

# St. Bernadette Parish

## Appleton, WI



### Parish Mission Statement

*With enthusiastic spirit and welcoming hearts, we join together in our Catholic Faith to know, love and serve God through worship, education, service and mission opportunities for all.*

## Parish Report

July 1, 2007—June 30, 2008



# St. Bernadette Parish

2331 East Lourdes Drive  
Appleton, WI 54915

Parish Office—739-4157

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Pastor ..... Very Rev. Donald Zuleger  
Deacon ..... Deacon Michael Madden  
Director of Parish Operations ..... Patty Eichhorst  
Parish Secretary .....  
Bookkeeper ..... Caren Rohde  
Parish Office Assistant/Bulletin Editor ..... Michele Ciske  
Worship Office Assistant/Volunteer Coordinator ..... Sandy Reynolds  
Maintenance ..... Sam Ciske  
Janitor ..... Roland Tuyls  
Organist/Liturgy Assistant ..... Mary Kinderman  
Organist/Liturgy Assistant ..... Pat Vander Wielen  
Organist/Liturgy Assistant ..... Mary Zuleger  
Rectory Phone ..... 734-1302

## Religious Education Office—734-7502

RE Coordinator, Grades 1-6 ..... Shirley Riley  
Youth Minister, RE Coordinator, Grades 7-12 ..... Peter Gagnon  
Religious Education Secretary ..... Julie McMillan

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# Council Members...

## Parish Council 2007–2008

Rev. Donald Zuleger..... Pastor  
Craig Kubiak..... Secretary Trustee  
Chris Sheptoski.....Chairperson  
Dave Sier.....Chairperson Elect  
Tammy DeYoung . Recording Secretary  
Christine Mazier ... Recording Secretary  
Pat Buck..... Member  
Karen Wachuta ..... Member  
Scott Boeckman ..... Member  
Cathy Bos..... Member  
Carolyn Cox..... Member  
Del Schuh..... Member  
Mike Zampaloni..... Member  
Jim Thomes ..... Member  
Christopher Briski ..... Youth Advisor  
Jeremy Geenen ..... Youth Advisor

## Parish Council 2008–2009

Rev. Donald Zuleger ..... Pastor  
Lee Reynebeau .....Secretary Trustee  
Dave Sier ..... Chairperson  
Scott Boeckman.....Chairperson Elect  
Chris Sheptoski ..... Past Chairperson  
Christine Mazier ...Recording Secretary  
Tammy DeYoung..... Member  
Cathy Bos ..... Member  
Carolyn Cox ..... Member  
Del Schuh..... Member  
Mike Zampaloni ..... Member  
Jim Thomes..... Member  
Jeremy Geenen ..... Youth Advisor

## Finance Council 2007–2008

Rev. Donald Zuleger..... Pastor  
Patty Eichhorst..... Director Of Parish  
Paul Klister .....Treasurer Trustee  
Neil Pfaff .....Chairperson  
Lou Wendt .....Chairperson Elect  
Tom Suttner.....Chairperson Past  
Robin Hafeman.... Recording Secretary  
Fran Breuninger ..... Member  
Jon Mueller ..... Member  
Lee Reynebeau ..... Member  
Lydia Jansen ..... Member  
Greg Seidl ..... Member

## Finance Council 2008–2009

Rev. Donald Zuleger ..... Pastor  
Patty Eichhorst ..... Director Of Parish  
Paul Klister.....Treasurer Trustee  
Lou Wendt..... Chairperson  
Lydia Jansen .....Recording Secretary  
Fran Breuninger ..... Member  
Jon Mueller..... Member  
Greg Seidl..... Member  
Steve Stefonik ..... Member  
Bob Zahn ..... Member  
Mary Zoeller ..... Member  
Dean Basten ..... Member



# Stewardship . . .

## Action, the Gift of Our Time

One of the greatest gifts God gives us is the twenty-four hours we get at the start of each new day. All too often we squander those 1,440 minutes on unimportant activities, such as surfing the Internet or watching TV. Yet many of us believe we never have enough time. The idea of giving up some of our precious moments can be much more difficult than making a monetary contribution. For that reason, a gift of time is a good place to start living as a Christian steward.

One of the best uses of our time is in prayer. Without daily prayer, most of us can never make the leap of faith required by authentic Christian stewardship. We should set aside some time each day for formal prayer, such as Mass, the Daily Office, Eucharistic Adoration, or the Rosary; but equally important is making all of our life a prayer. Changing a diaper, writing a memo, preparing a meal — these things offered in the proper spirit can also be a gift of prayer.

Volunteering is another way we can give of our time. We can spend time in a school, work with the elderly, visit the sick, be a lector or a special minister of the Eucharist, or count the collections. As long as we hand back a portion of each day to the One who made all our days without thinking of what we can get in return, we are living the life of a steward.

## Ability, the Gift of Our Skills

Every one of us has something we can do to help others. It doesn't matter how rich or how poor we are, how smart, educated, or famous we might be. Each of us has been given at least one gift that we can use on behalf of the rest of humanity. For every skill you possess, there is a need somewhere in your family, your parish, your city. Each of us can make a contribution; and, in fact, we must if we are to truly call ourselves stewards. To deny our God-given talents is not a virtue. Our abilities should be recognized, cherished — and shared.

## Abundance, the Gift of Our Possessions

Every one of us who lives in America is rich, even if we don't feel that way. All but the most disciplined or saintly among us have closets, drawers, basements, attics, cupboards, and garages full of stuff. We even hang on to things we no longer want or need!

That's not what God intended. God did not give us the blessings of money, personal property, real estate, stocks, and other possessions to hoard, waste, or squander. They have been given to us to share with others. As Christian stewards, we are called to graciously let the objects in our life come and go, as the needs of those around us demand.

Put your unused items to good use. Give them to a local charity, or recycle or weed out your possessions — and take care not to let the space fill up again with more stuff!

**"T**here is always the danger that we may just do the work for the sake of the work. It is a danger if we forget to whom we are doing it for. This is where the respect and love and devotion come in, that we give it and do it for God, to Christ, and that is why we do it as beautifully as possible. The beautiful experience that we have by serving, we must pass on to people who have not had it. It is one of the great rewards of our work."

