

## ST. BONIFACE PRAYER GARDEN

**The idea of establishing a Prayer Garden at St. Boniface is becoming a reality.** . A group of parishioners - Jacquie Spenner, Kim Zuber, Dolores Morris, Julie Adams, and Terry Hendricks – have volunteered for this project and are working to create a quiet and inviting outdoor area for prayer and meditation. The Prayer Garden will be located on the east side of the church, between the church and the rectory. Some key pieces of the Prayer Garden will be:

A cobblestone/brick pathway in the shape of a rosary that can be followed as you pray the Rosary. Parishioners will be able to purchase a stone that can be engraved with a love one's name. Purchase of engraved stones will continue into the future.

An area dedicated to the saints. Parishioners will be asked to submit the name of their favorite saint or saints. The top 10 or so names submitted will be included in the design.

An area focused to children to encourage them to include prayer in their lives.

A water feature

Benches

Low voltage lighting

Low maintenance plants and shrubs.

To accommodate the new Prayer Garden, and provide a space that is accessible and safe, it will be necessary to remove some of the shrubs and trees that are currently in the area. Some items will be included in the new design such as the Magnolia Tree, Dogwood Tree, Cedar Tree.

Another part of this project will be cleaning up the area between the old and new breezeways. The plan for this area is to take out the old shrubs, and ready the area for a future design that will allow it to be used in nicer weather for perhaps coffee and donuts, or other small social events for the parish.

The funds for the Prayer Garden are from parishioner donations only. We have limited funds for this project and will be asking for volunteers. Some of the areas volunteers may be needed are low voltage lighting, sprinkler system, electrician, plumber, concrete work, fencing, brick masons, flower beds, spreading bark dust, installing the water feature, general clean up, and of course food and beverage for the volunteers.

The committee is finalizing drawings of the Prayer Garden and plan to share these drawings with parishioners around the middle of April. We anticipate completing this project in the Fall of 2019.

*If you would like to contribute money to this project you can write "Prayer Garden" on your weekly offering envelope. And If you have questions, please feel free to contact Jacquie Spenner 503 749 1120, or watch the bulletin for updates.*