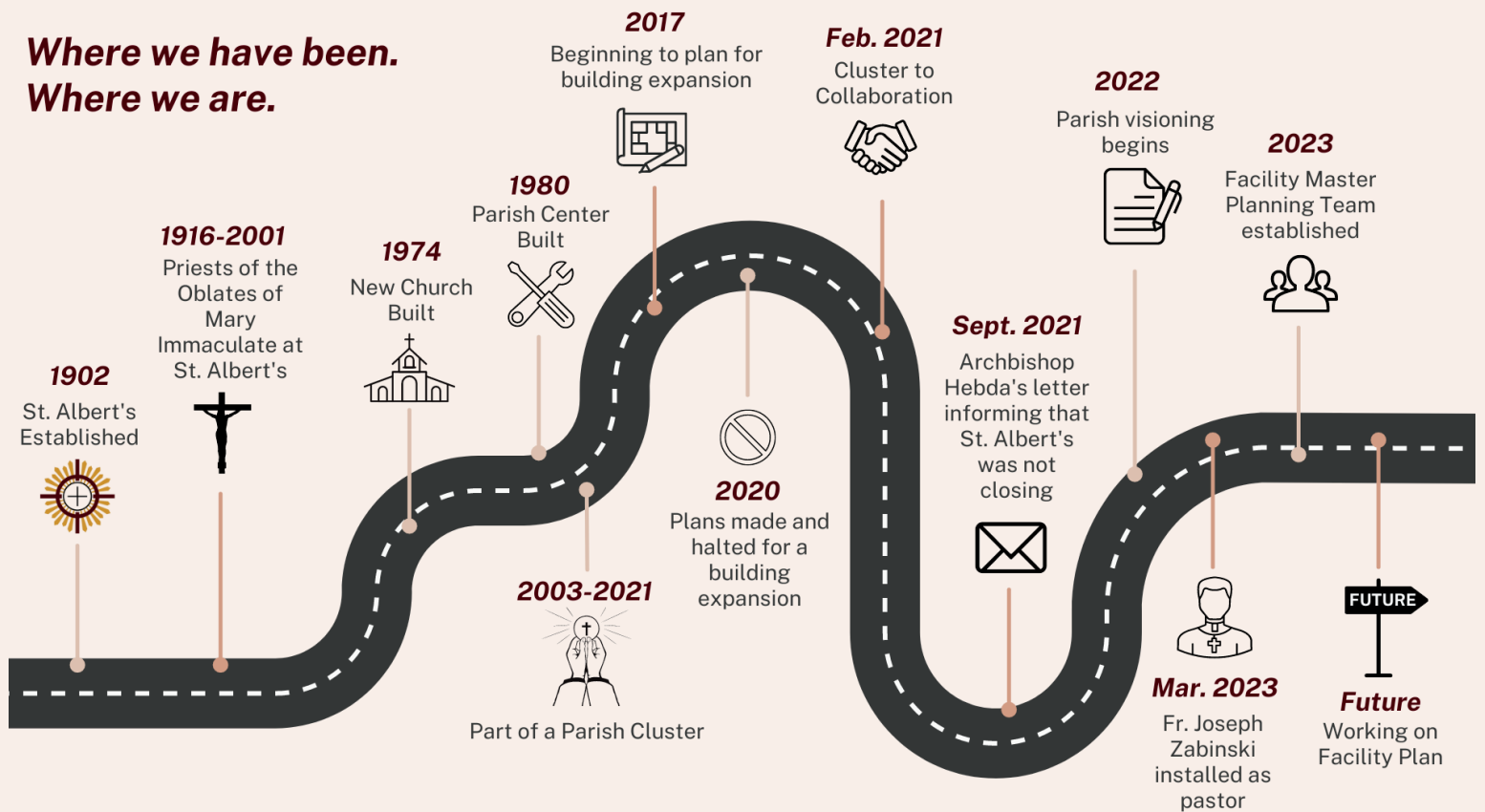


Where we have been. Where we are.



WHERE WE ARE GOING...

What a time to celebrate as the parish community of the Church of St. Albert! The Archbishop assigned Fr. Joseph Zabinski as full-time pastor effective March 11, 2023. This should come as a great joy since the last time St. Albert's had a full-time pastor was June 30, 2003. There should be no uncertainty now that the Archbishop wants our church to flourish and continue its mission ordained to the parish and all of its members.

With this, we are looking to the future! Not just 1-5 years into the future, but we are dreaming of a long-term vision of 10-20-30 years and more! While you may have heard and seen different groups and committees helping in the day-to-day activities in the life of the parish, there are also additional groups that are meeting to dream and plan for these long-term goals! We are excited to share this with you and provide clarity and meaning to these critical groups in our parish! Each group has a distinct and specific purpose to meet the needs of our parish community. Please note the description and members involved in each group and committee.

