**BREAUX BRIDGE**

Louisiana

**LAFAYETTE**

Diocese

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A brief summary of the administrative and ministerial endeavors at St. Bernard Catholic Church during the July 2021 - June 2022 fiscal year.

# LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear  
Parishioners,



**“For 175 years, St. Bernard Church has served the needs of the Catholic community of Breaux Bridge and the surrounding region.”**

Presented here is the Annual Report for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. Within this document, you will find financial and ministerial information pertinent to the life of St. Bernard Church. As we celebrated a major milestone, our **175th Anniversary as a church parish**, this report reveals the ongoing commitment and

dedication St. Bernard Church enjoys from its faithful parishioners. For 175 years, St. Bernard Church has served the needs of the Catholic community of Breaux Bridge and the surrounding region. For many years, our parish has provided sacramental grace, supported communal life, and walked with the afflicted.

This past year was another chapter in our long history. Our sacramental programs continue to be strong and growing. Families find a safe and trusted refuge in the youth programs of our parish. Parishioners are able to easily find opportunities to support their intellectual and spiritual formation.

St. Bernard is, in many ways, a cultural center of our city. From our monthly French masses to Tunes on the Teche, we ensure that our faith and our culture are always in communication with one another. When the Faith informs the culture, society becomes more fruitful. Through social engagement, our parish can be a beacon to a society that has lost its way.

Hundreds of people have benefited from the generosity of the parishioners of St. Bernard Church. The monthly food drives, financial assistance, and donations to supporting organizations are some of the ways St. Bernard Church carries out the Gospel message to be mindful of the poor (cf. Gal. 2:10). Our parish's response to natural disasters has been described as a model for parish involvement. Caring for our neighbor is an important part of living our identity as faithful Christians.

Our 175th Anniversary has demonstrated how much we have received and is a reminder of how much we have to give. The Lord continues to bless St. Bernard Church and its parishioners and the surrounding community. This report is a snapshot of the visible gifts and graces our parish enjoys. It is even more rewarding to contemplate the unknown and hidden ways the Lord moves in the hearts of His people. May He reward each of you for your commitment and dedication to the life and ministry of St. Bernard Church. May He grant us many more years to serve Him and make Him known in Breaux Bridge.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Garrett McIntyre". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Fr. Garrett McIntyre, Pastor





# ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

## ST. BERNARD PERSONNEL

Full Time

Part Time

Ancillary

5

4

10

### Clergy

- Rev. Garrett McIntyre, Pastor
- Rev. Blake Dubroc, In Residence
- Deacon Marcel "Butch" Hebert, Jr.
- Deacon Jim Davis

### Staff

- Michele Frederick, Administrative Assistant
- Christine Angelle, Cemetery Administrator
- Kelli LeBlanc, Director of Faith Formation
- Kaitlin Davis, Coordinator of Formation & Evangelization Outreach
- Deirdre Soileau, Bookkeeper
- Chasity Soileau, Marriage Formation Coordinator
- McCaulley Media, Communications
- Anton van de Klundert, Maintenance Supervisor
- Carlton Degetaire, Maintenance Assistant

