

Dear Fellow St. Bruno Parishioners,

Over the course of the last year, St. Bruno Finance Council has compiled a list of repair, maintenance, and upkeep projects that need to be addressed to keep our parish building & grounds in good condition. We have assigned each task with a priority level of low, medium or high. This list has helped us determine which projects need to be addressed first & helps us budget for upcoming large expenses. The following is a list of projects that are currently being addressed or have been completed in the last several months. I have included the total cost of current projects and how often each of them needs to be readdressed.

- HVAC replacement – total cost \$160,000 (15 years)
- Replacement of sacristy doors – total cost \$2,900 (30+ years)
- Installation of new spotlights in nave of church - \$1,600 for lights; labor to install donated (20+ years)
- Tuckpointing, caulking & waterproofing select portions of church in need of immediate repair - \$25,125 (Tuckpointing lasts 40 years, if waterproofed, waterproofing lasts 8-10 years, and caulking lasts 15-20 years)
- Painting upper windows (interior & exterior) & wall in front of church - total cost \$8,500 (exterior paint 5-6 years)
- Installation of light under west Venegoni chapel entrance - \$100 donated by parishioner (25 years)
- Removal & trimming of trees in rectory yard – paid by parishioners
- Painting of church doors (exterior) – waiting on estimate (5-6 years)
- Clean gutters & roof on Rectory – completed by volunteers (routinely addressed)
- Painting handrails around entire campus – \$150 cost of paint & primer donated by parishioner, labor donated by volunteers (10+ years)
- Reattaching gutters & downspouts on School & Joel Center – completed by volunteers (routinely inspected and addressed, as needed)
- Cleaning, painting & restoration of statue on east side of church - \$1,000 cost covered by donations (20 years, if maintained/cleaned regularly)
- Cleaning of lamppost globes & posts – completed by volunteers (routinely inspected and addressed, as needed)

We are providing this information to be transparent about how church funds are being utilized. As you can see, we have been able to complete some projects at a very low cost due to the generous donation of time, talent & treasure from some volunteers and donors. We still have many tasks and projects on our list that can be completed by volunteers. These tasks can be completed in a few different ways: scheduled volunteer workdays or

you can call the parish office to find out what can be done at your convenience if you can't make it to a workday but would still like to help. You can also call the church office to make a monetary donation to a specific project.

We also have many projects on the list that need to be completed by professionals and will be addressed as needed and as finances allow.

We are very grateful for your past, present and continued support of your parish!

We do not intend the list to be overwhelming to anyone but are providing it to keep realistic expectations about the cost of maintaining our property. If you have any questions about any of the above information, please contact Jennifer Robb (618-318-2903) or Ralph Chapman (618-923-0733).

The following are just a few ways you can help maintain our parish building and grounds:

- Volunteer at a parish workday or other parish event; when maintenance tasks/projects are completed by volunteers, this helps us save money and helps build a sense of community
- If time doesn't allow you to help on organized parish workdays, contact our parish office to ask about tasks that you can complete at another time
- For those age 70.5+, donate to our parish by utilizing a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your Individual Retirement Account (IRA). Ask your Financial Advisor for more details about how this type of giving can lower your taxable income.
- If you are not physically able to help with parish projects, you can make a monetary donation to help cover the cost of a specific project