— Mother Teresa

### Worship Ministry

Altar Server  
Art and Environment  
Cantor  
Choirs  
—Children's Choir  
—Renewed Spirits Choir  
—Resurrection (Funeral) Choir  
—Seraphim Choir  
Eucharistic Minister  
Eucharistic Minister (Homebound)  
Funeral Server—Adult  
Greeter (Single or Family)  
Instrumentalist  
Leader for Children's Liturgy  
Lector  
Sacristans  
Sunday Nursery Volunteer  
Usher  
Worship Committee

### Pastoral Ministry

Adult Enrichment  
Adult Confirmation Ministry  
Baptismal Preparation Leader  
Helper For Transportation  
Hospital Visitation  
Homebound/Nursing Home Visits  
Men's Fellowship  
Pre-Marriage Enrichment  
RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation  
Women's Fellowship

### Christian Formation Ministry

Bible Study Leader/Assistant  
Chaperone Youth Events  
Confirmation Discussion Leader  
Confirmation Retreat Team Ldr.  
Education/Formation Committee  
RE Catechist (Grades 1-6)  
RE Catechist (Grades 7-11)  
RE Substitute Catechist (Gr. 1-6)  
RE Substitute Catechist (Gr. 7-11)  
Religious Education Aide  
Religious Education Babysitting  
Religious Education Secretary  
Youth Board Advisor  
Youth Ministry

### Hospitality Ministry

Coffee and Donuts Helper  
New Member Welcome Comm.

### Parish Life Ministry

Building & Grounds Committee  
B & G—Special Skills/Talents  
Bulletin—Stuffing Inserts  
Church Cleaning  
Clean Up Day—Parish Grounds  
Finance Council  
Foundation/Investment Comm.  
Golf Outing Fundraiser  
Human Concerns Committee  
Library Committee  
Memorial Committee  
Money Counter  
Office Help  
ParishFest—Annual Picnic  
Parish Fundraising Committee  
Parish Pastoral Council  
Parish Trustee  
Prayer Shawl Ministry  
Pro-Life Committee  
Renew Group—Prayer Chain  
Scrip Program (Parish)  
Stewardship Life Committee  
Technology Committee  
Website—Design/Maintain

### Outreach Ministry

Funeral Luncheon Volunteers  
Hispanic Ministry  
Mission Committee  
Respect Life  
St. Joseph's Food Pantry  
St. Vincent de Paul  
Thanksgiving Food Baskets

### Groups

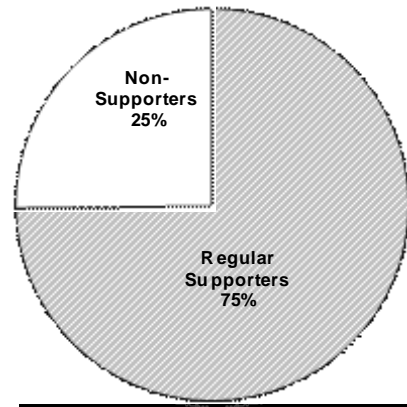
Boy Scouts  
Catholic Daughters  
Cub Scouts  
Girl Scouts  
Knights of Columbus  
Scrapbooking Group

# Pastoral/Sacramental Activity...

|  |        |
|--|--------|
| Registered Households .....                      | 1,339  |
| Contributing Households \$100 or more/year.....  | 829    |
| Contributing Households \$.01 or more/year ..... | 1002   |
| Baptism of Infants.....                          | 63     |
| Baptism of Adults (over 7 years old).....        | 5      |
| Converts by Profession of Faith .....            | 1      |
| Catholic Marriages .....                         | 14     |
| Interfaith Marriages .....                       | 3      |
| Deaths .....                                     | 18     |
| Celebrated First Communion .....                 | 59     |
| Experienced First Reconciliation.....            | 60     |
| Confirmations.....                               | 36     |
| New Households/Members .....                     | 48/128 |

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## The Weekly Collection Basket



The pie chart illustrates the ratio of regular collection basket givers versus non-givers to our parish.

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### Pastoral Care

Pastoral Care of the sick is provided on a weekly basis at St. Elizabeth Hospital, Mercy Medical, Theda Clark, Appleton Medical Center, local Nursing Homes and the Homebound, by the laity and clergy of our parish.

### Catholic Education

- 184 students attend Religious Education Grades 1-6
- 144 students attend Religious Education Grades 7-11
- 143 students attend ACES Elementary Schools
- 99 students attend St. Joseph Middle School
- 58 students attend Xavier High School

### Religious Education Program

With 364 students receiving their Religious Education at St. Bernadette, teachers are needed and valued. Many hours are given both by volunteer catechists, aides and helpers.

### Memorials

Memorials can be made to St. Bernadette as a gift or donation in memory of an individual. Memorials given to St. Bernadette this past fiscal year, in memory of loved ones total \$820.00. Your generosity to St. Bernadette is truly appreciated.

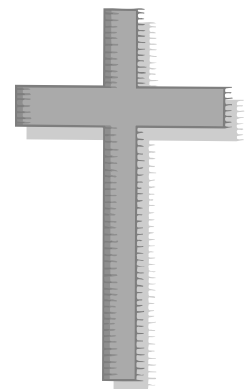
### Planned Giving

St. Bernadette can benefit in so many ways by "Planned Giving." Gifts of Stock, Mutual Funds, and Insurance Policies are just a few of the ways St. Bernadette can be remembered.

