

Here are some of the things your Pastor has been working on

SCHOOL

- Expanding our new preschool to have a second classroom this year and a third classroom next year
- Playground Equipment that is needed for our Pre-school to become state certified. Playground equipment is very expensive today! So far, we have raised \$35,000 toward the \$60,000 needed.
- Fencing around dumpster and St. Vincent de Paul clothing drop-off box
- Exterior and Interior Security cameras for our school
- Awnings for School and Pre-School entrances
- New Prayer Room where Father can meet with students and hear their confessions
- Replacement of old air conditioning units
- Providing music for school masses
- Formation monthly conferences, socials, and annual half-day retreat for teachers
- Sending teachers & PREP/RCIA catechists to John Bosco religious educators conference in Steubenville
- Catholic Youth Scholarship program

BOTH PARISHES

- Men's Breakfast planning
- RCIA planning
- Young Adult ministry planning (trying to restart)
- Youth ministry planning (trying to find someone to lead this effort)
- PREP planning
- Youth/parent/family formation for Love Ed - coordinated with both school and PREP
- Relaunching Parish councils after covid-19 (restarting meetings in August)
- Transitioning to new cloud-based financial software for both parishes as of July

Divine Mercy

- Overseeing of roof and bell tower construction (this occupies a *significant* amount of time!)
- Planning/Launching next phases of capital campaign for interior restoration and handicapped accessibility
- Water damage mitigation in church before and during the construction and related insurance claims
- Expanding courtyard with pavers (need help with this!)
- Tuck pointing 3 brick rental houses and repainting exterior trim
- Significant gutter repair for rectory
- New three car concrete parking pad behind St Anthony rectory
- Remodeling of St Anthony rectory to meet state requirements to use as a daycare.
- Fencing grassy area of Charity Hall to use for daycare
- Coordination with new efforts to form an Altar Guild for cleaning and sacristan work
- Finishing up 3 years of extensive plumbing and water damage repairs in the convent
- New roof leak repair and water damage mitigation at the convent
- Water damage cleanup & insurance claim for St. Anthony rectory (still trying to figure out where it came in)
- Launching youth choir for the 5:30 Mass
- Repair of front church door closure mechanisms



St Bernard

- Exterior painting of church
- Ongoing (behind-the-scenes) efforts to overcome obstacles in reestablishing cemetery access with a railroad crossing
- Ongoing (behind-the-scenes) efforts in evaluation of the future of our school building

Please pray for all of these projects! While it may seem that I am spending less time devoted to St. Bernard at the moment, bear in mind that for three years, I spent almost all of my time focused on putting in a new heating and air-conditioning system at St. Bernard and raising the money to pay for it. Now Divine Mercy is pulling more of my time. I also feel I need to make the flourishing of our school a priority as well since this represents our next generation. As such I am giving a significant amount of my attention to our school, school staff, and school children. *If you are interested in helping with any of these projects or volunteering for our other ministries, please contact me.*

Fr. Martin