

2025

# SEE THE LIGHT, BE THE LIGHT: CONTINUING THE LEGACY

A CAPITAL CAMPAIGN *for* **ST. BRIDGET CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Liberty, Indiana

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## Dear Parishioners,

We have been gifted 171 years of God's grace, presence, and activity throughout Union County in our beloved parish of St. Bridget. Since before the Civil War, there have been at our parish innumerable, grace-filled events, especially including baptisms, weddings, funerals, classes, festivals, meals, ministry and so much more. That patrimony of our parish's life is renewed each time we gather for Mass, and that only ever happens inside our beautiful church. It is inside those walls that we worship God together, and He makes us one in the Body of Christ. What a life we have been given! What a legacy we have received!!

Indeed, we have much to be thankful for at St. Bridget, and a very important way we show our gratitude for all that we have received from God and through our parish's life is by caring for the buildings and grounds that we inherited. It is through these very buildings – especially our church – that God's grace springs forth into our lives and overflows into the lives of those in our community. Now, in gratitude and faith, we must ensure that our church building continues to be that first and foundational point of contact between us and God for generations to come.

As many are aware, the bricks and mortar of our church need some attention. By tuckpointing our church building, we will help maintain its structural integrity and improve its appearance while protecting the sanctuary from more water damage.

For this reason, after thorough discernment and consultation, we are embarking on a capital campaign to raise \$350,000 that will allow us to be more responsive to our parish needs and mission.

This brochure shares the necessary plans to ensure that we raise the funds necessary to maintain God's house and continue to grow God's Kingdom beyond our church building and campus. Whether you are new to our church or have been here from the beginning, I ask you to prayerfully reflect on how you have been blessed by this parish. I invite you to prayerfully consider how you are able to contribute your financial gifts to this crucial effort for our parish and join with me in praying for the success of our campaign. Sacrificial giving is an expression of our faith and an important way to respond to God in gratitude.

The Suggested Gift Chart details pledges ranging from \$1,500 to \$120,000 payable over three years. This wide range of gift opportunities makes it possible for virtually every family to take part in the program.

The support of each parishioner is vital to the success of this campaign. On Sunday, May 18th, time will be set aside for all families to make their pledge. I invite you to prayerfully discern your gift and respond with your pledge.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous support for our parish as we look to the future with hope and continue to build the Kingdom of God.

Peace,

Fr. Dustin Boehm

# Our Parish History

The work of the Catholic Church started in Liberty in 1849 by immigrants from Ireland. Mass was celebrated in private homes once per month. Father Henry Peters, resident priest of Connersville, took charge of Liberty in 1853. The first Catholic Church was built in 1854 but unfortunately was destroyed by fire just four years later in 1858. Father Peters rebuilt a brick church in 1859, which was used for Masses until 1905. Father Peters then placed the church under the patronage of St Bridget of Gaels. In 1905 the present church was built. St Bridget has had 23 priests to lead our flock towards greater spiritual paths. We are grateful to all of those who have gone before us, their perseverance and faith leaving each of us the responsibility to continue the legacy of this Catholic Church serving God.

## Campaign Case

In recent years it has become apparent that there is need to replace the mortar on the exterior of our church which needs immediate attention to prevent further damage to the interior of the church. Tackling this project will allow our faithful to continue to focus on our most important mission - bringing people to Christ.

After much discussion and discernment, we have decided to move forward with the following plan: We will complete tuckpointing on all existing bricks, replacing the deteriorated mortar with new, durable mortar. In some areas, the mortar is loose or entirely missing. Tuckpointing is the process of removing and replacing damaged mortar joints in brick walls, this will not only enhance the church's appearance but also help ensure its long-term structural integrity.

*As we look to the future of our parish, these repairs are vital to preserving our church building!*

## How Can You Help?

It is our time to repair, restore and preserve the most beautiful gift of our ancestors and to ensure that it remains for the future generations to come.

*How can you help St Bridget accomplish our Goals?*

### 1 First, Pray.

Pray for God's provision and your opportunity to take part in the preservation of our beautiful church, by increasing our spiritual growth and leaving fruitful impact on our community.

### 2 Second, give a gift today.

We are being asked to come together as one Catholic Community to make sacrifices of our treasure honoring how generous God has been to each of us that we respond in proportion to our own financial ability.

### 3 Third, be a part of this exciting movement!

This will be an exciting faith-filled journey over the next 3 years and beyond that can maximize our spiritual growth, by remembering what is most important in our lives and continuing the legacy of our church for decades to come.

# THANK YOU!





# Project Scope

The church needs tuckpointing. There are places where the mortar is loose or completely gone. Tuckpointing is the process of repairing mortar joints in brick walls by removing and replacing damaged mortar. It improves the appearance of the church and helps maintain its structural integrity. We plan on cutting all mortar joints on all existing bricks and replacing with new mortar. Work to be completed as follows:

## **Bell Tower**

» ESTIMATED Cost: \$90,000.00

## **North side of church**

» ESTIMATED Cost: \$75,000.00

## **East side of church**

» ESTIMATED Cost: \$100,000.00

## **West side of church**

» ESTIMATED Cost: \$100,000.00

## **South side of church**

» ESTIMATED Cost: \$75,000.00

» **Total Project Cost: \$440,000**  
**Less Parish Savings: \$90,000**  
**Campaign Goal: \$350,000**



# Frequently Asked Questions

***Q. When will the work begin?***

A. The work will begin as the funds become available from the Capital Campaign.

***Q. What will happen if we go over our goal?***

A. All gifts collected after we exceed our goal will be put towards projects to improve the interior of St. Bridget.

***Q. Can I fulfill my pledge online?***

A. Yes, we have set up a page on our website where you may fulfill your pledge.

***Q. Why should I make a pledge?***

A. Most people take advantage of time-payments for major purchases. A pledge to the parish Capital Campaign is a "time-payment plan" that makes it possible for you to meet your parish obligations without undue hardship. Pledges enable you to consider a more significant contribution to the campaign rather than a one-time gift.