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*Thank You  
For Your  
Commitment To  
St. Bernadette  
Parish!*

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BAPTIZED IN CHRIST & WELCOMED  
INTO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY



**INFANT BAPTISMS**

**July 2007**

Logan Harold Dehn  
Michael Dean Criter  
Macy Ann Mader

**October 2007 (cont.)**

Addisyn Lucia May Froehlich  
Sadie Viola Kraft  
Rachel Lauren Rentmeester

**February 2008 (cont.)**

Sophia Akiko Vajda  
Lily Lu Wendt  
Hannah Rose Zlevor

**August 2007**

Owen Richard Cutler  
Alexander Jon Mueller  
Kaiden Marcus Kain  
Sean Isaac Martilla  
Ethan Erik Steffen  
Nolan Michael Wallace  
Robert Willard Marx

**November 2007**

Bethany Kate Ruppert  
Matthew Joseph Jahnke  
Jackson Andrew Skorr

**April 2008**

Allison Danielle Judd  
Isabelle Ann Van Asten  
Ivy Marie Van Asten  
Ryan Ross Chisholm  
Bryce Jeffery Mengert  
Avelyn Mabel Moore  
Sydney Clara Neilitz  
Hunter David Close

**December 2007**

Eva Rose Stankewicz  
Alicia Grace Bourassa  
Joseph George Zampaloni

**September 2007**

Colton James Pozniak  
Crystal Marie Doell  
Sarah Christine Broeckert  
Jaksen Joseph Diedrich  
Iannah Lee Meyer

**January 2008**

Jacquelyn Angela Malm  
Matthew Vincent Potter  
Jackson Louis Wurth  
Seth Robert Mueller

**May 2008**

Anthony Larry Magbanua  
Braelee Marie Keipert  
Melisa Marie Piotrowski  
Elizabeth Jane Jacobs  
Allie Patricia Joslin  
Tyler Paul Hinn  
Todd Matthew Marx

**October 2007**

Jacob Christian Meyer  
Megan Lee Pelot  
Kennedy Claire DuPont  
Lilyan Mae Schulz  
Noah Stephen Dorn  
Trenton Joseph Ducat  
Aiden John Eckes

**January 2008**

Lily Ann Schmidt  
Evelyn Kate Lorge  
Adeline Jaenne Lamer  
Matthew Keith Lamer  
Lincoln William Mursau  
Brady Nicholas Bell

**June 2008**

Anna Gloria Dunphy  
Calen John Rettler  
Samuel James Deering

**February 2008**

Nicholas Peter Vajda

**BAPTISMS OF ADULTS/CHILDREN (over 7 years old)**

Holli Vander Putten

# Sacraments . . .

## FIRST EUCHARIST MAY 4 & 17, 2008



Madeline Apriesnig  
Hunter Bruecker  
Jacob Chroge  
Megan Dagesse  
Nathan DeYoung  
Nathan Endries  
Mia Gregory  
Kyley Hipp  
Alysa Johannes  
Nathan Keep  
Samuel King  
Daniel Mares  
Olivia Nevins  
Evan Ourada  
Grace Rippl  
Stephanie Sowin  
Rachael Tomasik  
Joshua Wagner  
Anni Wolter  
Nathan Zelinski

Carolyn Bettag  
Allison Bull  
Catherine Clausz  
Colin Daniels  
Megan Dokey  
Samuel Ferris  
Alina Hampton  
Autumn Jacobson  
Tanner Johnson  
Lauren Kelly  
Tanner Luedtke  
Jada Mellberg  
Alexis Noffke  
Adalia Paggao  
Rachel Sanderfoot  
Patrick Stewart  
Emily Vander Pas  
Logan Weyenberg  
Alison Zastrow  
Sophie Zubella

Mitchel Breit  
Kathryn Chisholm  
Katherine Czaplewski  
Sydney Daul  
Alexandria Ehlert  
Racer Fischer  
Serena Heaton  
Mykenzie Jensen  
Andrea Jore  
Katie Kiesner  
Maria Laundrie  
Emma Mueller  
Zachary Oswald  
Jessica Pyle  
Abigail Schwanke  
Katelyn Styka  
Jessica Van Rooy  
Davis Wilson  
Andrew Zampaloni



## FIRST RECONCILIATION MARCH 4 & 8, 2008

Madeline Apriesnig  
Mitchel Breit  
Jacob Chroge  
Colin Daniels  
Megan Dokey  
Racer Fischer  
Kyley Hipp  
Tanner Johnson  
Katie Kiesner

Carolyn Bettag  
Hunter Bruecker  
Catie Clausz  
Sydney Daul  
Alexandria Ehlert  
Mia Gregory  
Autumn Jacobson  
Andrea Jore  
Samuel King

Danielle Beyer  
Allison Bull  
Katherine Czaplewski  
Nathan DeYoung  
Nathan Endries  
Alina Hampton  
Mykenzie Jensen  
Nathan Keep  
Maria Laundrie

Abigail Blohowiak  
Kathryn Chisholm  
Megan Dagesse  
Gavin Dickman  
Samuel Ferris  
Serena Heaton  
Alysa Johannes  
Lauren Kelly  
Tanner Luedtke

FIRST RECONCILIATION (continued)  
MARCH 4 & 8, 2008



|                  |                  |                   |                  |
|------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Daniel Mares     | Jada Mellberg    | Emma Mueller      | Olivia Nevins    |
| Alexis Noffke    | Zachary Oswald   | Evan Ourada       | Adalia Paggao    |
| Jessica Pyle     | Grace Rippl      | Rachel Sanderfoot | Abigail Schwanke |
| Stephanie Sowin  | Patrick Stewart  | Katelyn Styka     | Rachel Tomasik   |
| Jessica Van Rooy | Emily Vander Pas | Joshua Wagner     | Kristen Wagner   |
| Logan Weyenberg  | Davis Wilson     | Annie Wolter      | Andrew Zampaloni |
| Alison Zastrow   | Nathan Zelinski  | Sophia Zubella    |                  |



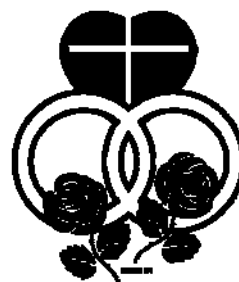
CONFIRMATION  
JANUARY 26, 2008  
BISHOP ROBERT MORNEAU

|                       |                     |                   |
|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Alexandria Baranowski | Harrison Barton     | Adam Bell         |
| Christopher Briski    | Kelyn Dickrell      | Colin Doney       |
| Jessica Gorzelitz     | Taylor Haack        | Margo Helein      |
| Curt Hibbard          | Claire Kaziak       | Alex Kersten      |
| Dana Koth             | Katie Krause        | Nick Kronebusch   |
| Sara Marlborough      | Erin McDaniel       | Breanna Mekuly    |
| Jeremy Neisen         | Scott Niemi         | Krista Otto       |
| Justin Panich         | Jordan Payne        | Amanda Perrin     |
| Daniel Peters         | Brandon Ponschock   | Emily Rossmeissl  |
| Marshal Schmidt       | Brent Schreiber     | Jeffrey Sheptoski |
| Laura Slatky          | Justin Strelka      | Adam Suttner      |
| Matthew Van Hoof      | Scott Vanden Heuvel | Caitlin Weber     |

