

Fall 2025

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

As our Stewardship Committee has come together this year, we have reflected on the blessing that is St. John's. Each of us—whether new to the parish or here for many years—has experienced our parish as a vibrant community overflowing with joy, compassion, welcome, and love. When we gather for worship, fellowship, and outreach, the warmth and generosity within our parish touch not only our own lives but those of our neighbors. Ministries like the Community Dinner offer nourishment and connection, opening doors to friendship and hope for many. Together, we create a place where everyone can experience belonging and the love of Christ.

As we look toward the future, we face a challenge: our current financial pledges and offerings do not fully meet the needs of even our parish's current budget, and there is so much more we could be doing beyond current plans. We are blessed with many volunteers who participate in the various ministries of our parish, but there is much additional opportunity for participation and leadership. To continue serving our community and growing our impact, we invite each of you in this season of Stewardship to prayerfully consider expanding your support of our parish both financially and in ministry. Each contribution in an annual pledge makes a big difference. The act of pledging allows us to be planful and purposeful against our collective ministry goals.

Scripture reminds us to be “joyful givers,” sharing not out of obligation but from hearts filled with gratitude. We pray that each of us might experience giving as an act of faith and trust, rooted in the knowledge that God multiplies our offerings for the good of all. In supporting St. John's, we participate in God's work, spreading hope, kindness, and love throughout our parish and beyond.

We encourage every member to make a pledge for the coming year, regardless of the amount—it is your commitment that matters most. Imagine if 100% of our parish were expressing their love for St. John's through a pledge! Let us answer God's call together, knowing that the identity, impact, and reach of St. John's are shaped by each of us. Your gifts and service ensure our parish remains and expands as a beacon of hope and love in our community.

As you contemplate your commitment, we encourage you to reflect on your experience of the “Good News of St. John's” by sending an email or writing a paragraph on the postcard provided. Please return your notes and pledge cards before or during our November Fall Harvest Ingathering collection on Sunday, November 23.

With much gratitude,

Katy George, Chair, on behalf of the 2025 Stewardship Committee:

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