St. Bernard Catholic School



Families

274

Students

378

### New Staff



**Kaitlin Davis**

Coordinator of Formation & Evangelization Outreach

# FAITH FORMATION



## MINISTRY

## STATISTICS

Parish School of Religion

205 Students (1st-10th Grade)

Confirmation Candidates

49 Confirmation Candidates

First Communion Candidates

71 First Communion Candidates

Faith Camp Summer 2022

127 Children

Covecrest 2022

19 Students

EDGE

5 Chaperones

1 Overnight Retreat

38 Participants

VIA

16 Students

1 Silent Retreat

VIA Lenten Bible Study

10 Students

Rooted

1 Advent Retreat

RCIA

2 Candidates

Marriage Prep

25 Couples

Adult Confirmation Classes

2 Classes

20 Attendees

Come, Lord Jesus

21 members

Fall & Advent 2021 Small Groups

16 Small Groups

107 Participants

Spring (& Lent) 2022 Small Groups

11 Small Groups

101 Participants

Summer 2022 Small Groups

4 Small Groups

46 Participants

Book of Isaiah Bible Study

10 Participants

# COMMUNITY LIFE

MINISTRY	STATISTICS
Knights of Columbus	\$11,000 Monetary Donations to St. Bernard Ministries & Community Organizations \$12,000 Raised for Baby Bottle Campaign 140 Members 20 Volunteers
St. Joseph's Altar & Feast Day	300 Attendees
Worker Bees	33 Registered Volunteers
Catholic Daughters	221 Members Largest court in the state
Altar Society	225 members Purchased New Cassocks for Altar Servers Purchased Brass Tubings for Canopy Over Tabernacle
Martha's Guild	10 Members
Theology on the Bayou 2021 Summer Series	90-100 Attendees / Night
Theology on the Bayou 2022 Summer Series	90-100 Attendees / Night
Tunes on the Teche (July 4, 2021)	300 Attendees
"Gifts of the Lay Vocation" Talk by Dcn. Nick	40 Attendees
Pro-Life Prayer Vigils	4 Vigils 25 Attendees
French Mass	11 Masses 6 Celebrants
Fete Dieu Du Teche 2021	1200 Attendees
St. Bernard Feast Day Celebration (Aug. 2021)	250 Attendees
Adoratin Sign Up Weekend	12 New Adorers \$20,000 Donated
Hurricane Ida Relief Volunteers	50 Volunteers 2,000 Gallons of Gas 5,000 Pounds of Ice
That Man Is You	16 Men
Family Holy Hours	5 Nights 5 Families
Beautify the Church Grounds Days	2 Work Days 15 Attendees
Living Rosary	50 Attendees
Worship Night w/ Wayne	75 Attendees
6th-8th Grade Overnight Retreat	38 Retreatants
Christ the King Eucharist Procession	100 Participants
Advent Mission: Confession w/ Fr. Patrick Broussard	3 Nights 125 Attendees
Advent Retreat (2nd-5th Grade)	36 Attendees
St. Lucy Festival of Lights	22 Children in Light Procession 200 Attendees
Hospitality Weekend	250 Attendees
Christmas Concert	300 Attendees
The Star Movie Night	65 Families
Women's Morning of Adoration Jan. 2022	30-40 Women
First Thursday Adoration & Confessions	40 Adorers
High School Lenten Retreat	16 Retreatants
Lent Mission 2022 Fr. Jeff	150 Attendees
Good Friday Walk	200 Participants
Contraception: What's the Big Deal? Talk	30 Attendees
Clergy Appreciation Mass & Dinner	100 Attendees
Adoration Night w/ Praise & Worship	2 Nights 10 Attendees
Beauty as a Transcendental Talk by Tre Fontenot	15 Attendees



# SACRAMENTS & LITURGY



## MINISTRY

## STATISTICS

Adoration Chapel

238 Total Adorers

Altar Servers

41 Servers

Choir

20 Members

Extraordinary Ministers

47 Ministers

Lectors

26 Lectors

First Communions

86 Candidates

Confirmations

47 (PSR)

4 (RCIC)

18 (Adult Confirmations)

2 (Rec'd into Full Communion)

Marriages

21 Marriages

5 Convalidations

Baptisms

63 (Under age 7)

4 (Ages 7-17)

Deaths

112 Deaths

Youth Adoration

10 Children

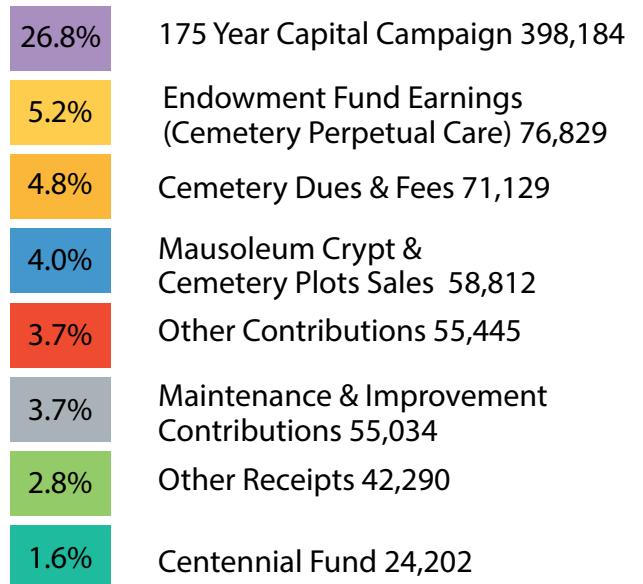
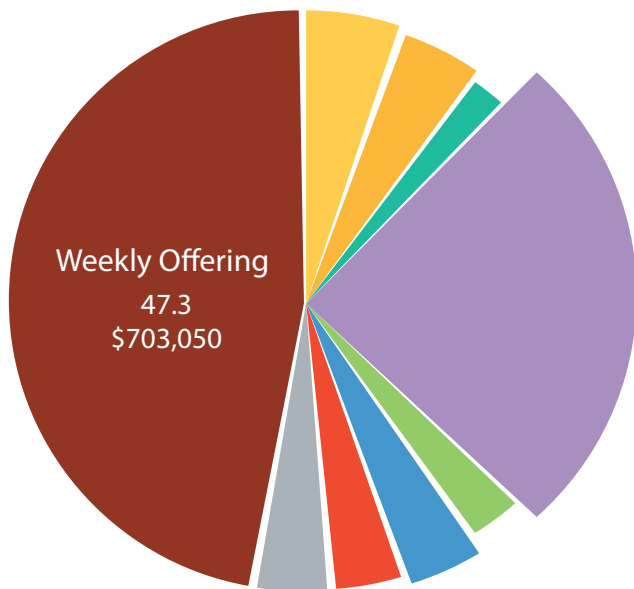
Eucharistic Processions