RCIA  
MARCH 22, 2008

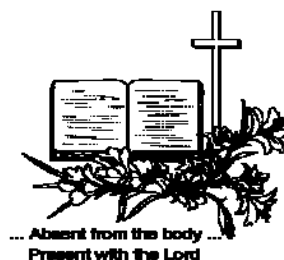
|                |             |                     |              |
|----------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Roxanne Conlon | Erin Lamers | Holli Vander Putten | Andrea Woods |
|----------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------|

MARRIAGES  
JULY 1, 2007—JUNE 30, 2008



|                    |                                     |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|
| July 7, 2007       | Justin Anthony & Kelly Roehrig      |
| July 21, 2007      | Jeffrey Mielke & Jill Seidl         |
| August 11, 2007    | Eric Wallace & Elizabeth Lowery     |
| August 18, 2007    | Brian Kazmierczak & Nicole Emer     |
| August 24, 2007    | Scott Jacobson & Lisa Lingnowski    |
| August 25, 2007    | Jesse Toppins & Sara Djock          |
| September 1, 2007  | Matthew Woodard & Erin Lieg         |
| September 15, 2007 | Paul Radtke & Tammy Seubert         |
| September 21, 2007 | Richard Baranczyk & Rebecca Truymen |
| October 6, 2007    | Troy Cox & Jennifer Kreil           |
| December 28, 2007  | Peter Thomas & Julie Jackan         |
| December 29, 2007  | Ryan Hartman & Sara Lowery          |
| April 26, 2008     | Andrew Block & Danielle Hruzek      |
| May 10, 2008       | Thomas Schuchart & Kelly Felzer     |
| May 24, 2008       | Ryan Micke & Jennifer Mankovecky    |
| May 31, 2008       | Adam Kopecky & Jennifer Geenen      |
| June 14, 2008      | Jason Albertson & Raeanne Nackers   |

IN LOVING MEMORY OF THE  
DECEASED MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH



|                    |                    |                    |                  |
|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Milton Hemling     | July 1, 2007       | Gregory Gratton    | January 9, 2008  |
| John Ceranski      | July 11, 2007      | Joann Horn         | January 27, 2008 |
| Floyd Ulmen        | August 6, 2007     | Betty Deeg         | February 5, 2008 |
| Ann Kugler         | August 27, 2007    | Martin Berben, SPC | March 28, 2008   |
| Joseph Grinsteiner | September 24, 2007 | Melvin Nyman, Sr.  | April 4, 2008    |
| Lawrence Steffens  | October 20, 2007   | Emmet Kelly        | April 11, 2008   |
| Jerome Sigl        | November 18, 2007  | Vicki Kuhn         | April 22, 2008   |
| Robert Weyenberg   | November 30, 2007  | Doris Armbruster   | May 31, 2008     |
| Rita Van De Hey    | December 8, 2007   | Donald Theisen     | June 6, 2008     |

# *New Members...*

Greg Albrecht

Mike Allen

Lisa Bergling

Andrew & Heidi Bourassa; Alicia

Nickolas & Jenny Brautigam; Drew

Yvonne Briski

Matt Buckoski

Toby & Holli Close; Austin, Hunter

John & Kristen Daniels; Colin, Gavin

Kevin & Jennifer Deering, Samuel

Melissa Detert

Greg & Jami DeValk, Kaitlyn

Chester Dietzen

Rick & Victoria Ducat, Trenton

Danielle Gawinski

Mark & Sandra Giannoni

Ronald & Jennifer Healy; Brooke, Jessica

Timothy & Nancy Henn; Trevor, Craig

Julian Hicks

Timothy & Wendy Hurley; Elizabeth, Michael

Justin & Erica Johnson

Connie Jorgensen

Don & Jennifer Josefchuk; Mikayla, Kirsten

Shawn & Susan Joslin; Taylor, Jamison, Allie

Robert & Sarah Kraft; Ethan, Sadie

Susan Liebergen

Vanessa Magbanua; Angel, Anthony

Joseph Marozek

Ryan & Kathleen Marx; Joseph, Robert, Todd

James Mc Ilraith

Jeremy & Lisa Mengert; Bryce

Patrick & Sally Morth; Noah, Hannah

Paul & Brenda Nelson; Allison, Grace

Kristin Nitka

Christine Novak; Adam, David, Sara, Aaron, Noah

Daniel & Elona Novak

Karen Pittman

Robert & Sandra Reynolds; Katie, Christopher, Kelly

Victor & Susan Richard; Kathryn, Hannah

John & Patricia Ross; Katherine

Timothy & Melissa Schmidt; Lily

Tom & Kelly Schuchart; Katelin

Gregory Seidl

Zachary & Rebecca Spulak

Bradley & Amy Vanden Boogaard; Matthew, Brett

Thomas & Nieka Wendt; Lily

Michael & Michelle Wenzel; Marshal

Jay & Alesa Wontor; Anne



**We are grateful that God has drawn us together  
to pray and grow in our faith, as we worship  
and build a community together.**

## *Key Financial Data . . .*

### **OPERATING BUDGET (3 Year Comparison)**

|             | 2005/2006<br><u>Actual</u> | 2006/2007<br><u>Actual</u> | 2007/2008<br><u>Actual</u> |
|-------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Income:     | \$943,411                  | \$997,762                  | \$1,021,379                |
| Expense     | <u>\$938,749</u>           | <u>\$963,723</u>           | <u>\$ 995,352</u>          |
| Net Profit: | <u>\$ 4,662</u>            | <u>\$ 34,039</u>           | <u>\$ 26,027</u>           |

