



# ST. BERNARD CATHOLIC CHURCH

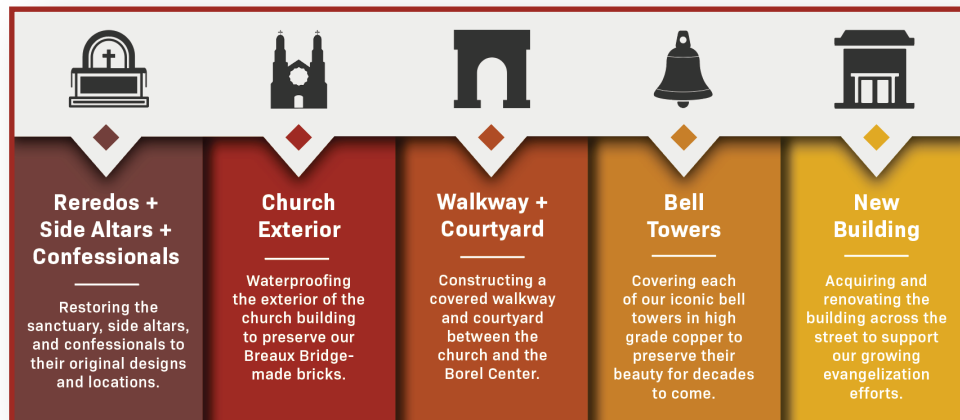
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Dear St. Bernard Parishioners,

Happy New Year! **Today marks the beginning of our 175th anniversary as a church parish serving the community of Breaux Bridge.** We are filled with gratitude for the abundant blessings the Lord has given to St. Bernard Church over its history. We remain committed to caring for and passing down all that He has entrusted to us. As we look forward to the future of our parish, particularly this upcoming year, there are several major projects that will serve the needs of our community for decades to come.

As you know, at the beginning of November 2021 we launched the 175th Anniversary Campaign as we seek to accomplish the church restoration and expansion projects outlined here:



Your response to these projects have been overwhelmingly generous and eager. Your excitement and desire for these projects is encouraging. It is a testament to your faith and your commitment to the future of St. Bernard Church.

We set a goal of \$600,000 to be combined with \$315,000 in savings. **As of today, you all have pledged more than \$710,000!** Reaching over our goal allows us to accomplish even more than we hoped for. These funds will serve our parish in powerful ways to care for our church building and expand our catechesis and evangelization efforts.

I look forward to all this coming year will offer as we celebrate 175 years and create a firm foundation for continued service to future generations! May this new year's day be a blessing of hopeful expectation for all the Lord desires to fulfill within us. May Mary, the Mother of God protect us and lead us closer to her Divine Son.

St. Bernard of Clairvaux, pray for us.

In Christ,

Fr. Garrett McIntyre  
Pastor of St. Bernard Catholic Church