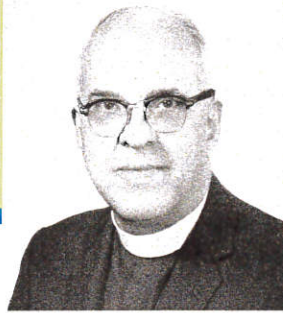


Father Putz



Legacy Society

"We do not own anything; rather, everything we have is on loan to us, entrusted by the owner, namely God" Archbishop Michael Jackels

In a single sentence the idea of true stewardship is laid out for us, challenging us to be stewards of our gifts not only today, but always. As part of that stewardship challenge, Blessed Sacrament is pleased to announce the parish is creating the Fr. Louis Putz Legacy Society. Father Louis Putz founded our parish in 1947, and served as pastor until 1967. The purpose of this new program is to provide a means to create a legacy gift to Blessed Sacrament either now, or after you are gone. A legacy gift is an expression of love; an expression of stewardship for all God has given us, while providing peace of mind knowing your estate will include Blessed Sacrament. It's the final act of stewardship to be done in this life.

Giving a gift in your will to the church is not just for the wealthy. It's for all people regardless if you live on a fixed income, are single, an empty nester, a snowbird, have school-aged children, or just won the lottery!

Planned Giving provides many benefits. There are ways to secure and perhaps increase your income now or in the future and save you money on taxes. A planned gift provides peace of mind knowing you have helped the parish while living and in perpetuity after you are gone. It provides a legacy gift which will further the mission of Blessed Sacrament forever.

The Finance Council is pleased to have established the Blessed Sacrament Development Council to lead the efforts to communicate to all parishioners the various ways to become a member of this exciting new legacy society. Over the course of the next several weeks and months, the parish will be sharing materials, conducting meetings, and talking to anyone interested in learning the various ways an estate gift can be established, who to work with to set up such gifts, and how all of this fits into the goal of helping all Blessed Sacrament parishioners on his/her spiritual journey to holiness.

Members of the Blessed Sacrament Development Council are:
Beth Sadd, Sheila Kerns, Rick Miller, Mike Knipp, and Greg Greco, Chair.



Parish Meeting Announcement

We invite all parishioners to join us for an important, informative and interactive “**State of the Parish**” meeting this month. At the meeting, we will present and discuss the financial status of the parish, as well as the **Blessed Sacrament Pastoral Strategic Plan** that was implemented in July.

Our Finance Council has designed an option that will be available to all parishioners, whereby a portion of your sacrificial giving may be designated to be applied to one of three major budgetary categories. We believe that by empowering you to direct a portion of your financial contribution to our parish, you will be assisting us in determining our parish’s financial priorities, and that the much needed financial support will improve. We will explain this designation option to you at the meeting, and hope to implement it January 1st, 2017.

In addition to the financial portion of the meeting, we will share the tremendous work that has gone into planning and implementing our 5-year Pastoral Strategic Plan. The Pastoral Council, in conjunction with the parish committees and staff, has developed this plan to address five overarching focus areas. Goals and action steps have been established and implementation began July 1st. This meeting will provide you with a summary of the plan and an opportunity to ask questions and discuss it with the leadership team. A more detailed plan document will be forthcoming.

To accommodate our parishioners’ schedules, we will hold two meetings, each sharing the same information.

The first meeting will be held immediately after the 10:30 Mass on **Sunday, November 27th** in the church.

The second meeting will be

Tuesday, November 29th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center.

Please join us for one of these two important meetings.