### **“FIFTY & FREE—FREE TO SERVE” CAMPAIGN**

|                 | December 2005<br><u>Balance</u> | Debt Paid<br><u>To Date</u> | Balance as of<br><u>June 30, 2008</u> |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Mortgage        | \$1,125,000                     | \$ 905,299                  | \$219,701                             |
| ACES Xavier     | 296,000                         | 198,155                     | 97,845                                |
| Bishop’s Appeal | <u>128,000</u>                  | <u>13,495</u>               | <u>114,505</u>                        |
| Total           | <u>\$1,549,000</u>              | <u>\$1,116,949</u>          | <u>\$432,051</u>                      |

Pledged Contributions received to date: 641 contributed \$1,038,763 (48% of Households)

Non-Pledge Contributions received to date: 280 contributed \$ 78,186 (21% of Households)

A person who shares generously is saying” Thank You” to God for their life, health, family, food, love and well being. This form of sharing whether it comes as a conscientious tithe, offering of “first fruits” (the first hour of your work week) or first check contributed each pay period is really a faith commitment and thanksgiving offering to God. Generous gratitude is a virtue and when practiced becomes a “way of life”. As St. Paul says, “God loves a generous giver”.

May our parish joyfully give praise and thanks to God for the generosity in the hearts of our fellow St. Bernadette parish members.

# 2007-2008 Balance Sheet . . .

|   | <b>Beginning<br/>Balance<br/><u>July 01, 2007</u></b> | <b>Ending<br/>Balance<br/><u>June 30, 2008</u></b> |
|---|---|--|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                                     |   |  |
| <b><u>Current Assets</u></b>                      |   |  |
| Petty Cash  | 126.30  | 172.93   |
| FNB Operational Checking                          | 12,557.57   | 51,913.30  |
| FNB Money Market                                  | 41,535.77   | 45,081.59  |
| US Bank Fifty & Free Checking                     | 3,153.65  | 323.73   |
| US Bank (F&F) Certificate of Deposit/Money Market | <u>51,677.64</u>                                      | <u>40,056.06</u>                                   |
| <b>Total Current Assets</b>                       | 109,050.93  | 137,547.61   |
| <b><u>Accounts Receivable</u></b>                 |   |  |
| Fifty & Free Pledges Receivable                   | 500,810.48  | 168,780.33   |
| Rel. Ed. Tuition Receivable                       | 545.00  | 265.00   |
| Misc. Receivables                                 | <u>3,366.72</u>                                       | <u>3,160.00</u>                                    |
| <b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>                  | 504,722.20  | 172,205.33   |
| <b><u>Fixed Assets</u></b>                        |   |  |
| New Church at Cost                                | 2,296,378.08  | 2,296,378.08                                       |
| New Church Improvements                           | 3,305.99  | 3,305.99   |
| Madonna House - Appraisal                         | 500,000.00  | 500,000.00   |
| McKinnon Manor - Appraisal                        | 440,000.00  | 440,000.00   |
| School - Insured Value                            | 1,626,069.00  | 1,626,069.00                                       |
| Activity Center Assets                            | <u>0.00</u>   | <u>0.00</u>  |
| <b>Total Fixed Assets</b>                         | <u>4,865,753.07</u>                                   | <u>4,865,753.07</u>                                |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                               | <b><u>\$5,479,526.20</u></b>                          | <b><u>\$5,175,506.01</u></b>                       |
| <b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>                   |   |  |
| <b><u>Current Liabilities</u></b>                 |   |  |
| Accounts Payable                                  | 3,937.85  | 5,085.84   |
| ACES Past Due Subsidy                             | 149,444.77  | 97,844.87  |
| Miscellaneous Collections & Liabilities           | <u>20,577.91</u>                                      | <u>43,423.35</u>                                   |
| <b>Total Current Liabilities</b>                  | 173,960.53  | 146,354.06   |
| <b><u>Long Term Liabilities</u></b>               |   |  |
| US Bank Mortgage                                  | 494,071.15  | 219,700.82   |
| Bishop's Appeal (1997-2005) Past Due Assessment   | <u>121,705.09</u>                                     | <u>114,505.09</u>                                  |
| <b>Total Long Term Liabilities</b>                | <u>615,776.24</u>                                     | <u>334,205.91</u>                                  |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b>                          | 789,736.77  | 480,559.97   |
| <b><u>Equity</u></b>                              |   |  |
| Fund Balance                                      | 4,655,750.45  | 4,668,918.93                                       |
| Current Year Increase (Decrease)                  | <u>34,038.98</u>                                      | <u>26,027.11</u>                                   |
| <b>Total Equity</b>                               | <u>4,689,789.43</u>                                   | <u>4,694,946.04</u>                                |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>             | <b><u>\$5,479,526.20</u></b>                          | <b><u>\$5,175,506.01</u></b>                       |

