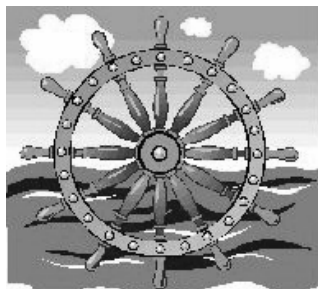


## STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

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*Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you especially for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and hold the promise for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight. Be present with us as we work together: make us responsive to your will and give to us a healthy pride in all we do that we may be good stewards of all things entrusted to us. May the prayers of our patron Bernard help us to keep in mind the wise counsel given long ago "whoever would climb to a lofty height must go by steps, not leaps."*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

*Amen*

## THIS WEEK

The Steering Committee met with architects Martha Werenfels and Michael Viveiros of Durkee Brown Viveiros and Werenfels on Monday evening. Martha and Michael presented us with the final version of St. Bernard's Master Plan. The purpose of the Plan, as stated in its introduction, is:

- ◆ "to assess the existing facilities of the parish;
- ◆ to develop programs for potential new buildings;
- ◆ to analyze the Davis Property;
- ◆ and, finally, to determine if developing the Davis property will successfully address the physical space needs of the parish."

The Committee is quite pleased with the final product and we hope that you will agree. In addition to achieving its objectives, the Plan addresses a number of questions, including:

- ◆ What should we do with the farmhouse?
- ◆ What type of parish center are we planning on?
- ◆ Is there enough room on the land to accommodate a school, just in case we move in that direction?
- ◆ Who's buried in the cemetery? What cemetery?

Answers to these and many other questions will be provided on **Sunday, February 29, 2004 at 11AM in the Parish Center at the Parish Forum**. There will be a three dimensional model of the site complete with little cars and trees! The architects will be there. Coffee, tea and pastries too! Please plan to join us.



## SCHOOL SUBCOMMITTEE

**The Subcommittee group dealing with school financing** continues to fine-tune a budget for the school. Currently they are getting estimates on the costs for technology and furniture. Since a brand new school cannot open on Day 1 with all 10 grades being filled, the subcommittee is also calculating projections for a 5-year start-up period. The work continues.