



May 2022 Update

The strategic planning process which began in October continues to move forward. Working toward a shared vision of a vibrant Catholic presence in Northwest Milwaukee continues as the focus of our efforts.

Since our last update...

- As previously announced, as of June 2023 St. Bernadette, Our Lady of Good Hope, and St. Catherine of Alexandria will be served by one pastor. Representatives from the Archdiocese met with the leadership from St. Catherine on April 26th and with St. Bernadette and Our Lady of Good Hope leaders on May 11th for discussion and to answer preliminary questions.
- On May 18th, the Steering Committee and workgroups came together for fellowship in appreciation of all the work that went into documenting the current state of our parishes in the three key areas: Facilities & Finance; Liturgy & Evangelization; and Community Engagement & Education. We are very grateful to all who contributed to this important effort.
- Work continues on a website for planning process information. An announcement will be made when the site is accessible.

Looking ahead...

- The strategic planning workgroups will turn their attention to the future, working to reimagine how we can expand in our three key areas (see above) while also working on the mission that the Archdiocese has tasked us with: Catholic mission vibrancy on the northwest side of Milwaukee. Our timeline for completion of the future state work is the end of August.
- St. Catherine is beginning the process of joining the strategic planning process.

A special opportunity...

To provide an opportunity for parishioners to dialog with parish leaders and share thoughts and insights as we move forward, a series of Coffee Chats is being offered. These relaxed conversations with Fr. Greg, Michael, parish staff, or other parish leaders regarding our strategic planning efforts are scheduled as follows:

*July 13th (Our Lady of Good Hope) *July 27th (St. Bernadette)

*August 3rd (Our Lady of Good Hope) *August 24th (St. Bernadette)

**Attendance is limited to 10 people at each session.
Please RSVP to either parish office to sign up to attend.**

“Consult not your fears, but your hopes and dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what it is still possible for you to do.”

Pope Saint John XXIII