



## A Message from Fr. Stephan Brown, SVD

Two years ago, I was entrusted by the Provincial and Council with the pastoral leadership of St. Augustine in the Diocese of Memphis. Anticipating significant capital improvements within five years, we, with the cooperation and advice of our parishioners, accomplished these enhancements in just two years.

Our efforts have revitalized our parish, aligning with the vision of Bishop Emeritus Terry Steib, SVD

**In the words of Bishop Emeritus J. Terry Steib, SVD**  
**“St Augustine is alive again”**

## Completed Capital Improvements

**In collaboration with our dedicated parishioners, we've undertaken and completed the following enhancements:**

- Repaired plumbing, including water main leaks
  - Deep cleaning with a new janitorial service
  - Installed new air-conditioning systems for the church and parish offices
  - Retrofitted HVAC system (boilers)
  - Painted and rehabilitated the Parish Hall
  - Installed new windows in the Savare Room
  - Created a new Youth Room
  - Erected new fencing and a security system with cameras
  - Remodeled bathrooms
  - Stripped and resealed church floors
  - Replaced the roof for the entire facility
  - Maintained a rental property for clergy and mission partners
  - Installed an electronic gate and wrought iron fence for security
  - Refurbished restrooms in the school and atrium
  - Replaced lighting with energy-efficient LEDs in key areas
  - Updated Mizicko Hall with new paint and artwork
  - Installed new flagpoles
  - Added a tankless water heater in the gym's kitchen
  - Repaired major leaks on the school and narthex roofs
  - Fixed main water line leaks in the school
  - Enhanced landscaping, including tree canopy raising and lawn reseeding
  - Replaced overheating light switches in the sanctuary
  - Filled potholes in the parking lot
  - Conducted preventive maintenance on the church's 30-ton unit
  - Retrofitted the school's boiler system
  - Repaired landscape lighting in front of the church
  - Established a new garden for parishioners and the community
  - Removed debris and underbrush from the property
- These projects were completed while maintaining a reserve of \$200,000 for ongoing operations and upkeep.**

## Pastoral Growth & Ministry Renewal

**Our spiritual community has flourished: we have reinitiated Faith Formation programs, including Confirmation and First Communion; expanded Youth Ministry with summer camps, basketball, and Vacation Bible School; formed a partnership with the School Board for children's programs; enhanced Food Pantry services; launched monthly Health Ministry programs for seniors; established weekly in-person Bible Study sessions; welcomed six new families with children into our parish; fostered diversity in membership; and built bridges with faith leaders across communities.**