## 2007-2008 Fiscal Year End Report...

| <b>INCOME</b>                               | <b>Budget</b>                | <b>Actual</b>                | <b>Budget</b>                |
|---|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Ordinary Income:</b>                     | <b>July 2007 - June 2008</b> | <b>July 2007 - June 2008</b> | <b>July 2008 - June 2009</b> |
| Sunday & Holy Days Collection               | \$725,000.00                 | \$729,872.83                 | \$730,500.00                 |
| New Member Commitment Collections           | 25,000.00                    | 15,118.00                    | 12,500.00                    |
| Child & Youth Offering                      | 250.00                       | 1,607.94                     | 2,100.00                     |
| Loose Offering                              | 32,500.00                    | 32,139.50                    | 34,975.00                    |
| 2nd Collection (Budget Needs)               | 20,000.00                    | 29,595.11                    | 25,000.00                    |
| Interest Income                             | 250.00                       | 684.90                       | 500.00                       |
| Mass Stipends                               | 2,900.00                     | 3,475.00                     | 3,000.00                     |
| Stole Fees                                  | 2,500.00                     | 2,525.00                     | 2,750.00                     |
| Bulletin Income                             | 2,500.00                     | 2,367.30                     | 2,500.00                     |
| Rental Income                               | 1,150.00                     | 1,067.00                     | 1,150.00                     |
| Rental Income - Bible Study Group           | 3,150.00                     | 3,300.00                     | 3,150.00                     |
| Hot Lunch Utility Rebate                    | 3,000.00                     | 3,000.00                     | 3,000.00                     |
| Restricted Donations                        | 4,000.00                     | 14,092.70                    | 15,000.00                    |
| Unrestricted Donations                      | 500.00                       | 1,707.59                     | 500.00                       |
| Miscellaneous Income                        | 0.00                         | 8.84                         | 0.00                         |
| <b>Sub-Total Ordinary Income:</b>           | <b>\$822,700.00</b>          | <b>\$840,561.71</b>          | <b>\$836,625.00</b>          |
| <b>3rd Source Income/Fundraising:</b>       | <b>July 2007 - June 2008</b> | <b>July 2007 - June 2008</b> | <b>July 2008 - June 2009</b> |
| Pick N Save - We Care Program               | \$250.00                     | \$150.92                     | \$225.00                     |
| Packer Concession Stand                     | 0.00                         | 0.00                         | 0.00                         |
| Golf Outing Fundraiser                      | 12,500.00                    | 7,841.50                     | 10,000.00                    |
| Winter/Spring Carnival                      | 0.00                         | 0.00                         | 0.00                         |
| Third Source Income                         | 0.00                         | 0.00                         | 0.00                         |
| Picnic Income                               | 92,500.00                    | 97,007.46                    | 67,350.00                    |
| <b>Total 3rd Source Income/Fundraising:</b> | <b>\$105,250.00</b>          | <b>\$104,999.88</b>          | <b>\$77,575.00</b>           |
| <b>Total Ordinary Income:</b>               | <b>\$927,950.00</b>          | <b>\$945,561.59</b>          | <b>\$914,200.00</b>          |
| <b>Extraordinary Income:</b>                | <b>July 2007 - June 2008</b> | <b>July 2007 - June 2008</b> | <b>July 2008 - June 2009</b> |
| Religious Education Income                  | \$29,010.00                  | \$29,368.50                  | \$31,340.00                  |
| Worship Income                              | 8,450.00                     | 9,019.72                     | 8,850.00                     |
| Human Concerns                              | 500.00                       | 5,445.71                     | 6,800.00                     |
| Adult Education                             | 0.00                         | 75.00                        | 100.00                       |
| Madonna House Income                        | 32,380.00                    | 31,908.90                    | 30,969.00                    |
| <b>Total Extraordinary Income:</b>          | <b>\$70,340.00</b>           | <b>\$75,817.83</b>           | <b>\$78,059.00</b>           |
| <b>Total Income:</b>                        | <b>\$998,290.00</b>          | <b>\$1,021,379.42</b>        | <b>\$992,259.00</b>          |

## 2007-2008 Fiscal Year End Report...

| <b>EXPENSES</b>                           | <b>Budget</b>         | <b>Actual</b>         | <b>Budget</b>        |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
|   | July 2007 - June 2008 | July 2007 - June 2008 | July 2008- June 2009 |
| <b>Parish Operational Expenses:</b>       |                       |                       |                      |
| General & Administrative                  | \$145,951.72          | \$137,180.74          | \$158,703.24         |
| Diocesan Assessments                      | 19,200.00             | 19,844.00             | 20,750.00            |
| Picnic Expense                            | 54,000.00             | 50,182.00             | 23,004.00            |
| Buildings and Grounds                     | 80,575.58             | 86,761.71             | 86,933.88            |
| Capital - Building & Grounds              | 0.00                  | 24,269.50             | 12,500.00            |
| Religious Education                       | 118,327.59            | 115,521.88            | 113,285.38           |
| Worship                                   | 49,682.37             | 36,605.01             | 37,670.23            |
| Priest                                    | 53,441.44             | 51,569.63             | 54,836.72            |
| Deacon                                    | 560.00                | 630.00                | 650.00               |
| Adult Education                           | 1,600.00              | 649.55                | 2,000.00             |
| Human Concerns                            | 2,000.00              | 4,979.45              | 6,800.00             |
| Madonna House                             | 11,161.77             | 13,085.96             | 13,125.00            |
| McKinnon Manor                            | 17,821.01             | 18,195.94             | 19,909.08            |
| <b>Total Parish Operational Expenses:</b> | <b>\$554,321.48</b>   | <b>\$559,475.37</b>   | <b>\$550,167.53</b>  |
| <b>Parish Subsidy Expenses:</b>           |                       |                       |                      |
| ACES Xavier Subsidy                       | \$338,151.00          | \$336,151.00          | \$335,866.00         |
| ACES - Custodial/Cleaning Exp.            | \$36,776.65           | 40,759.41             | \$39,563.65          |
| ACES - Utilities Expense                  | \$58,393.50           | 58,966.53             | \$62,043.00          |
| <b>Total Parish Subsidy Expenses:</b>     | <b>\$433,321.15</b>   | <b>\$435,876.94</b>   | <b>\$437,472.65</b>  |
| <b>Total Expenses:</b>                    | <b>\$987,642.63</b>   | <b>\$995,352.31</b>   | <b>\$987,640.18</b>  |
|   | <b>Budget</b>         | <b>Actual</b>         | <b>Budget</b>        |
|   | July 2007 - June 2008 | July 2007 - June 2008 | July 2008- June 2009 |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>                      | <b>\$998,290.00</b>   | <b>\$1,021,379.42</b> | <b>\$992,259.00</b>  |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>                    | <b>\$987,642.63</b>   | <b>\$995,352.31</b>   | <b>\$987,640.18</b>  |
| <b>NET PROFIT/(LOSS):</b>                 | <b>\$10,647.37</b>    | <b>\$26,027.11</b>    | <b>\$4,618.82</b>    |

Finance Council has designated a portion of the 2007/2008 surplus of \$26,027.11 towards:

- ◆ \$10,000 towards the parking lot repairs

# Fifty & Free—Free To Serve Campaign...



## 2007-2008

| <b>INCOME</b>                  |                    |                   |                  |                   |                   |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Fifty &amp; Free Income</b> | <b>July - Sept</b> | <b>Oct - Dec</b>  | <b>Jan - Mar</b> | <b>Apr - June</b> | <b>Total</b>      |
| Fifty and Free Contributions   | 77,540.01          | 109,229.81        | 68,989.98        | 72,659.35         | 328,419.15        |
| Interest Income                | 514.75             | 399.84            | 282.48           | 192.86            | 1,389.93          |
| <b>Total Income:</b>           | <b>78,054.76</b>   | <b>109,629.65</b> | <b>69,272.46</b> | <b>72,852.21</b>  | <b>329,809.08</b> |

| <b>EXPENSES</b>                  |                    |                  |                  |                   |                  |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| <b>Fifty &amp; Free Expenses</b> | <b>July - Sept</b> | <b>Oct - Dec</b> | <b>Jan - Mar</b> | <b>Apr - June</b> | <b>Total</b>     |
| Church Mortgage Interest         | 7,017.34           | 6,023.24         | 4,797.91         | 3,882.86          | 21,721.35        |
| Bank Service Fees                | 0.00               | 0.00             | 0.00             | 0.00              | 0.00             |
| Campaign Postage                 | 0.00               | 0.00             | 0.00             | 0.00              | 0.00             |
| Campaign Printing/Supplies       | 0.00               | 0.00             | 0.00             | 0.00              | 0.00             |
| Mortgage Refinance Fees          | 0.00               | 0.00             | 0.00             | 0.00              | 0.00             |
| <b>Total Expenses:</b>           | <b>7,017.34</b>    | <b>6,023.24</b>  | <b>4,797.91</b>  | <b>3,882.86</b>   | <b>21,721.35</b> |

|                    |                    |                     |                    |                    |                     |
|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Net Income:</b> | <b>\$71,037.42</b> | <b>\$103,606.41</b> | <b>\$64,474.55</b> | <b>\$68,969.35</b> | <b>\$308,087.73</b> |
|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|

| <b>DEBT</b>                   |                    |                   |                   |                   |                       |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Church Mortgage</b>        | <b>July - Sept</b> | <b>Oct - Dec</b>  | <b>Jan - Mar</b>  | <b>Apr - June</b> | <b>Total Payments</b> |
| US Bank Mortgage              | 494,071.15         | 431,703.07        | 344,240.89        | 289,303.38        |                       |
| Principal Payment             | 18,468.08          | 19,462.18         | 20,687.51         | 21,602.56         | 80,220.33             |
| Additional Principal Payment  | 43,900.00          | 68,000.00         | 34,250.00         | 48,000.00         | 194,150.00            |
| <b>Mortgage Debt Balance:</b> | <b>431,703.07</b>  | <b>344,240.89</b> | <b>289,303.38</b> | <b>219,700.82</b> |                       |

| <b>ACES/Xavier Debt</b>              |                   |                   |                   |                  |           |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------|
| ACES/Xavier Subsidy Debt             | 149,444.77        | 138,044.77        | 120,044.77        | 110,844.77       |           |
| Anonymous Payment                    | 0.00              | 0.00              | 0.00              | 1,000.00         | 1,000.00  |
| Fifty & Free Campaign Payment        | 11,400.00         | 18,000.00         | 9,200.00          | 11,999.90        | 50,599.90 |
| <b>ACES/Xavier Subsidy Debt Bal.</b> | <b>138,044.77</b> | <b>120,044.77</b> | <b>110,844.77</b> | <b>97,844.87</b> |           |

| <b>Bishop's Appeal Debt</b>         |                   |                   |                   |                   |          |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------|
| Bishop's Appeal Debt                | 121,705.09        | 118,016.09        | 114,505.09        | 114,505.09        |          |
| Anonymous Payment                   | 3,689.00          | 3,511.00          | 0.00              | 0.00              | 7,200.00 |
| Fifty & Free Campaign Payment       | 0.00              | 0.00              | 0.00              | 0.00              | 0.00     |
| <b>Bishop's Appeal Debt Balance</b> | <b>118,016.09</b> | <b>114,505.09</b> | <b>114,505.09</b> | <b>114,505.09</b> |          |

**Total Debt as of June 30, 2008: \$432,050.78**

**Campaign Pledges as of June 30, 2008: 641 Pledged \$1,256,281.00**

**Contributions Received as of June 30, 2008: \$1,116,949.22**

# *ParishFest 2007 Financial Report . . .*

August 2nd, 3rd & 4th, 2007

## Income:

|                 |               |             |
|-----------------|---------------|-------------|
| Admissions      | \$9,401.00    |             |
| Bake Sale       | 1,183.19      |             |
| Beer Tent       | 9,272.45      |             |
| Candy/Ice Cream | 674.86        |             |
| Food Tent       | 8,639.80      |             |
| Games           | 2,838.65      |             |
| Paddle Wheel    | 6,622.00      |             |
| Raffle          | 24,405.00     |             |
| Rummage Sale    | 26,786.51     |             |
| Silent Auction  | 6,714.00      |             |
| Donations       | <u>470.00</u> |             |
| Total Income    |               | \$97,007.46 |

## Expenses:

|                          |              |                    |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| Admissions/Entertainment | \$11,500.00  |                    |
| Beer Expenses            | 6,467.59     |                    |
| Beer Tent/Stage          | 4,971.24     |                    |
| Candy/Ice Cream          | 213.00       |                    |
| Food Tent                | 5,591.91     |                    |
| Games                    | 3,774.04     |                    |
| Paddle Wheel             | 3,861.88     |                    |
| Raffle                   | 9,007.29     |                    |
| Silent Auction           | 1,346.71     |                    |
| Cooke                    | 175.00       |                    |
| Electric                 | 940.34       |                    |
| Polka Band               | 450.00       |                    |
| Sanitation               | 892.53       |                    |
| Security                 | 600.00       |                    |
| Waste Container/Disposal | 311.47       |                    |
| Misc. Expenses           | <u>79.00</u> |                    |
| Total Expenses           |              | <u>\$50,182.00</u> |

**Net Profit:**

**\$46,825.46**



# What The Numbers Really Mean . . .

**A**s a parish we can be proud of the financial strides made over the last year. As you can see from the Annual Parish Report, we ended the Fiscal Year with a net profit of \$26,027.11.