***Q. Is my pledge over and above my Sunday Offering?***

A. Yes. We can only reach our goal with a little extra sacrifice. We cannot reach our goal if we reduce our weekly offerings in order to make a pledge to the Capital Campaign. The parish will continue to have normal operating expenses during the pledge period.

***Q. Who will be asked to support the Campaign?***

A. Every parish family will be invited to be a part of this effort. It is our hope that every parish family will make a sacrificial gift for this major effort according to his or her financial ability. We hope everyone will play a conscientious role in renewing the future of the parish. We invite all families to participate in our spiritual growth program over the next 3 years also.

***Q. What happens if I cannot fulfill my pledge?***

A. Pledges are made in good faith and accepted as such. If hardship or illness prevents you from fulfilling your pledge, let the parish know, and other arrangements will be made.

***Q. What if I would like to give stocks, real estate, grain, livestock or some other kind of gift?***

A. There are several ways to support our campaign, please see the ways to give section on the next pages of this brochure or call the parish office.

**More Questions?**

Contact the Parish at **(765) 825-8578**

# Campaign Timeline

Silent Campaign  
Phase begins  
**February 18, 2025**

Public Phase  
**May 9, 2025**

**Estimated Completion  
of Campaign  
July 1, 2025**

Pledge Collection Period for  
“Continuing the Legacy”  
**July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2028**

Tuckpointing to begin!  
**July 1, 2025**



## Three-Year Gift Table

TOTAL PLEDGE	36 MONTHLY PAYMENTS	12 QUARTERLY PAYMENTS	6 SEMI-ANNUAL PAYMENTS	3 ANNUAL PAYMENTS
\$120,000	\$3,333	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$40,000
\$90,000	\$2,500	\$7,500	\$15,000	\$30,000
\$45,000	\$1,250	\$3,750	\$7,500	\$15,000
\$30,000	\$833	\$2,500	\$5,000	\$10,000
\$21,000	\$583	\$1,750	\$3,500	\$7,000
\$15,000	\$417	\$1,250	\$2,500	\$5,000
\$12,000	\$333	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$4,000
\$9,000	\$250	\$750	\$1,500	\$3,000
\$6,000	\$167	\$500	\$1,000	\$2,000
\$4,500	\$125	\$375	\$750	\$1,500
\$3,000	\$83	\$250	\$500	\$1,000
\$1,500	\$42	\$125	\$250	\$500



# Ways to Give

## Stocks & Bonds\*

There are added advantages to giving stocks, bonds, and securities.

## Wills & Bequests

Providing St. Bridget in your will can have significant federal and estate tax advantages. For additional information, please contact the parish office at 765-825-8578.

## Tax-Deductible Gifts

All gifts are tax deductible as provided by law. Receipts will be provided upon request.

## Gift of Grain / Gift of Livestock

Before selling, please contact the Parish Office at (765) 825-8578 for instructions.

## IRA Gifts\*

People over 70 ½ years old may also be eligible to make a charitable gift from your IRA assets with no tax complications.

## Matching Gifts

Many firms have matching gift programs to provide incentive for their employees to make charitable donations. Please ask your Human Resources Department for a matching gift form. Both current and retired employees may be eligible.

## Pledge Installments

You will receive two "Continuing the Legacy" Capital Campaign envelopes in your bimonthly envelope packets. Please make your checks payable to: *St. Bridget Church.*

*\*Talk with your financial advisor for more information on making these types of charitable donations.*

# Fulfilling Your Pledge



Sign up to fulfill your pledge using our Online Giving by visiting [www.stgandb.org](http://www.stgandb.org). You can set your recurring pledge payment using your bank account or credit card.



Use your campaign envelope and bring it to Mass or mail it to the parish office.



Explore using tax advantaged charitable gifts such as IRA distributions, Gifts of Stock, Gifts of Grain and Gifts of Livestock, or remembering the parish in your will. Contact the parish office at (765) 825-8578.



Scan this QR code with your phone to be taken directly to our campaign page on our website.



# Campaign Prayer

*Heavenly Father,*

We thank You for the gift of life that You have given each of us. Let Your Spirit live within us, being the light that guides us throughout our lives. Give us the wisdom to see the light of Your presence all our days on this earth. Pour out Your spirit upon the parishioners of St. Bridget Parish that we may serve You faithfully until our souls rest in You.

Open our hearts and minds to You and help us to be stewards of the gifts You have given each of us. Help us to be like Mary, always faithful to You. Help us to be like St. Joseph accepting Your call to serve You. Help us to be like St. Bridget known for her generosity.

We especially pray for the success of our capital campaign, that we may step forward together in faith and recommit ourselves to Your mission of love. May our efforts, combined with Your grace allow us to continue bringing people to Christ for generations to come.

**AMEN.**



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