# HONORING THE PAST Leaving a LEGACY FOR THE FUTURE Celebrating 175 Years of the Catholic Faith in Watertown

In preparation for th<mark>e dedication</mark> of the new altar by Bishop Hying in celebration of the Feast of St. Bernard



CHURCH



### A year-long celebration commemorating

# 175 YEARS

# St. Bernard Catholic Church

# What is being done?



- The remodel of the sanctuary: St. Bernard was blessed to receive an altar, reredos and ambo from a church that closed in Pennsylvania (the photographs above show the work in progress on the altar). Due to the vision and dedication of a small group of volunteers, the refurbishment work is now underway. The sanctuary flooring will be updated with a beautiful solid-surface floor that will enhance the altar. New candle holders, chairs, etc. will reflect the beauty of the sanctuary.
- 2. The renovation of the Chapel: The fully-refurbished Chapel will feature multi-purpose space for daily Mass, Religious Education classes, faith formation meetings and more. Plaster repair, fiberglass protection, painting, new lighting and flooring will complete the project.
- Update flooring throughout the Nave (Main Body of the Church): Porcelain tiles have proven to be a cost-effective, long-lasting, durable, easier to keep clean, allergy-free and water resistant option to our current carpet.
- 4. Install air conditioning in the Church: Extreme heat and humidity can damage and devalue the historical artwork throughout our Church, the newly remodeled reredos, our piano and our organ. A stable, air-conditioned environment is essential to maintaining these items entrusted to our care, as well as create a favorable atmosphere for our parishioners.

## How can I help?

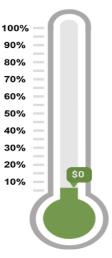
**Share your time and talent:** We expect to complete these projects in time for a parish-wide celebration on the Feast of St. Bernard on August 22, 2021. Dedicated volunteers with a variety of talents at all skill levels can help make this project a success:

- Light sanding to prepare wood for paint.
- Woodworking skills to repair or replace wood accents.
- Painters, semi-professional and artisan quality.
- Transportation of finished pieces from the warehouse to St. Bernard.
- Other help, as needed.

Please contact Todd Zelinski at 414-526-3118 or todd@ductowire.com to volunteer.

#### Share your treasure: Several parishioners have made significant donations totaling \$110,000 that have allowed for us to begin the project. The Joe and Sharon Darcey Foundation has agreed to match all donations. Because of this very generous offer to match donations, and from the donations that we have already received, we need only to raise \$175,000 to accomplish all of the projects. We need the help of every St. Bernard parishioner to help make the projects a completed success. Please contact Barb Bartz, our Financial Manager, at 920-261-7273 (ext 103) or bbartz@watertowncatholic.org to talk about ways to help financially support this project.

#### Goal: \$175,000



All donations will be matched by the Joe and Sharon Darcey Foundation

## How can I help contribute toward the \$175,000 goal?

Thank you for the support that you show to your parish. We are so grateful for all that you do for your parish. We are asking that you make a sacrificial gift to support our parish 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary projects. There are several ways that you can give:

#### Cash

Check, made out to *St. Bernard Parish* (Memo line: *175th Anniversary Projects*)

**Online at www.WatertownCatholic.org** Choose a one-time gift or recurring gift using a credit card, debit card or electronic funds transfer from your checking or savings.

#### **Other Options**

Our Watertown Catholic Finance Manager will contact you for personal assistance to assist with electronic funds transfer (EFT), credit card, debit card, gifts of stock and mutual funds, life insurance, mandatory disbursements from retirement accounts and more.

If we truly believe that God gives us all that we have, gratitude is one response to our belief.