4 Processions

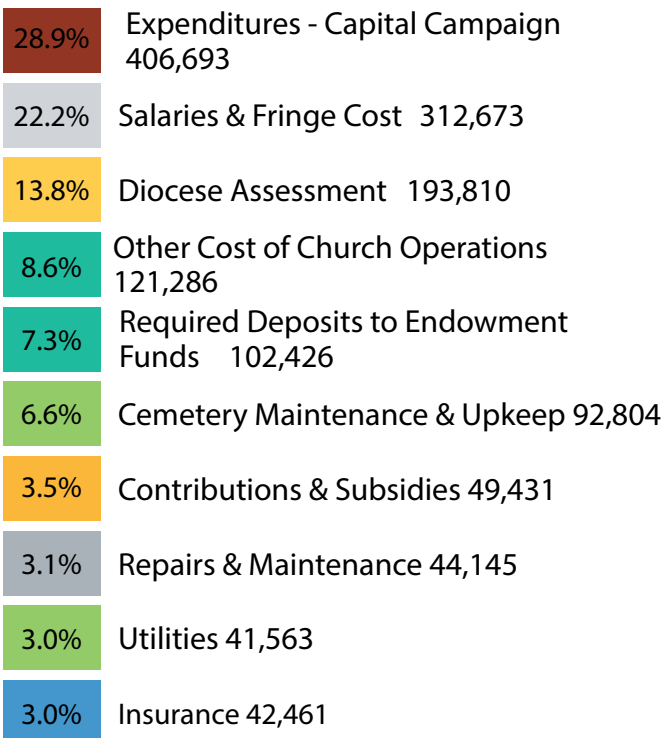


# FINANCES

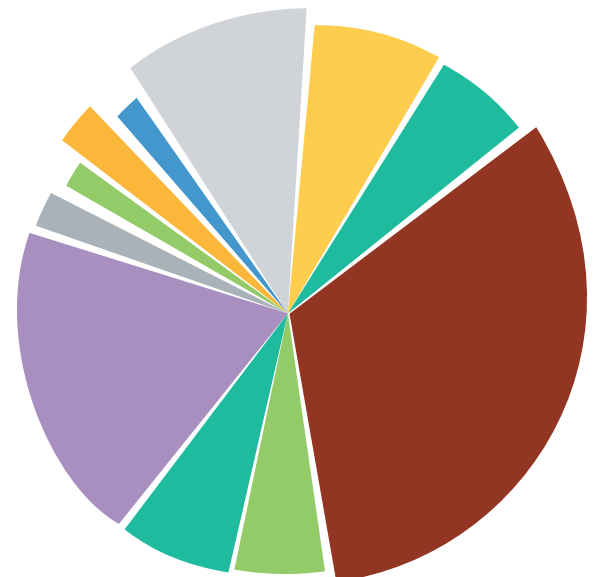
## INCOME



**TOTAL INCOME: \$1,484,975**



## EXPENSES



**TOTAL EXPENSES: \$1,407,292**

**Total Income: \$1,484,975**

**Total Expenses: \$1,407,292**

**Net Income Over Expenses: + \$77,683**

# COMMUNICATIONS

WEBSITE

29,000  
visits

Up 26%



flocknote

1824  
Members

FACEBOOK

3,171

(+343)

## 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. BERNARD PARISH

The 175th Anniversary Campaign was launched in 2022 which includes five projects to restore and grow St. Bernard's historic church. We are pleased to report that because of your generous commitment to our successful campaign, several advances have taken place in these projects:



### PROJECTS

- ✓ Reredos + Side Altars Installation
- ✓ New Confessional
- ! Second Confessional | In Progress
- ✓ Repair + Seal Church Exterior
- ! Walkway + Courtyard Design Plans | In Progress
- ✓ Restore + Recover Bell Towers in Copper
- ! New Building Major Renovations | In Progress



GOAL



PLEDGED  
118% OF GOAL!



COLLECTED  
AS OF JAN. '23



GIVING TUESDAY  
NOVEMBER 2021



DONORS



Restored Church



Sealed Brick Exterior



New Building



New Reredos



New Confessional



Copper Bell Towers

Learn More: [stbernardcatholicchurch.com/175Years](https://stbernardcatholicchurch.com/175Years)