## **Achievements** **July 1, 2007 — June 30, 2008**

- Recorded a Net Profit of \$26,027.11
  - ◆ 3rd year in a row a positive return
- Church Mortgage debt paid down
  - ◆ 56% or \$274,370
- ACES Xavier Subsidy debt paid down
  - ◆ 35% or \$51,600
- Bishop's Appeal assessment of \$62,331 was met
  - ◆ 3rd time; three years in a row
- Implemented New Children's Stewardship Program
  - ◆ Program focuses on Prayer, Service & Sharing
- Parish Wish List implemented
  - ◆ Received donations of \$18,476
- Adult Enrichment offers day & evening Bible Study
  - ◆ Met with great enthusiasm and participation
- Prayer Shawl Ministry initiated
  - ◆ Shawls for baptisms, weddings, illness, or loss

The information in this Annual Parish Report is to inform you of the state of our parish. As you can see from the report, the facts clearly represent the faith commitments and determination of many St. Bernadette parish members. Thank you for demonstrating faith by this outpouring of support in the Stewardship of Sharing.

By God's grace may we continue to grow together into a parish proud to bear the identity of St. Bernadette.

**May our parish joyfully give praise and thanks to God for the generosity  
in the hearts of our fellow St. Bernadette parish members.**

## *Where We Go From Here . . .* **An overview of our parish — POSSIBLE DREAMS.**

### **Catholic Identity —**

Strengthening faith formation at all levels.

- Offer more opportunities in adult faith formation.
- Educate, promote and support involvement in vocations.
- Increase the interaction of Children in our religious education program, consolidated Catholic school and home religious training to emphasize one faith community.
- Continue to provide annual retreats, missions and in-service programs.

### **Buildings and Grounds**

#### **Maintenance —**

taking care of our parish complex to insure that parish buildings allow us to be successful in all that we do.

- Provide an annual inspection of parish properties.
- Budget regularly — scheduled maintenance.
- Identify parishioners with skills that are valuable in maintaining our facilities.
- Support volunteers in their work of landscaping and beautifying the parish property.

### **Institutional Advancement —**

Creating a solid financial base.

- Encourage stewardship and provide materials for teaching Catholic Stewardship (Prayer, Service & Sharing).
- Complete successful campaign toward reducing the parishes short and long term debt.
- Establish a committee to oversee fundraising for the parish.
- Strive toward establishing an endowment fund for the parish.
- Promote giving through wills, memorials, trusts and life insurance.

# Guidelines for Giving...

How do we decide how much to give to our parish? We hope you will consider following these principles, drawn from Scriptures and offered by the Church.

## Give to God out of Gratitude

*“What return can I make to the Lord, for all the food he has done for me?” — Psalm 116:12*

It is impossible to give to God. He already own everything. Our giving should be done not due to parish needs, but in gratitude, as a return to God for his generosity to us.

## Give to God First

*“Seek first the kingdom (of God) and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides.” — Matthew 6:33*

Don't wait until all your other bills are paid before you do your giving. Write your checks to God first, through gifts to the church and to the poor, and then pay your bills with the rest. This practice is a powerful symbol of what, or Who, truly comes first in our life.

## Plan Your Giving

*“Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” — 2 Corinthians 9:6-8*

Take the time to prayerfully decide what to give. Don't give just out of habit or whatever is in the purse, but plan your gift as carefully as you would choose a gift for one you love.

## Give Proportionately

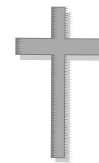
*“Much will be required of the person entrusted with much and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more.” — Luke 12:48*

For years the parish has suggested that we base our giving on the biblical tithe, or 10% of income. This practice was common in Old Testament times and Jesus recommends it in Luke's Gospel. The Church suggests that each Catholic set as a goal the tithe, with the first 5% going directly to the Parish, and the second 5% for the poor and other good works.

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**Our goal at  
St. Bernadette  
Parish is to  
keep alive the dream  
our ancestors had  
when they built this  
church—but we  
can't do it without  
the support of the  
entire Parish family.  
Thank you in  
advance for your  
support.**

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What proportion of God's gift do you currently give? Use the chart below to find what percentage you are currently Giving. Find your income at left, then move right until you find your weekly offering. What percentage are you?

Could you take a step? We encourage all parishioners to set 5% as their goal. If you are already doing that, or could do it immediately, that would be great. If not, could you move toward that goal by increasing your weekly gift by three dollars?

### Weekly Gift to Parish (as percentage of income)

| Household Income    | 0.5%    | 1.0%    | 1.5%    | 2.0%    | 2.5%    | 3.0%    | 3.5%    | 4.0%    | 4.5%    | 5.0%     |
|---------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------|
| \$16,000 (\$8/hr)   | \$1.60  | \$3.20  | \$4.80  | \$6.40  | \$8.00  | \$9.60  | \$11.20 | \$12.80 | \$14.40 | \$16.00  |
| \$20,000 (\$10/hr)  | \$2.00  | \$4.00  | \$6.00  | \$8.00  | \$10.00 | \$12.00 | \$14.00 | \$16.00 | \$18.00 | \$20.00  |
| \$30,000 (\$15/hr)  | \$3.00  | \$6.00  | \$9.00  | \$12.00 | \$15.00 | \$18.00 | \$21.00 | \$24.00 | \$27.00 | \$30.00  |
| \$40,000 (\$20/hr)  | \$4.00  | \$8.00  | \$12.00 | \$16.00 | \$20.00 | \$24.00 | \$28.00 | \$32.00 | \$36.00 | \$40.00  |
| \$50,000 (\$25/hr)  | \$5.00  | \$10.00 | \$15.00 | \$20.00 | \$25.00 | \$30.00 | \$35.00 | \$40.00 | \$45.00 | \$50.00  |
| \$60,000 (\$30/hr)  | \$6.00  | \$12.00 | \$18.00 | \$24.00 | \$30.00 | \$36.00 | \$42.00 | \$48.00 | \$54.00 | \$60.00  |
| \$80,000 (\$40/hr)  | \$8.00  | \$16.00 | \$24.00 | \$32.00 | \$40.00 | \$48.00 | \$56.00 | \$64.00 | \$72.00 | \$80.00  |
| \$100,000 (\$50/hr) | \$10.00 | \$20.00 | \$30.00 | \$40.00 | \$50.00 | \$60.00 | \$70.00 | \$80.00 | \$90.00 | \$100.00 |