



ST. ANDRÉ BESSETTE PARISH

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**Special Meeting of the Pastoral Council
February 8, 2016
6:30pm, Notre Dame Parish Center**

Strategic Planning

Agenda

1. Opening Prayer

2. “Going with the flow...”

Maintenance vs. Mission

3. What is the work of a Catholic Parish?

Taking stock of our mission

4. What do we have to work with?

Taking stock of our resources

5. Developing a plan

Establishing our priorities

6. Actions steps

Where do we go from here?

7. Closing Prayer

Opening Prayer

Lord God,
source of every grace and blessing,
we give you thanks for the many gifts
that you have given to St. André Bessette Parish.
We seek to be good stewards of them, Lord.
Bless us who gather here.
We ask for courage and perseverance
in acknowledging difficulties
and identifying their solutions.
We ask for open minds,
that we might be wise and creative
in making complex decisions and planning for the future.
Send your Holy Spirit and be present among us
in the mouths of all who speak,
in the ears of all who listen,
and at the heart of all we say and do.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Closing Prayer

Saint Brother André,
we celebrate your presence among us.
Your loving friendship with Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
makes you a powerful intercessor with the Father.
Compassion carries your words straight to God's heart,
and your prayers are answered and bring comfort and healing.
Through you, from our lips to God's ear,
our supplications are heard.
We ask to be made a part of God's work, alongside you,
in the spirit of prayer, compassion and humility.

Saint André Bessette, pray for us.

“Going with the flow...”

How we’ve been operating (maintenance focused model):

1. **Our properties** and their needs
(e.g. costs for fuel, upkeep, repairs)
have dictated



2. what **our programs** look like
(e.g. what kind of space we have available,
what money we have left),
which in turn has dictated



3. **who and how we are** as a parish community.

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How we ought to operate (mission focused model):

1. **Who we want to be** as a parish community
needs to dictate



2. what sort of **programs we offer**,
which should then dictate



3. what **properties** we invest in.

What is the work of a Catholic Parish?

A. Ministries of the Word & Witness

Learn the faith: engaging the mind

1. Evangelization
2. Catechesis
3. Formation

B. Spiritual & Liturgical Ministries

Love the faith: engaging the heart

1. Sacraments
2. Devotions
3. Prayer

C. Ministries of Charity & Community

Live the faith: engaging the hands

1. Fellowship
2. Outreach
3. Stewardship

Corporal Works of Mercy

- Feed the hungry
- Give drink to the thirsty
- Clothe the naked
- Welcome the stranger
- Heal the sick
- Visit the imprisoned
- Bury the dead

Spiritual Works of Mercy

- Counsel the doubtful
- Instruct the ignorant
- Admonish sinners
- Comfort the afflicted
- Forgive offenses
- Bear patiently those who do us ill
- Pray for the living and the dead

What do we have to work with?

Physical Plant

Our Properties

Notre Dame: church/rectory/parish center property on E. Main St., cemetery on Andrus St., school on Homestead Pk., land on West St.

St. Helen's: church/rectory/hall property in Chasm Falls, church property in Owls Head, church property in Lake Titus, cemetery in Chasm Falls

St. John Bosco: church/hall/rectory property on Rennie St., cemetery on Constable St.

St. Joseph's: church/rectory property on W. Main St., cemetery on Fort Covington St., cemetery on Lake Titus Rd., land on Lake Titus Rd., house with garage on Rockland St.

Our Buildings

Notre Dame:	church, rectory, parish center, garage, school, cemetery vault, garage, thrift shop	8
St. Helen's:	churches (3), rectory, parish hall, cemetery shed	6
St. John Bosco:	church/hall, rectory/parish center, garage, cemetery vault	4
St. Joseph's:	church, rectory, house, garage, cemetery vault, sheds (2)	7
St. André's:	former Adult Center	1

26 buildings

Monetary Assets

Amount in DLF (Savings)	
June 30, 2014	\$672,501.13
June 30, 2015	\$692,163.45
January 28, 2015	\$602,163.45

Annual Income and Expense

Fiscal Year	Regular Envelopes	Ordinary Expenses
2013-2014	\$568,909.28	\$810,760.85
2014-2015	\$508,801.82	\$806,054.64
2015-2016*	\$277,032.16	\$445,544.69

**as of January 28, 2016*

Making a Plan

1. Consider who we want to be as a parish

What are our chief values?

What are the greatest needs of our parish community?

What are the greatest needs of the wider community?

What sort of presence should the Catholic Church have?

What does the Catholic Church have to offer?

How do we honor our past while looking to the future?

2. Consider what programs we need to offer

How should we concretely express these values?

What sort of programs and projects

would meet these needs and move us toward these goals?

3. Consider our properties and their use

What sort of physical structures are needed

to make these programs and projects possible?

How can we best utilize the buildings we already have?

What sort of financial resources are needed

to support these programs, projects, and facilities?

Are these resources available within our parish community?

Action Steps