We are grateful for how these groups work together to serve the needs and goals of St. Albert's.

Over the past six years, there have been multiple plans to expand St. Albert's. There has always been a need for new bathrooms, and the Building and Grounds Committee and the start of a Capital Campaign all sought to fill that need. Although these plans were good, the question arose, "why spend the money on a quick-fix if we will likely tear down these new bathrooms when we expand the whole building in the future?"

Questions like this one are the reason why the Facility Master Planning Team has been established. This team, along with help from parishioners is dreaming about what St. Albert's can become in the future! Through prayer and discernment, the Visioning Team discerned the spiritual needs of St. Albert's and now, the new Facility Master Planning Team has been established to come up with a long-term tangible plan to serve those needs.

This plan will include a future building project that is not limited to a small portion of the church, but instead encompasses the entire campus of St. Albert's.

"Where there is no vision, people perish."

(Proverbs 29:18) If we want St. Albert's to be the best that it can be, we need a vision. As the early apostles grew the church, so do we desire to grow this parish community. This vision for St. Albert's goes far beyond simply putting in a second bathroom. This vision comes as the result of careful prayer and discernment and it is rooted in an evangelical spirit, a desire to physically grow the space of the church and draw more people closer to the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus.

This project keeps evangelization in the forefront, not only for the parishioners of St. Albert's, but all the other people who have yet to walk through the parish doors. This plan will build up the current parish community and reach out to those on the fringes.

Please pray for Fr. Joe, the Facility Master Planning Team, and all the leaders within the parish as they continue to formulate that plan to expand the campus of St. Albert's so that the parish may welcome with open arms the many souls in this area. You can trust that these groups are discerning what the next right step is for the parish, always keeping the long-term vision in mind. We are excited to continue dreaming and seeing where and how the Lord grows this parish!



1902: The parish of St. Albert's was established and the first church was built.



1916-2001: The parish begins being pastored by the missionary priests of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate. Beginning 2001, Archdiocesan priests began to minister here.



1974: The parish completes the building of a new church which is our current church.



1980: The parish completes the building of a new Parish Center on the site of the old St. Albert's Parochial School.



2003-2021: The parish becomes part of a parish cluster, including a shared pastor, first with St. John the Baptist Church in Dayton and later with St. Michael Church in St. Michael.



2017: The Building and Grounds Committee was asked by the pastor to research expanding the gathering space.



2020: Plans were developed and halted for the expansion of the church space due to various roadblocks occurring in the development of the project, including COVID.



Feb. 2021: The Archdiocese changes our Parish from a Cluster to only Collaboration with St. Michael Church and Fr. Joseph Zabinski was assigned to parochial administrator.



Sep. 2021: The parish receives a letter from Archbishop Hebda informing the parish that St. Albert's was not closing. This is confirmation that St. Albert's can plan for the future.



2022: With this hopeful news confirming that the parish was not closing, a Visioning Team was established to pursue spiritual aspirations, ideas, and vision for where St. Albert's can be in 5, 10, 20+ years. They sought feedback from two Envisioning Evenings.



Mar. 2023: Fr. Joseph Zabinski is installed as pastor.



2023: A Facility Master Planning Team is established to provide a long-term plan as to how the parish campus (facility only) should grow and meet the future needs of the community taking into consideration the work of the Visioning Team and the three 2023 Town Hall Meetings. The Town Hall Meetings are held for the purpose of getting input from all parishioners for the Facilities Master Plan.



Future: Facility Master Planning Team is continuing work on a plan to present to St. Albert's parish community.

Temporary Groups for Long-Term Planning

Facility Master Planning Team

Assesses the present and future facility needs of the parish.

Members: Tom Berning, Trish Kosey, Melissa Lahr, Bill Roden, Dave Vetsch

Visioning Team (July 2022-February 2023)

Discerned the present and future spiritual needs of the parish.

Members: Denise Beaudry, Amy Dinkel, Greg Gacioch, Rick Kosey, George Lahr, Fr. Joseph Zabinski

On-Going Groups

Building & Grounds Committee

Reviews and discusses the building and grounds upkeep and needs (current and future).

Members: Gordy Berning, LeRoy Berning, Dave Plude, Bill Roden, Jim Valerius, Dave Vetsch, George Lahr, Blake Beaudry, Greg Gacioch, Pam Lindenfelser, Joe Perrault

Parish Pastoral Council

A body that has an advisory and consultative role with the Pastor and is a key element for promoting the mission of the parish.

Members: Blake Beaudry, Amy Dinkel, Mayen Dufner, Scott Franzen, Jack Steffl, Chris Yerxa

