

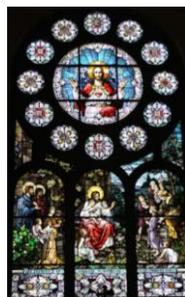
## BRIEF HISTORY

We outgrew the first church, begun in 1849 under the name of St. Francis. Floods destroyed our second church. Persevering through bankruptcy, we built our current church (St. Bernard) in 1913, which seats over 500. Over the next 25 years, we beautified the church. The breathtaking, stained glass windows of the Beatitudes were added in the midst of the Great Depression! More about our history can be found at <http://dmsbcatholic.com/bernard/>

## POSITIVE PARISH MOMENTUM & SIGNS OF HOPE

The future of our small (182 household), inner-city parish is looking increasingly bright. We have a warm and friendly parish and Mass attendance is increasing. New families are joining and volunteerism is thriving. New home development in the Dayton community also offers renewed hope to the area.

St. Bernard parishioners are not wealthy, but they are committed to their parish, hardworking, and generous in their outreach toward others.



- ❖ St. Bernard has a very active food pantry that serves 400 local families.
- ❖ Old St. Francis cemetery, which had been neglected for 50 years, is now being cleaned up, reclaimed, and restored by tireless volunteers!
- ❖ Recent hall renovations were done completely with volunteer labor. Materials were paid for by a Memorial Tile Fundraiser, which now continues to raise money for a new heating and air-conditioning system.

- ❖ The parish has helped a number of priests from India obtain their Master's Degree in Education from Xavier University. Xavier offers them free tuition and we offer them lodging in exchange for their saying Masses.
- ❖ The parish has supported the launching of a new diocesan religious order by housing two priests in the rectory, who celebrate the traditional Latin Mass.
- ❖ St. Bernard also hosts Lenten Fish Fries, which are very well attended!

## CURRENT CHALLENGE

For safety reasons, our boiler was turned off after our Easter Mass on 3/27/16, leaving our church and school building without heat. It is beyond repair and we need a new heating system before winter.

All decisions in this regard are being made under the supervision of the Diocese of Covington, who is donating Building and Maintenance expertise, as well as KLH Engineering, which has performed an Engineering study.

Their combined advice is that we don't just need a new boiler; the entire system of 100-year-old piping and radiators is worn out. We need a whole new system. The current steam boiler is located in the old school building and heats both the school building and the church.

The recommendation of both the Diocese and KLH Engineering was to focus on putting a new heating system in the church that would be separate and independent from the school building. This means we needed to add a mechanical room and new piping to the church. The church system, designed by KLH Engineering will use

quiet, fan-coil units, which will respect the interior sacred architecture of the church. It will also be able to both heat and cool the church. After reviewing initial bids, KLH Engineering estimated this project for heating and air-conditioning at a half million dollars. Century Mechanical Solutions is currently installing our new system.

With no more heat in the school building, we are also moving our parish office, Food Pantry and Fr. Siju, from the school building, into the rectory. The school building will then be winterized. This will substantially reduce our monthly utility bills.

## BUDGET as of 10/22/2016

### Costs

Mechanical Room	\$30,000
Asbestos & pipe removal	\$22,000
Heating for church	\$395,000
Air-Conditioning for church	\$98,000
Cost overruns	<u>\$15,000</u>
	<b>\$560,000</b>

### Money Received

**\$460,000**

**Total Needed to avoid loan: \$100,000**

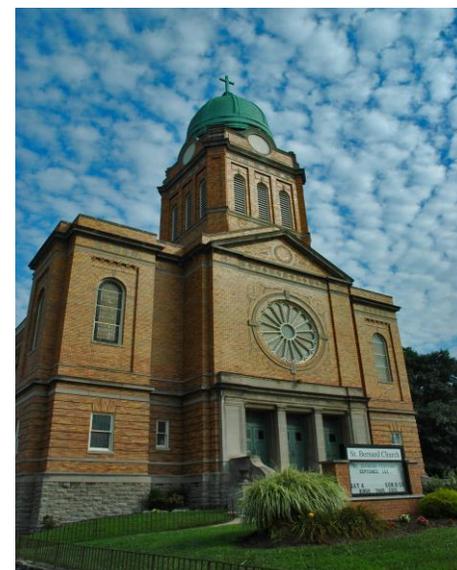
***Air Conditioning has been approved!***



Fr. Kroger's 60th Priesthood Anniversary Mass (2016)

# Saint Bernard Church

*Is installing a New Heating System*



St. Bernard Church is a testimony to our parishioner's long history of overcoming challenges to provide a beautiful worship space for God. Now, our heating system has breathed its last and it is our turn to carry forward this tradition.

Our goal is to have a new heating system installed by winter. We invite generous donors like yourself to help us by making a leadership gift to this project. All donations will go 100% toward this project.

*For the first time in one hundred years, St. Bernard Church will be air-conditioned!*

Thank You to all who are making this possible!

*Fr. Martin Pitstick*



## The Memorare

*Composed by St. Bernard of Clairvaux*

REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary,  
that never was it known that anyone  
who fled to thy protection, implored thy help,  
or sought thy intercession was left unaided.  
Inspired by this confidence, I fly to thee,  
O Virgin of virgins, my Mother;  
to thee do I come; before thee I stand,  
sinful and sorrowful. O Mother  
of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but  
in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

Dear Mary, through the patronage of St. Bernard  
of Clairvaux, we entrust our church and this capital  
campaign to your maternal care. Help us to  
always live in a manner that is worthy of the  
promises of your Son, Jesus Christ.

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*Centennial Mass & Reception*



*St. Francis Cemetery*



*Memorial Tile Fundraiser Project*